



Blakeley's Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2020



Welcome to the first addition of our reading newsletter dedicated only to books! You can find out what we're doing to promote reading across the school, along with recommendations from your book-loving teachers.

What we read last half term...



Nursery

Maisie starts Nursery, People Who Help us and Room on a Broom

Reception

Lucy & Tom start school, Scarecrows Wedding, Owl Babies and Rosie's Walk

Year 1

Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs, Dinosaurs love Underpants and How to grow a dinosaur

Year 2

Rapunzel, Prince Cinders, The Bravest Night and The Tunnel

Year 3

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Year 4

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

Year 5

Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll

Year 6

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

What we're reading this half term...



Nursery

Rama & Sita, Whatever Next, Dear Santa and The Nativity Story

Reception

Kipper's Birthday, Jolly Christmas Postman and The Nativity Story

Year 1

Dear Zoo, Tiger who came to tea and The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Year 2

Street Detectives, The Hodgeheg, Burglar Bill and The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.

Year 3

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Year 4

The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow

Year 5

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Year 6

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Black History Month

During October, each class read a text together to celebrate Black History Month. We have completed both reading and writing lessons based around our chosen book.

Year 1: All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Year 2: Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

Year 3: Shine by Sarah Asuquo

Year 4: Biographies based on significant people/athletes

Year 5: Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

Year 6: The Youngest Marcher by Cynthia Levinson

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Year 6 Reading Champions

Some of our year 6 children have been video calling other classes in the school to share stories with their younger friends. It's great to see the children getting so much enjoyment from reading together. It is lovely to have such positive role models to help inspire younger children in our school.

Book Fair

The book fair starts on Monday 9th November and runs until Friday 20th November. Due to the current situation, this year, our school book fair will work a little bit differently.

We cannot allow parents to come into school to view the books but order forms have been emailed out.

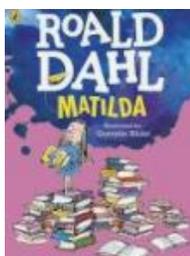
An Interview with Miss Richards:

What is your favourite book and why?

I'm slightly obsessed with Roald Dahl so my favourite book is Matilda. I love how brave she is and the fact she isn't scared of Mrs Trunchbull.

When and where do you most like to read?

I try to read as much as possible during the school holidays. I love to either lie on a sunbed by the pool or curl up in a comfy chair.



What are you currently reading?

I'm currently reading 'Who let the Gods out' by Maz Evans.

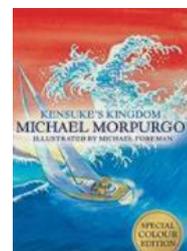
An Interview with Mrs Hood:

What is your favourite book and why?

My favourite book is called Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Part of the book is set in the jungle and it reminds me of the three months that I lived in the Belizean rainforest.

When and where do you most like to read?

I like to read during the school holidays in front of a roaring fire.



What are you currently reading?

I am currently reading The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle because my bookworm of a daughter recommended it.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record. It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them!

Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books. We have plenty in school, the library is a wonderful resource and charity shops are an amazing place to find as good as new books.

Blakeley now has its very own recommended reading list for each key stage. You will find all kinds of wonderful and inspiring topic based texts to choose from.

You can find this list on our school website.

Reading and Writing Dates of Interest

- *The launch of Blakeley reading ambassadors- November 2020
- *Book fair arrives- Friday 9th November
- *Blue Peter Book Award- shortlist announced- November 2020
- *Costa Book Awards- shortlist announced- November 2020
- *Royal Mail letters to Santa by Friday 11th December

Do you have any children's books lying around at home? We would really appreciate it if you could donate any read books to our school for other children to enjoy 😊



Check out these sites for great booklists and activities.

- www.worldbookday.com
- www.booksfortopics.com
- www.booktrust.org.uk - use the bookfinder for inspiration if you're wondering what to read next.

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
-Emilie Buchwald