



Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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It has been a fabulous end to a very busy year. All of the children have taken part in a huge variety of different reading activities to foster and help to encourage a love of reading.

This year the English Hub asked all Lincolnshire schools if they would like to take part in the **Lincolnshire Reading Pledge**. Certain tasks and activities would need to be completed to achieve either Bronze, Silver or Gold award. We have been working all year on achieving the criteria that has been set by the English Hub. This has included promoting reading for pleasure across the school, involving all children in a range of activities and developing our knowledge of children's literature as reading teachers. I am incredibly proud to write that we have achieved the **Gold Award** for the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. This has been due to the continuous hard work of all staff in school and an ongoing commitment to ensure that the teaching of reading is of the highest possible standard at Branston CofE Infant Academy.

Thank you to all parents for your support in developing our reading for pleasure culture in school this year.

Happy reading!



Summer Reading Challenge: National Challenge

Every summer, The Reading Agency, in conjunction with local libraries, set a reading challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge offers children and families a fun framework for reading for pleasure and celebrating reading together. There are two ways to take part in the challenge: online or at your local library. If you would like to take part online, you can join the reading challenge by creating an account. You then set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review. You can unlock online badges and when you have achieved your reading goal, there is a certificate you can print out at home. Alternatively, you can visit your local library and a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your challenge. Each time you finish a book, visit the library and you will collect special stickers.

For more information and a guide of how you can support your child at home with reading for pleasure, please scan the QR code.



Summer Reading Challenge: Branston Library

This summer children between the ages of 4-11 are invited to take part in an exciting reading challenge at our wonderful local library, Branston Library. To take part, the children will need to complete a bingo card series of library challenges. Prizes will be provided throughout the summer as the children progress through their card and a certificate will be awarded once the challenge is complete.

The challenge starts **Saturday 22nd July** and runs for 8 weeks until **Saturday 16th September 2023**. You can sign up at any point, just pop into the Library during opening hours.

Tawny Owl Class visit to Branston Community Library



Tawny Owl class had a wonderful time at the library. When the children arrived, they took part in a dinosaur scavenger hunt. A dinosaur had left its eggs around the library and on each egg was a letter. Once all of the letters had been found, the children realised that all of the eggs together spelt out 'dinosaur'! They also really enjoyed relaxing on the beanbags and looking at books of their own choice. Some children did some dinosaur colouring and wordsearches too. To finish this exciting library visit, Miss Edey read *Katie and the Dinosaurs* by James Mayhew.



Term 6 virtual author visits



This term the children have taken part in virtual author visits through Puffin Books. The children have explored *The Artist* by Ed Vere, *Speak Up!* by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola and *Ace and the Animal Heroes* by J.B. Gill. The children loved to hear the authors read their own stories and talk about the journey of writing a story. We even had chance to create our own characters with Ed Vere and Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola.



A spotlight on ... The Environment

Mrs Cook has chosen to shine a light on books that feature the environment. June sees World Ocean Day and World Environment Day, and what better way to introduce the children to these two important days than through a range of beautiful and thought provoking books. We will definitely be challenging our inner Greta Thunberg and Sir David Attenborough! The most popular books with children from EYFS through to Year 2, have been the interactive books. The children love to share these books with their friends and it creates so much discussion around the interesting facts that they have read.



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.