Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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Autumn Term

We have had a brilliant start to the year with lots of wonderful Reading for Pleasure activities including visits to the library for all Key Stage 1 classes, virtual author events, phonics workshops for parents and lots of wonderful Wednesday Storytimes with Mrs Cook.

Look out for our very own Winter Reading Challenge which is launching this week! We hope that the children enjoy visiting our local library and reading the selection of wonderful books that they have there.

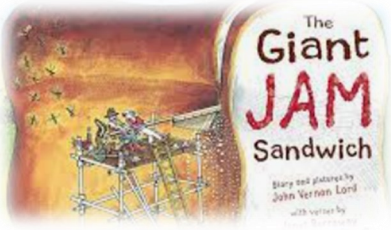
Happy reading and a very Happy New Year!

Mrs Savage

Our book recommendations.

This term we asked Mrs Shirra, Fox Class Teacher, for her favourite book. She chose *The Giant Jam Sandwich* by Vernon Lord and Janet Burroway.

One of my favourite classic children's books has got to be 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' by John Vernon Lord and Janet Burroway. I like this book because it is unique, exciting and definitely one that can be read time and time again. As a child I remember being in awe of the concept that such a BIG loaf of bread could be made and baked. I love the illustrations which are not only beautifully drawn but also show the practicalities of such an enormous task! The story follows the journey of the people of 'Itching Down' who have a huge problem (4 million wasps!) and how they work together to create a super, imaginative solution. Perhaps it is a favourite of yours too? If not, I would absolutely recommend a read.



Read Together Week

During the first week back after the half October term holiday, all of the children joined in with Read Together Week. They took part in fabulous virtual author events which were hosted by Scholastic Live. Here are some of the amazing sessions that were held that week:









Reading Together at Home

Each week the children bring home their Read, Write, Inc reading books and a 'library' or free choice book which is to share with a grown up. This can be a book for you to read at your child at bed or to share together. To add to the collection of books that the children can now take home we have also included virtual books. If your child has selected one of these, they will bring a card home which has a QR code on it. You just need to scan the QR code and the book will be read to your child. In many cases by the author themselves! We hope the children find this a new and exciting way to enjoy a range of different books.



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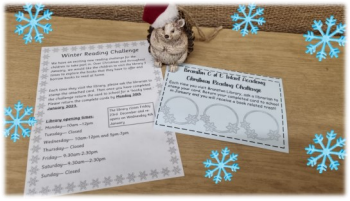
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Look Up!
Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

Storytime and draw-along
Read by **Nathan Bryon**

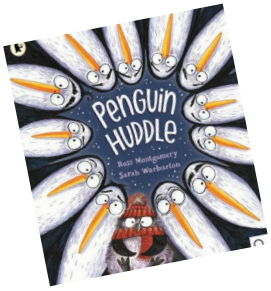
Winter Reading Challenge

It is that time of year where we launch our winter reading challenge in conjunction with Branston Community Library. This has become an annual Branston Infants tradition with lots of families visiting the library and getting cosy with a good book (or two!). Visit the library three times by Monday 19th February and your child will receive a certificate and prize! Your child will bring home a challenge card to get stamped at the library and a leaflet with the libraries opening times so that everyone can take part.





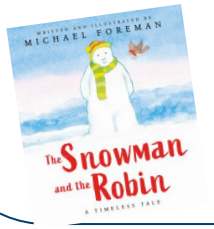
Top Picks of Children's Books



Penguin Huddle by Ross Montgomery



The Frost Goblin by Abi Elphinstone & Fiona Woodcock



The Snowman and the Robin by Michael Foreman

Nursery Rhyme Week



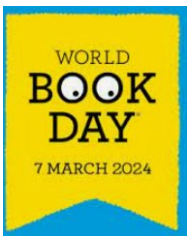
Little Owls had a wonderful time celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week (13th November). They sang lots of nursery rhymes, created lots of lovely drawings and played instruments as they sang.



A date for your diary...

World Book Day

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year! We invite the children to come into school in their pyjamas and dressing gown to enjoy a story filled day exploring a range of books (both old and new!) and take part lots of fun activities. This year it will be held on **Thursday 7th March**.



At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on X @BranstonInfant1 and @BookBranston (our very own X account dedicated to all things reading related!) to see how we promote a passion for reading.