Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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Summer: Term 5

In this edition of the Reading Newsletter, we hear about Fox Class visit to our local library, reading activities throughout the school and also how to promote a love of reading at home.

The summer term brings with it a wonderful new reading challenge (the Blue Peter Book Badge Challenge) to inspire the children and continue to develop and share their love of reading. I hope you enjoy taking part!

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

Our book recommendations

This term we asked Mrs Stephenson, Fox Class Teaching Assistant, for her favourite book. She chose by Julia Donaldson (author) & Axel Scheffler (illustrator).



Julia Donaldson books have bought a lot of joy to my own children over the years and I have absolutely loved reading her imaginative stories to them. My absolute favourite is *The Scarecrows' Wedding* which is full of adventure and creativity. I love how resourceful the scarecrows are at collecting items for their wedding from around the farm. I especially like how Betty's dress is made from goose feathers that their spider friend sewed together, and how the cows jingle the bells from around their necks to make the wedding music.

The illustrator, Axel Scheffler, brings this story to life with such beautifully detailed drawings of the characters. I have always liked a story to have a happy ending and this one certainly does, with the two scarecrows marrying. It certainly is…

The best wedding ever,
The best wedding yet,
The wedding that no one will every forget.

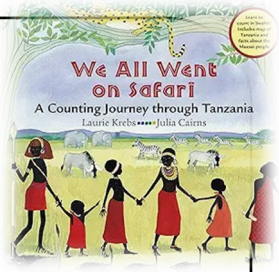
Even though my children are older now, it is still a family favourite in our house!

Blue Peter Book Badge Challenge

This term we launched our Blue Peter Book Badge Challenge and have already received many completed forms! This challenge aims to help the children share their love of reading. The children will received a special Blue Peter Badge designed by the famous illustrator, Quentin Blake. To complete the challenge they need to answer the questions on the form which has been sent home. The children need to write about a book that they have enjoyed reading and what they think about it. The children need to draw a picture from the story: this could be their favourite character/s or scene. Finally write about a different book that they have enjoyed reading and why. All completed forms need to be handed in by **Friday 7th June**. I hope you have fun completing the challenge.



Fox Class Visit to Branston Library



Fox Class had a wonderful time visiting our local library at the beginning of term. They enjoyed sharing books with their friends and loved the fact that there were so many great books to choose from. Not only were there lots of engaging and exciting books to read but there was also a lovely craft activity inspired by our current Key Stage 1 topic 'Amazing Africa.' The children enjoyed the activity of creating an African woven rug. They created this by creating patterns on paper and then weaving it through. The children also enjoyed listening to Sophie (Library Co-ordinator) read the story *Journey Through Tanzania* by Laurie Krebs.





School Values



At Branston CofE Infant Academy, reading is the golden thread that not only runs through our curriculum but also through our school life. This is shown in the way that we reflect our values through the texts that we choose. This term our value is Love. Mrs Cook started the term by asking the children to vote between two books which discuss this value. The winning book was *Love* by Emma Dodd. It is gentle story which conveys this value beautifully.



Spotlight on...



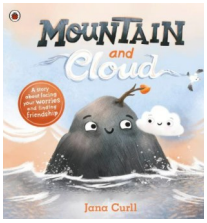
Our April 'Spotlight On' reading display has focused on the **Month of The Military Child**. These books have helped our Little Troopers share with their friends their experiences.

Top Picks of Children's Books



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

Change Starts with Us by Sophie Beer



Mountain and Cloud by Jana Curll



Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales by Catherine Cawthorne

Reading for Pleasure at home...

The open university has a wonderful series of resources to support your child's reading at home. This term I am going to share with you their series called 'sharing the love of reading.' These mini reading challenges are invitations to engage and share the love of reading! There are a series of posters for each age range which have activities to help to develop reading for pleasure at home. Here is the QR code for the 'sharing the love of reading 5-7 year olds poster:



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 relat-ed!) to see how we promote a passion for reading.