Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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It has been an amazing start to the New Year in school. We have had a huge number of children who have taken part in our Christmas Reading Bingo and I know that lots of children are already taking part in our Winter Reading Challenge (in conjunction with Branston Community Library). It is wonderful to see so many families enjoying reading together and sharing the love of children's literature.

In this addition of the Reading Newsletter, we share with you the activities that took place during National Storytelling Week, trips to the library and new and exciting books.

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

Our book recommendations.

Growing up, I use to love reading Roald Dahl's books. They completely transported me to a different place and I could vividly picture the scenes in his book. In recent years, there has been an explosion of talented children's authors who, like Roald Dahl, transport children to a different time, place or even world. My recommendation is not one particular author but a selection of authors, who have the same powerful effect on the reader just like Roald Dahl. So if you enjoyed reading Roald Dahl as a child or your children like to read Roald Dahl's tales, why not try these books...



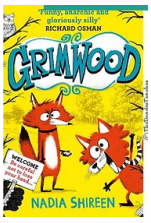
Bad Panda by Swapna Haddow



The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan



The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler



Grimwood by Nadia Shireen

National Storytelling Week



National Storytelling Week took place from 27th January to the 2nd February and it was celebrated throughout the school. Little Owls thoroughly enjoyed their Booknic. They shared stories with their friends and retelling their favourites using the story sacks. The children also created their own stories using props from the storytelling basket.



All of the Key Stage 1 classes, took part in a wonderful virtual author visit with Swapna Haddow (author of the Dave Pigeon series). She introduced us to her new book *My Dad is a Grizzly Bear.*

There have been lots of opportunities for storytelling, sharing new books with friends and developing our love for reading even further!



Hedgehog Class Visit to Branston Library



Hedgehog Class enjoyed their visit to Branston Community Academy. We were welcomed by Sophie, the Library Co-ordinator, as well as the library volunteers. We had an extra special treat as one of the volunteers used to work at Lincoln Castle which is where we had visited the previous day. She told us lots of interesting (and gruesome!) facts about the castle before we delved into the wonderfuly books and made our very own crowns.

Spotlight on...



A new month means a brand new spotlight on... display of books for all of the classes to enjoy. This month we are introducing Feel Good February. There are lots of brilliant books about feelings, well-being and being the best versions of ourselves.

Reading Challenges

We were absolutely thrilled to see how many children took part in our Christmas Bingo Reading Challenge. We had over 40 children who participated in the challenge from across the school. Well done to everyone who took part! Earlier this term we launched our Winter Reading Challenge whereby children are encouraged to visit the library three times during the course of the term. Don't forget to hand your stamped card back to your teacher by 19th February to receive your certificate and prize for taking part in this challenge.

Keep your eyes peeled—for our summer reading challenge where there will be another chance to win your very own Fred frog! More details to follow...



Top Picks of Children's Books

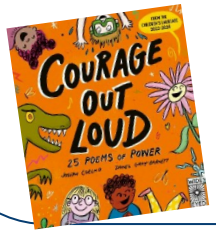


Mrs Cook's book of the week is...

Hana's Hundreds of Hijabs by Razeena Omar Gutta



Confetti by Dean Atta & Alea Marley



Courage Out Loud: 25 poems of power by Joseph Coelho

Library Top Tips!

Did you know that the Lincolnshire Libraries have their very own app? Download the app (search Lincolnshire Libraries) and you can reserve books and have them sent to your local library. If you like the sound of one of the books that we recommend search it in the app and reserve the book. And it is a completely free service! For more information about your local library, scan this QR code:

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.