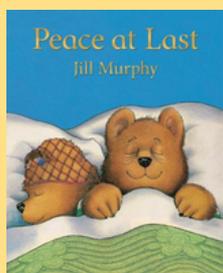


Welcome to our Autumn SMAS Reading Newsletter. Here, you can find out what we are doing to promote reading across the school, along with book recommendations from book-loving teachers and pupils. We would like to share with you ways to support your children with reading at home, plus keep you updated on events, both in and outside of school, relating to all things books! We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.



Peace at Last EYFS

By Jill Murphy

'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy is a fantastic engaging picture book for children. The plot focuses on a family of bears. One particular evening daddy bear is struggling to fall asleep and so we follow his journey through the house trying to find somewhere comfortable and quiet to sleep.

Book Recommendations



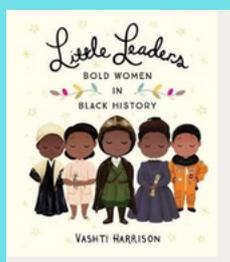
KS2 The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Marinka dreams of a normal life where the house stays still long enough for her to live a normal life and make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.

For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga who guides the dead from this world to the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny, but her house has other ideas....

"A bold and beautifully written adventure, The House with Chicken Legs is enticing, a little bit dangerous and full of possibilities" Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

KS1 Little Leaders: Black women in Black History By Vashti Harrison



One Black History Month, Vashti Harrison illustrated one African American woman from history every day and posted the portraits online along with a small biography.

It's excellent that children can get an introduction to lesser-known African American women such as abolitionist Mary Prince and sculptor Augusta Savage, alongside the better-known women.

Not just for girls, this is an inspiring book for any child as it shows how a determined nature, ambition and hard work can make important change in the world.

AN INTERVIEW WITH....MRS TAYLOR

What is your favourite children's book and why?
My favourite book is So Much By Trish Cooke. It's a really fun story of a family who are getting ready for Daddy's birthday party and all the people who come to visit. The illustrations are beautiful and my own children loved reading it.

When and where do you like to read?
I love reading in bed before I go to sleep. I also love reading in front of a fire with hot chocolate!

What are you currently reading?
I am reading a book called Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel. It is all about King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Fascinating!



Supporting Readers at Home



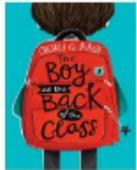
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



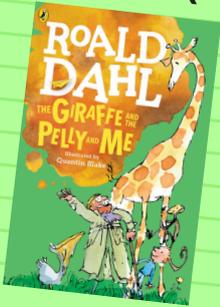
For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org



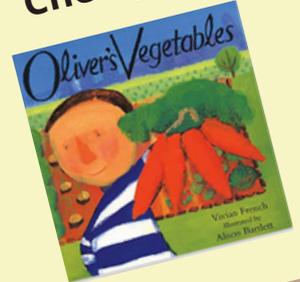
I wonder if...why... what...who...

What are we reading this term?

Beech (Y2)



Cherry (Y1)



Willow (Y4)



Hazel (YR)



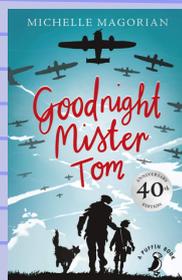
Rowan (Y5)



Ash (Y3)



Hawthorn (Y6)



Reading activities:

Try these at home...

Early Years

Alphabet Museum

Create a DIY showcase with some cardboard boxes and write a big letter in the middle of each one of them. Have kids look for various, small items in the nursery and place them in a box corresponding to the letter they begin with. This activity can be a long lasting game if you change the 'exhibition' every now and then or move the boxes around.

What you need –

- Cardboard boxes
- Colourful papers
- Pens
- Tape
- Small items



KS1

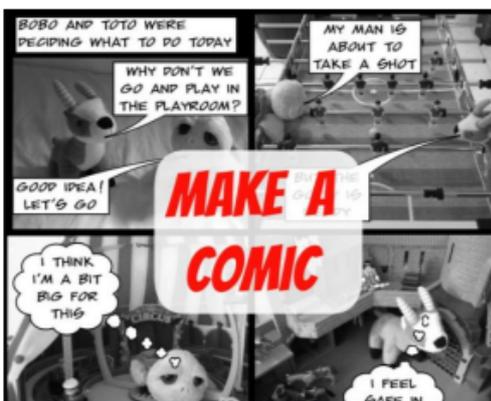
Alternatively retell a story with puppets made with wooden spoons or junk materials!



Mapping it all out



Have a go at drawing a map of one of the places from the story you have just read. See how much detail you can include and be sure to discuss your map with another reader so you can compare and add more if necessary.



KS2

Create your own graphic novel/comic about a book that you have just read

THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.“
(Chinese Proverb)

exercises your brain

provides knowledge and information

books are a good topic of conversation

reduces stress, puts you in a better mood

better writing skills

improves concentration and focus

enriches the language and vocabulary

great and free entertainment

develops creativity

correlation
ambivalence
confabulation
hermeneutics
procrastination
alliance

books are a window to the world

increases your ability to empathize with others

introduces to the unknown fantasy world

good for memory

books pose questions to stimulate further reflection

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Ella - Year 6

To be a cat by Matt Haig
This book is about an unhappy boy who wishes he was a cat so he could have a simpler life. But he soon discovers that the life of a cat is just as dangerous.



I liked it because it had a lot of suspense and drama.
I recommend it for children between 9-12 years.

Scarlet - Year 6

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling

This is the story about a boy who survived Voldemort and his evil powers. I liked the magic and suspense in the story and would recommend it for all Harry Potter fans of any age. Especially age 7-adults



Ryan - Year 5

I survived by Lauren Tarshis
This story is about the sinking Titanic and how a brother and sister survived.



I liked it because it's based on a true story and it has colourful pictures as it's a graphic novel. If you are interested in true stories or like stories about survival you will like this.

Ellie - Year 5

Skellig by David Almond
This is about a boy called Michael who moves to a new house and he's told not to go into the basement but he does it anyway. He finds a man with a pale face in a black suit.



I would recommend this book to anyone who likes scary things and suspense or fantasy.

Notices

Reading Cafe

Friday 11th November

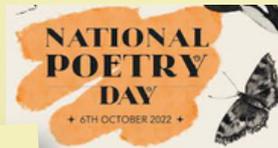
9.30-10.30am



National Poetry Day

Thursday 6th October

'The Environment'



Children's Book Week

November 7-14th 2022



Black History Month

October 2022



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The new name for GoRead!