Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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We have had a super start to the new year with Hedgehog Class visiting Branston Community Library and all of the children taking part in National Story Telling Week. We all had a wonderful time taking part in a live author visit and sharing stories with our friends across the school.

Thank you to those families who have returned the Winter Reading Challenge cards so far. It has been wonderful to hear how many children have been engaged and excited about this challenge. Please can all completed cards be returned by **Monday 17th February**.

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

National Storytelling Week



The whole school enjoyed taking part in National Storytelling Week with lots of opportunities to share stories with their friends not only in their own classes but across the school as well. Squirrel Class visited Little Owls and Hedgehog Class visited Fox Class. There were conversations around stories and the older children really did take on the role as 'storyteller' with character voices and expression in their reading.

The children in Key Stage 1 also took part in a virtual author story telling event with the former Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho. He read his new book 'Our Tower.' However there was a little bit of a twist. Joseph paused at points in the book and encouraged the children to let their imaginations fly as they created the next part of the story. All of children were amazing in their storytelling role and we even had some of ideas read aloud by Joseph!

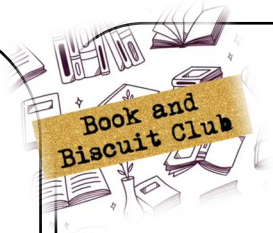


Hedgehog Class Visit to Branston Community Library

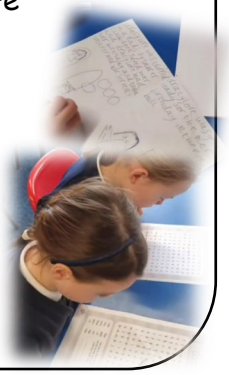
Hedgehog Class braved the windy weather to visit Branston Community Library earlier this term. They had a fantastic time exploring all of the exciting stories that there is on offer. Sophie, Library Co-ordinator, also set a Great Fire of London fact hunt for the children. The children had to find facts that she had hidden around the library and then decide if they were true or false. Sophie had found a very interesting book about the Great Fire of London which we have borrowed from the library and enjoyed reading back at school.







Book and Biscuit Club is an incredibly popular lunchtime club which allows children to share and develop their love of reading with their friends, and enjoy other reading activities, such as creating bookmarks, word search's and even writing their own for their friends to read.



Spotlight on...



To begin the term our *Spotlight On..* was the Big School Bird Watch. We showcased a beautiful selection of books and magazines for our budding bird watchers!

In February, Mrs Cook created a wonderful *Spotlight On...* #FeelGood-February to support @Places2Be to support Children's Mental Health Week. Great books about emotions and being the best versions of ourselves.



Top Picks of Children's Books



Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai



Two New Years by Richard Ho



Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks

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 to take part in take part lots of fun activities. This year it will be held on **Thursday 6th March**. There will also be an ***Usborne Book Fair*** after school on that day where the children will be able to spend their £1 book tokens which they will be given on the day.

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.