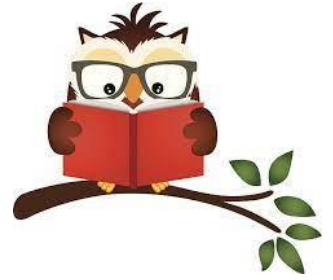




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Reading Newsletter

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Issue 2

Welcome to the next addition of our 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!



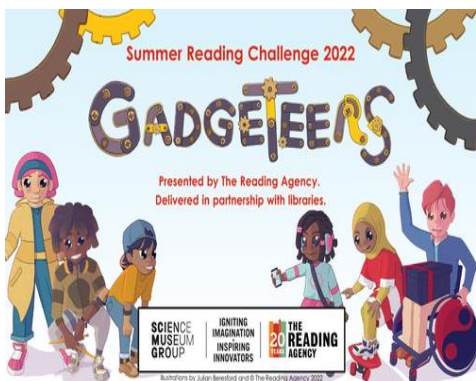
Reading for pleasure

If you can encourage your child to read for pleasure, they will really reap the benefits. It might not seem like a particularly important task, but actually, research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.

For more tips on how to encourage your child's reading for pleasure see the link below

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-for-pleasure/>



Summer Reading Challenge

During the summer libraries across the country are running a reading challenge to encourage reading for pleasure. Children can pick up a reading record from the local library to record the books they read at home and become a 'Gadgeteer'. 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

Our Library



This half term we have been able to open the doors to our library. Many thanks to our volunteers Mrs Ghuman, Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Whitmill for their help each week ensuring the children have been able to access the library and choose books to share at home. It has been a real hit with the children.



If you have a free afternoon and would like to help out in September, please see Mrs McHale or contact the school office for more information.

Spot Light Author

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

This term our spot light author is children's laureate Julia Donaldson. Julia Donaldson has written some of the most popular and best-loved children's stories including The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child, Room on the Broom, The Highway Rat, Zog and Stick Man.



To hear Julia's top tips for reading see the link below.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back-for-home/reading-owl/top-tips--3/julia-donaldsons-top-tips>

Nursery

Nursery have been learning about life cycles, reading the Hungry Caterpillar and learning rhymes; There's a Tiny Caterpillar on A Leaf and Little Arabella Miller.



We have been growing potatoes and sunflowers and have enjoyed looking at information/non-fiction books to help us to find out how to look after the plants. In addition, we have been singing One potato, Two potato & Five Little Peas in a Pea Pod.



Reception

This term in Reception the children have enjoyed learning through Fiction and Non-Fiction books. They have enjoyed listening to a range of stories about different wild animals and dinosaurs. A favourite this topic has been 'How to look after a Dinosaur' by Jason Cockcroft and 'If I had a dinosaur' by Gabby Dawney.

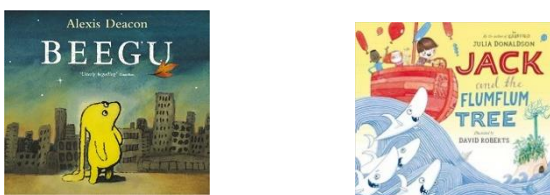


You may like to explore some further stories about dinosaurs using the link below.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/dinosaur>

Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts based on space. They have learnt lots of amazing facts and even had a visit in school from a strange little alien named Beegu!

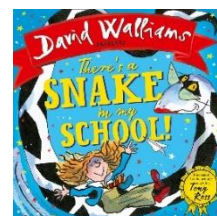


In addition they have enjoyed a Julia Donaldson text, 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree.' They imagined that they were characters from the book and wrote diary entries based on the events from the story.

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

Year 2

The author Year 2 have focused on this term is David Walliams. They read 'There's a Snake in My School' and enjoyed how funny and exciting the story was. They used this story as a basis for their own story about bringing a pet to school which was then displayed in classrooms for others to read and enjoy.



David Walliams has written many books since 2008; some are shorter with many picture and some are longer chapter books. You can explore a range of his other stories on the website;

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/books/>