



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Reading Newsletter



Welcome to our second curriculum newsletter, this time focused on reading. It is a very exciting time to be writing this as we have just celebrated World Book Day. This year the theme was Share A Million Stories; and as usual our children impressed us all with their creative character costumes which led to much high quality book talk and the sharing of many stories. We even shared some stories with our friends down the road at Chalkhouse Childcare, by reading and writing recommendations for picture books which were then given to the pre-school children to enjoy.



This year we also did something rather special to celebrate: a whole school project based around one book. Every class used the story “The Tin Forest” as inspiration for some art, culminating in a giant display based on the story. Do ask your child about the story and be sure to pop in to the library to see the finished display over the following weeks. It promises to be quite spectacular!



Speaking of the library, an enormous THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have worked so hard recently to re-order and categorise our books. This has made our library much more functional and easy to use. Classes have each been allocated a timetabled slot to visit the library and children are able to borrow books at any time. We are also hoping to train up some Year 6 children as librarians. If your child is interested please let us know.



Thank you for sharing your poems. I still read your books a lot and all the stories you recommend to our school. *Oliver*

It was really good having you in our school especially when you came into our classroom and read poems to us. I want to write some books and poems like you. *Ariane*

Thank you for sending us all so many lovely books. I love all of them especially Apes to Zebras because all of the poems were in animal shapes. *Laurence*

You may remember that about a year ago we were visited by local author and poet A.F. Harrold. Since then he has kept in touch as our "Book Buddy", generously sending us copies of all sorts of books for our library and regularly writing to the children. There is a display of his letters and some of the books in the library.

For further reading inspiration, remember to check out events at local libraries as well as Waterstones in Reading, who often have visiting authors. Your child's teacher will also have given you a recommended reading list at the start of the year.



Remember to exchange your World Book Day token (before 29th March) for one of this year's 8 fantastic titles; from mystery to adventure, superpowers to spies, there's something for everyone. Previews and extracts from the books can be found at www.worldbookday.com/books. You can also stream one of 3 audiobooks completely free from www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories until 29th March.

We thought it would be nice to write back to him and so all of the children recently wrote a letter thanking him for the books. Here are just some of the things they wrote:



Dear A.F. Harrold, We love your book. We like the rhyming and we think you are very funny.
Foundation class

Finally, according to the OECD: "Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success." So what are you waiting for? Let's share a million stories!

I like the Alpha poem because they all come in groups of three and in all the groups they rhyme.
Elliott

With best wishes,

Thanks for the books you sent us. I can't wait to read more of them. I write books too and guess who inspired me? You! *Jessica*

Jo Salt
English Subject Leader