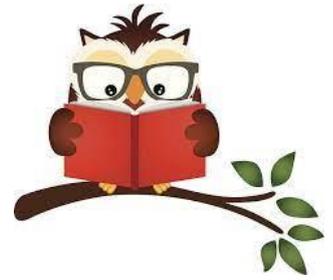




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# Reading Newsletter

## Summer 2023



Issue 5

Welcome to our Summer reading newsletter. Here we share what is happening in school to promote a love of reading, keep you up to date with reading events and news and share book recommendations. In addition, we will be sharing hints and tips to help you support your child at home with their reading journey.

We hope that you find these newsletters informative and helpful.

Happy Reading!

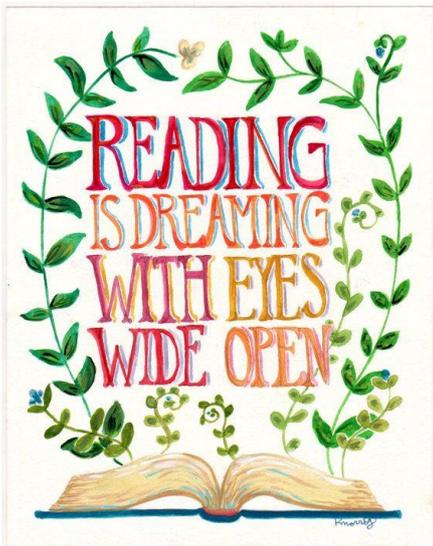
### Our Library

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mrs Whitmill who has generously given up her Monday afternoons this year to ensure our children have the opportunity to access the library and borrow books. Mrs Whitmill will be starting a new role in September and therefore will be unable to continue as librarian. If you have any spare time and would like to offer your services, please see Mrs McHale.

Reminder

If you have library books to return, please send them back to school before the end of term so that we can complete our end of year book checks.



### Summer Reading Challenge

During the summer libraries across the country are running another reading challenge to encourage reading for pleasure. For more information see

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you are not already a member of Tettenhall Library pop along and join for free.

1-3 Upper St, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton WV6 8QF



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Caring for our planet and protecting the environment are important topics for today's children to explore. Books about the environment can be a great tool for empowering children to understand their choices and to find hope in making a positive impact on our planet.

During the last week of term, we have an Eco Focus across school, looking at what we as individuals can do to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Pupils are encouraged to look at their own habits and to consider how these can be changed. We use a range of stories to help pupils develop a sense of personal responsibility with regard to waste and its environmental impact.

Here are three books by Sarah Roberts that we shall be sharing as part of our Eco focus.



<https://www.sarahrobertsofficial.com/somebody-swallowed-stanley>

For more fiction and non-fiction books about the environment see the link below.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/geography/environmental-sustainability/>

## Spot Light Author

Each term we shall have a different author focus in our library.

This term our spot light author is children's author Nadia Shireen.



To hear find out more about Nadia and her books please see the link below.

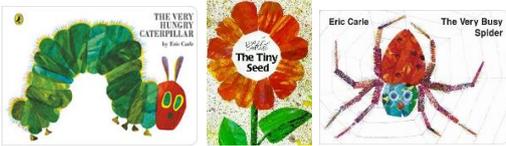
<https://www.nadiashireen.org/>

Join Nadia Shireen for a special author event, as she reads Barbara Throws a Wobbler, shows us how to draw Barbara, and answers children's questions!

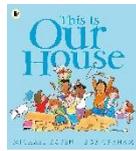
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHQaD5MPaBQ>

## Nursery

Nursery have been learning about mini beasts, animals, and Life cycles. They have enjoyed reading 3 stories by the author Eric Carle and used puppets, story sacks and props to retell.



In addition Nursery have been growing potatoes, cauliflowers and tomatoes and looking at information/non-fiction books to help find out how to look after the plants, and recipe books to cook the potatoes.



Nursery's very favourite story is 'This is Our House' by Michael Rosen; a story about getting on with each other and working as a team.

Watch the story using the link below.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf\\_n6yjr9T0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf_n6yjr9T0)

## Reception

The children in Reception have enjoyed listening and learning through a range of stories about different wild animals and dinosaurs. Children have especially enjoyed 'The Great Pet Sale' where they were able to discuss their own pets and pets they would like to have. They also enjoyed listening to the story 'Walking through the Jungle' and creating their own version of the story.

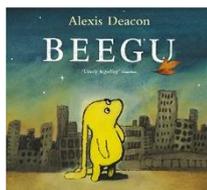


You may like to explore some further stories about a range of animals using the link below.

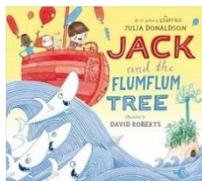
<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/childrens-article/books-for-kids-that-love-animals>

## Year 1

In Year 1 the children have explored a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They created a factfile based around the topic 'Space' which included a visit from a little yellow alien called Beeju.



They have also enjoyed 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree' written by Julia Donaldson. After listening to the story, the children wrote a diary entry as if they were Jack including events from the story.



You can listen to Julia reading some of her best known children's stories on the link below  
<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/storytelling/>

## Year 2

Year 2 book this term was 'There's a Snake in My School' by David Walliams, which is riotous and brilliant. This school story has just enough yuckiness to appeal to the children, and is perfect for fans of Roald Dahl. They used this model text to write their own story based around it.

You can explore a range of his other stories on this website: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/books/>



They have also looked at 'Taking Flight', a short film produced by Moonbot Studios. The story is about a boy's boring morning with Grandpa, which is turned into a thrilling adventure through the power of a shared imagination, a 'Radio-Flyer' and a story telling by Grandpa. The children used this to write their own version retelling the narrative in the third person, changing the adventures, renaming the characters and even the method of transport.

You can explore the film on the website: <https://takingflightfilm.com/>

Book Trust is the UK's largest reading charity. They reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice. The Book Trust website has lots of fantastic resources and ideas to support your child's reading journey.

Have a look at the two resources below for advice on reading with your child and supporting a reluctant reader.

## Reading with your child

Sharing a book with a child is fun. It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. Sharing books and stories can help children understand the world around them and develop key social and emotional skills.

Free tips and advice in 28 languages on sharing books with 4-6 year olds. This handy booklet is full of tips and advice and is available to download in 28 languages (see below).

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-with-your-child-4-6-years/#!?q=&sortOption=AtoZ&pageNo=1>



## Tips for Reluctant Readers

Research has shown that reading for pleasure can make a huge difference to children - not only academically (even in subjects like maths) but also socially and emotionally.

But what if your child doesn't enjoy reading? Here are some things that could help...

- **Talk about books.** Talking to children about books and stories can help them to realise how exciting they are. Show an interest in what they've read, ask questions about it, and swap opinions.
- **Make it fun!** There are so many fun things you can do with books beyond reading them. Maybe you could ask your children to draw their favourite character or act out what they've read for you. Or perhaps you could try recreating some classic book covers and taking photos!
- **... and try funny books.** Everyone likes a good giggle! (If your child is brave, scary stories or gory horror might be worth a go too.)
- **Don't worry about what your children are reading.** Whether it's a short story, poetry, a graphic novel, non-fiction, joke books, a comic or even the back of a cereal packet, it doesn't matter what your child is reading - as long as they're enjoying it! Anything could kick start a love of books. (And don't panic if they read the same book over and over again, either.)

**For more hints, tips and ideas on how to support reluctant readers see the link below.**

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/r/reluctant-readers/>