



Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

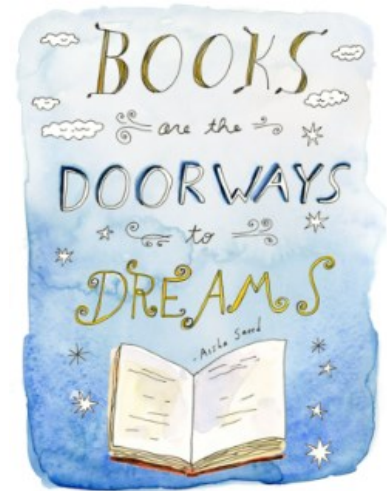
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We have had an exciting term full of lots of activities which have inspired Reading for Pleasure across the school. This term we have celebrated World Book Day and World Poetry Day: both of these days highlight the joy of books and importance of children being exposed to a range of different types of texts. On World Book Day, we also sent a parental survey about your own reading choices. Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. Your answers will help us to develop Reading for Pleasure in school and for our whole community.

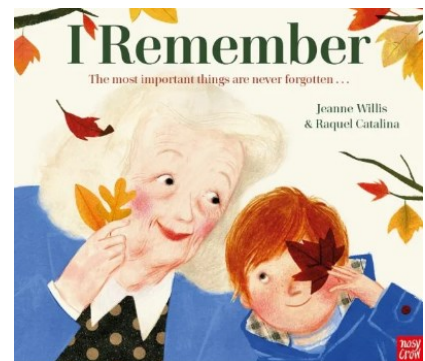
Happy reading!

Mrs Savage



Our book recommendations.

This term I am recommending the wonderful book *I Remember* by Jeanne Willis. Every so often there comes along a book that profoundly touches you and even brings a tear to your eye. *I Remember* is one of those books. It follows an afternoon in the life of a little boy and his Grandma. His Grandma has dementia and can't remember who the little boy really is. The little boy helps her and together they have the most lovely afternoon. I won't give the ending away but the message is very clear from the first page: love prevails no matter what and can be felt no matter what stage of life we are in.

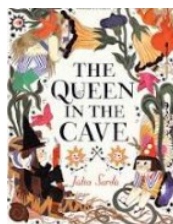


Yoto Carnegie Medal 2023

The Yoto Carnegies, the UK's longest running and best-loved book awards for children and young people. The stories range from intimate examinations of family life to sensitive introductions to issues in society which impact the world today, with many reflecting on past histories or looking to the future of our planet. Here are a few of the books that have been selected for the Yoto Carnegie Medal that you may wish to share with your children:



Once Upon a Tune
written & illustrated
by James Mayhew.



The Queen in the Cave
written & illustrated by
Julia Sarda



Dadaji's Paintbrush
Written by Rashmi Sirdeshpande
Illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane

Squirrel Class Visit to Branston Community Library

Squirrel Class had a wonderful time visiting Branston Community Library. They enjoyed an afternoon exploring books and sharing stories together. There were also a range of activities for the children to take part in. A huge thank you to Mrs Thorpe for making the afternoon so special for our children.



World Book Day and World Poetry Day

Day

On Thursday 2nd March, the whole school had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day by coming dressed in pyjamas for our 'Bedtime Story' themed day. Each child received their very own copy of one of the World Book Day books as well as a £1 voucher to buy another one of these

special books. The day was filled with lots of fun book themed activities, virtual live author events and reading lots of wonderful books. Later in the term, the children enjoyed a day of listening to poems read not only by their teacher but also the poets themselves. The children especially enjoyed listening to Michael Rosen and poet Laurette Joseph Coelho.



A spotlight on...

A new month means a new spotlight on reading. This month we are raising aspirations with a selection of books from the Little People Big Dreams series. One of the books was chosen for our Wednesday story time. The book was all

about the inspirational Maria Montessori: an amazing woman who still influences our work in school today.



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