



Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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At Branston Church of England Infant Academy, we are passionate about making reading the heart of our curriculum. Reading is such an important skill which will help children to achieve in all areas of the curriculum. We take parts in lots of reading events and activities throughout the year to make sure that we develop children's enjoyment of reading.

This year we are proudly taking part in the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge which is led by the English Hub. There are three awards to work towards: bronze, silver and gold. We are looking forward to sharing our journey with you and the amazing activities that the children will take part in.



Top Picks of Children's Books

EYFS



Reds love being red. Yellows love being yellow. And Blues love being blue. The problem is that they just don't like each other. Will this change when a different colour comes along who likes all of the colours?

Year 1



After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough: he's so afraid of heights.. One day he decides to conquer his fear and something amazing happens...

Year 2

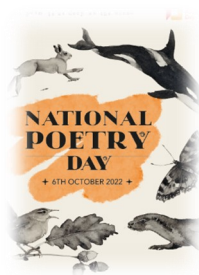
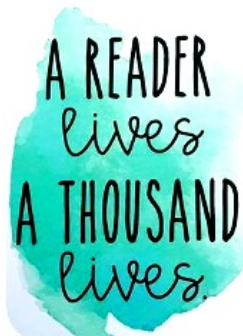


Jeanie's grandma is BAD. Not really bad but she can be a bit embarrassing. Most of the time she's RE-ALLY fun, especially when she gets Jeanie involved in her mischievous schemes.

National Library Week

During October, each KS1 visited Branston Community Library in order to celebrate National Library Week (3rd — 9th October). The children had a fantastic time sharing books with their friends, taking part in a whole class story time and other exciting activities. One of the activities which the children really enjoyed taking part in was 'hunt the book.' In small teams, the children were given a card which had written on it a particular genre, picture or letter in the title or author's name. The children were then given time to find a book which had this feature. We then shared the amazing range and diversity books that the library has to offer. All of the children cannot wait to visit the library again!





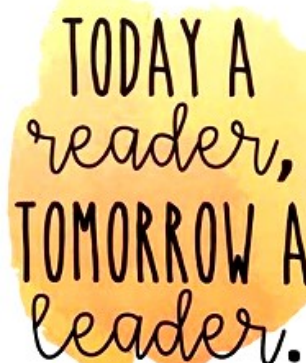
National Poetry Day

On Thursday 6th October, each class took part in National Poetry Day. The children enjoying listening to lots of different stories being read to them as well as exploring their meanings and the images they create in our mind. The children used the inspiration of the poets that they had read to create their own poems too. They thought very carefully about the words which they wanted to use and the effect that the poem would have on the reader.



Story time with Mrs Cook

Each Wednesday, Mrs Cook chooses two books which have a similar theme and the children vote for the book that they would like hear read to them that afternoon. This month we have celebrated Black History Month. It is always an exciting part of the week both voting for the books and finding out which book has been chosen. It is lovely to hear all of the wonderful 'book chat' that takes place between the children about which book they would like to be read to them and why.



Reading Ambassadors

In each Key Stage 1 class, two children are chosen to be Reading Ambassadors. This is a very important job as they help to decide which books we should have in school, help to design reading areas and look after these areas as well as the books. The Reading Ambassadors promote a love of reading not just in their own class but throughout the school. I am delight to inform you that the Reading Ambassadors are Arianna and Rory (Fox Class), Folie and Lyra (Squirrel Class), Evaa and Lola (Hedgehog Class). We look forward to following you all in your new roles!

A spotlight on...

Each month, we will have a spotlight on a different author, event or group in society. This month we have a focus on the fabulous author Joseph Coelho who is this year's Children's Laureate. We have been sharing his wonderful picture story books and poems with the children throughout the term.



Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer holidays, all of the children were invited to take part in the summer reading challenge at Branston Community Library. The challenge involved the children visited the library and borrowing books to read at home. Their were also fun activities which the children could take part in online. Well done to everyone who completed this challenge. We are very proud of you!



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