Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we encourage the children to develop a love of reading both in school and at home. Throughout the year, we launch several different reading challenges including both a summer and winter reading challenge. I am delighted to launch this years' winter reading challenging. Read on for how to join in….

The reading challenges would not be possible without the support of the parents and grandparents of our children. We hope you have just as much fun as your children in sharing the joy of reading with your children.

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

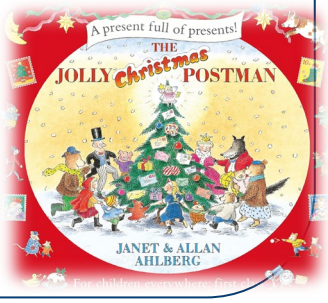
Our book recommendations.

This term we asked Mrs Cole, School Cleaner, for her favourite book. She chose *The Jolly Postman* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

One of the best loved Christmas stories that my family look forward to reading together every year has to be 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. I remember reading this story when I was at school, so its been around for quite a while!

The story follows The Jolly Postman on his Christmas Eve journey to deliver letters and parcels to well known fairy tale characters. It's a fun and interactive book with envelopes to open and surprises inside for you to enjoy. The illustrations are lovely with friendly faces and lots of cosy winter scenes. I really hope you enjoy this book as much as we do.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!



Virtual author event: Alive with Poppies





Our Key Stage 1 classes, took part in the virtual author event to commemorate Remembrance Day. The author, Tomos Roberts, and illustrator, Sharon Rentta, spoke about their new book 'Alive with Poppies' which tells the reader about the meaning of the poppy and the importance of this symbol from the First World War to the present day. The poem in this beautiful book was first performed at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in 2021. Sharon Rentta led a draw along which the children enjoyed taking part in and learnt how to draw the flower in the same style as her.

Supporting Reading at Home

Research has proven that reading for pleasure has benefits not only in terms of your child's education but also for their well-being. Each week your child will bring home a book to read with you. It will support your child's development to read this book at home two or three times so that they are able to read it with confidence and fluency. You will also find a QR code in your child's Reading Record which when scanned will take you to a Read, Write, Inc video which will further support your child in either their sound knowledge or word reading. By reading with your child and watch the phonics videos, you will be providing extra reading practice.

Scan this QR code for more information about the core trio of practices which are recommended by the Open University on how to support young readers at home.



Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge in conjunction with Branston Community Library has become an annual tradition at Branston Infants tradition. Visit the library three times by **Monday 17th February** and your child will receive a certificate and prize! Your child will bring home a challenge card to get stamped at the library and a leaflet with the libraries opening times so that everyone can take part.



World Nursery Rhymes Week

Little Owls had a wonderful time taking part in World Nursery Rhymes Week!



Top Picks of Children's Books



How to Say Hello by Sophie Barr



Little Glow by Katie Sahota & Harry Woodgate



Luna Loves Christmas by Joseph Coelho

Spotlight on...





November saw a spotlight on non-fiction with the theme 'Why don't you?' We know that our children have many hobbies outside of school and we hope that these books reflect these hobbies or encourages the children to try a new hobby.

A date for your diary...

World Book Day

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year! We invite the children to come into school in their pyjamas and dressing gown to enjoy a story filled day exploring a range of books (both old and new!) and take part lots of fun activities. This year it will be held on **Thursday 6th March**.

WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025

At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on X @BranstonInfant1 to see how we promote a passion for reading.