Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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This term always has a real reading 'buzz' with World Book Day being at the centre of it. At Branston Infants we don't just have one day to celebrate our love of reading but the whole week! The children took part in lots of fun, engaging activities that have reading at the heart of them. It was so lovely to walk into each classroom and hear the children talk about their favourite books, encourage their friends to sit with them to read a special book or discuss an exciting virtual author session.

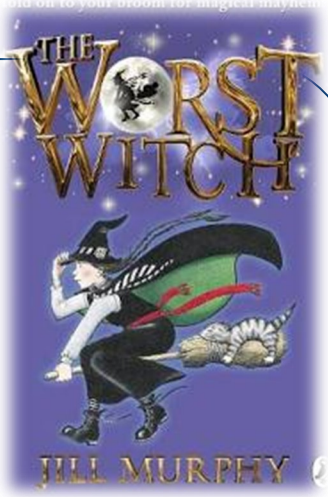
In this term's Reading Newsletter, I am going to share not only the events that took place during World Book Day but also the fabulous booky events that have happened throughout the term.

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

Our book recommendations

This term we asked Mrs Macdonald, Fox Class & Little Owls Teaching Assistant, for her favourite book. She chose The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy.



My favourite children's book is *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy. As a child, it was the first book I bought with my own pocket money, and many years later I have had the pleasure of reading it with my own children. The book is beautifully written and tells the story of Mildred Hubble in her first year at Cackle's Academy. Mildred certainly had some magical disasters, but she is a real hero and a loyal friend.

My top tip for reading with your children would be to aim high: stretching their vocabulary and understanding with books that they can't necessarily read to themselves yet. The Worst Witch comes highly recommended!

Virtual Author Events

During the spring term, we have taken part in an array of virtual author events. Virtual author events allowed the children to engage with a wide and diverse range of different author. The children are introduced to texts that they might not have read before (as well as favourite authors and stories). Here is a selection of some of the virtual author events that we have taken part in this term:

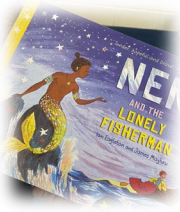


Little Owls enjoyed *I'm not sleepy* with Raahat Kaduji.



Fox Class were delighted to bring their WBD book to life with Rob Biddulph.





Squirrel and Hedgehog Class met Ian Eagleton the author of *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman.*

Squirrel Class Visit to Branston Library

Squirrel Class visited Branston Community Library during World Book Day week. They had such a wonderful time exploring books and taking part in the nature themed activities. We are very grateful to all the staff at the library for making our visits so inspiring and engaging.







Spotlight on...



Our March Spotlight On reading is a collection of books that focus on Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. We love the 'Little People Big Dreams' collection & have picked a few of our favourites.

World Book Day

We had such an amazing day celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March. Everyone (all staff as well!) dressed in their pyjamas for a cosy day of reading and sharing books together. Here are a few highlights from our day:



KS1 enjoyed watching the WBD Story Makers Show with authors Ed Vere and Dr Sheila Kanani.



Every child receive a copy of a WBD book as well as a £1 book token.



Booknic in the hall!



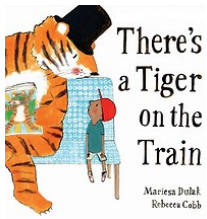
Lots of wonderful events in class including guest readers, creating reading rivers and story inspired activities.

Top Picks of Children's Books

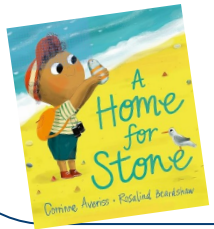


Mrs Cook's book of the week is...

Luna Loves Library Day by Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers



There's a Tiger on the Train by Mariesa Dulak & Rebecca Cobb



A Home for Stone by Corrinne Averiss & Rosalind Beardshaw

World Book Day at home...

The team at World Book Day HQ have created a wonderful set of resources for parents to use at home to help their children develop a love of reading. They have developed a 'Share a Story Corner.' The 'Share a Story Corner' videos and activities are perfect for families to enjoy stories together. Along with the videos, there is a *Sharing Stories Together* top tip guide to help parents and children engage with stories together.

Find a whole range of stories to share by scanning the QR code:

Share A Story corner

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.