



# Reading Newsletter

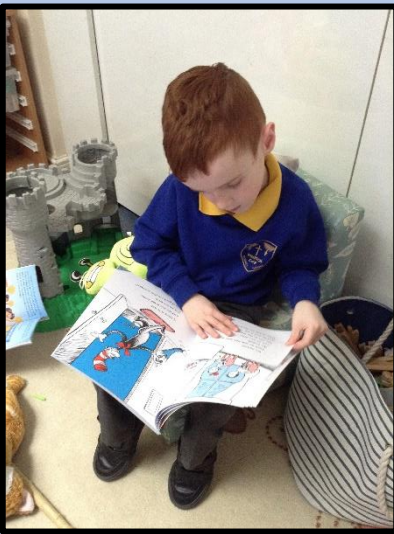


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It has been a busy few weeks since our last reading newsletter! We hope that you enjoy reading about what has been happening in school, as well as finding lots of strategies and tips for reading at home, staff and pupil book recommendations and much more!

Last month, we celebrated World Book Day in style! Check out these fantastic costumes and photographs taken during our ERIC Time (Everyone Reading In Class). At Wharton C of E Primary School, we know the importance of independent reading time to develop fluency and to foster a love of reading.



# Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

## Tempt

- Talk about their interests. Find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together. Explore by going on a reading treasure hunt!
- Find regular opportunities to visit your local or school library.
- Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts.
- Empower your child to read a wide range of texts - magazines, comics, graphic novels and reading that reflects different realities.

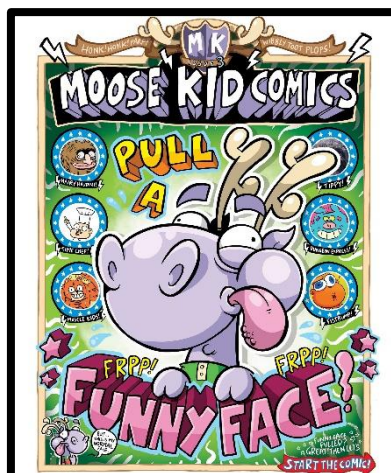
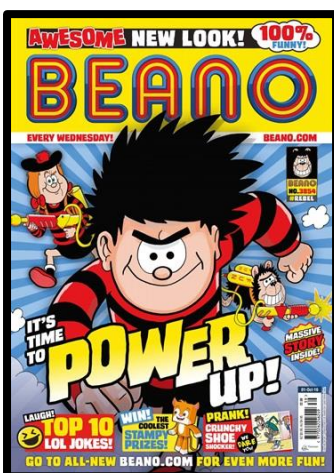
## Share

- Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
- Find regular time to read aloud and share texts together.
- Invite others into the reading space - welcome siblings, grandparents and other family members to share and talk about top reads together.

## Support

- Be a reading role model - share what you like to read in your own time.
- Ensure that reading and book chat are part of the everyday family routine. Think about when and how this could best fit into your day.
- Join in with opportunities to build a home-school reading connection.

Do you enjoy reading comics and magazines? Click on the picture links below to check out these great free titles!



## Look out for these new books in your classrooms!

There are lots of new books in our classroom reading areas that focus on different cultures and diversity.

Mr Hermansen has worked alongside staff at our local education library to choose a range of beautiful books that highlight the British Values of 'Tolerance' and 'Mutual Respect', and that celebrate differences. Making sure that our children have a diverse selection of books available to choose from is a powerful way to celebrate everyone's unique experiences, cultures, and identities. When children are able to see a reflection of themselves in the pages of a book, they are being sent a message that their experiences matter.



Our Reading Ambassadors have been visiting our reception classes to read to the children. This is a great way to provide role models for younger children and to nurture a love for reading at an early age.



I like it when the oldest children come to read to us. I love listening to stories!

(Rhona)



I like listening to books. I love books and finding out about things.

(Rory)

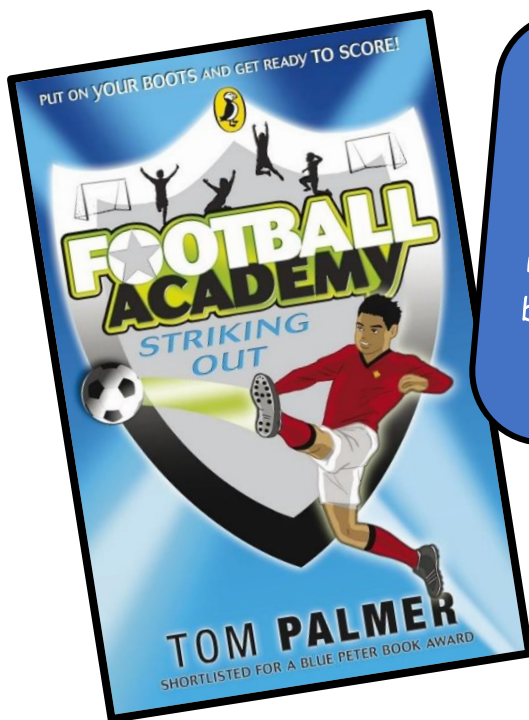
Our book recommendations this term come from Mrs Griffiths and Matthew in Year 6 who enjoys reading books about sport. It is important that we recommend the books that we have read, encouraging chatter about books, and a love of reading.

### Mrs Griffiths Recommends...

Welcome back to this regular feature where a member of staff recommends a book they have recently enjoyed. This half term, Mrs Griffiths shares her thoughts about 'Skellig' by David Almond...

I decided to read this book after I had read 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow as it was mentioned throughout the story. The book is about a boy named Michael who moves to a new house when his baby sister becomes ill. The world starts to feel lonely and uncertain to him. When exploring the ramshackle garage with his new friend Mina, he finds something magical...a strange creature who needs Michael's help to survive.

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel and the friendship that was built between Mina and Michael; it was emotional when the baby had to go back in to hospital. I would highly recommend this book for children in year 5 or 6 as it is fast paced, intriguing and exciting!



I recommend reading 'Football Academy: Striking Out' by Tom Palmer as it refers to the Premier League and the World Cup which I know a lot about. If you are interested in football, you will enjoy this book!

Matthew (Age 11)

If your child has a reading recommendation, email the title and the reasons why they love the book to:

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Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

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