

Reading Newsletter Autumn 1 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you to our very first reading newsletter! We will be using the newsletter to keep you updated on all things reading related across school, provide key dates for the half term, share tips for home reading and to find out more about all the books we love to read.

We have had an amazing first few weeks back with children already visiting our newly organised library (thank you Mrs. Bolton!), quizzing on Accelerated Reader and launching our brand-new phonics programme in Key Stage 1.

Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds

We are now following the Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds phonics programme and have been busy over the summer organising our new Big Cat for Little Wandle decodable readers library. Lessons have already started in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and we will be using this programme for catch-up for some children in KS2.

We can't wait to tell you more about this new programme and the changes we are making for home reading. We would like to invite all Reception and Year 1 parents to our first information event on **Monday 3rd October 3.30pm - 4.30pm**. Year 2 parents will receive an invite if attendance is relevant to your child.

Whole Class Shared Comprehension

We are also starting our brand-new reading curriculum which has been developed by Oasis Community Learning. Everyday children from our Little Wizards to Year 6 will enjoy a daily Read-Aloud, a specially selected story read out loud by their teacher and a daily reading comprehension lesson. We will be learning about **VIPERS**, key skills for reading comprehension:



Each of these skills will be practised with a short text across a two-week unit.

This year we are promoting shared family reading and learning poetry by heart. As part of our new reading curriculum, each class will learn a poem by heart every half term. You can help your child to learn this poem by sharing it together again and again. This term we will be learning:

Little Wizards - Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Nurse - Tommy Thumb

Reception - If You're Happy And You Know it

Year 1 - A Big Green Crocodile by Jane Newberry

Year 2 - The Owl and the Pussy Cat by Edward Lear

Year 3 - Isn't My Name Magical by James Berry

Year 4 - Augustus Gloop - an extract from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Year 5 - Everyone Comes from Somewhere by Michael Rosen

Year 6 - Vegan Delight by Benjamin Zephaniah

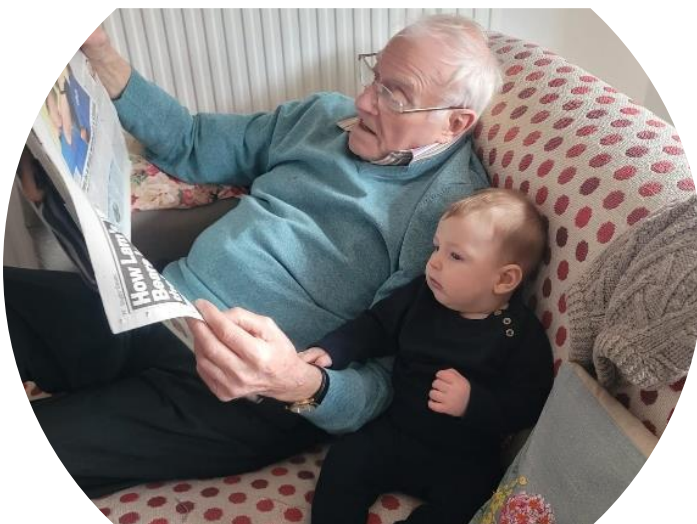
Each year group will get the chance to perform a poem over the year in one of our celebration assemblies. Research shows that not only is reciting poetry fun, it is a brilliant way to develop your memory.

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We will be working hard to develop our shared reading approach in school and would like to work with you too. Again, research shows that reading a book with your child and talking about it is one of the best ways to help your child learn new words, understand a wide range of vocabulary and develops their ability to listen with understanding. The earlier you start reading together the more impact this has on talking, reading and writing.



This is Mrs Freeman's great nephew, Ned, enjoying one of his first stories with his mum and reading the newspaper with his great grandad!



We would also love to hear from you about any ways we can support with home reading and any events you think would help promote reading for pleasure in our Limeside community.

Happy reading!

The Oasis Academy Limeside Reading Team

Teacher Reading

Every half term we will be interviewing somebody from our school team to find out about what they love to read. This half term we will hear from **Mrs Bolton in Year 6!**

Mrs Bolton - What are you currently reading? Tell us what is good about it.

I love to read just before I go to bed, I think it really helps me to settle my mind for a good nights sleep. So, the book I am reading at the moment is a light, funny book called '**The Accidental Life Swap**' by **Jennifer Joyce**. In this book, the main character, Rebecca, ends up with a mistaken identity when looking after her boss' house. I stumbled across this book as a recommendation on Amazon for people who enjoy books by one of my favourite authors, Sophie Kinsella.

What was your favourite book as a child?

My favourite books as a child has to be the **Harry Potter** books by J.K. Rowling! I loved the magic of another world and it was something my whole family enjoyed together. As a child, we even went to ASDA at midnight to get the newest books in the collection when they were released - we couldn't wait!!

What has been your most inspirational read?

The most inspirational book I read as a young adult was '**Noughts and Crosses**' by **Malorie Blackman**. This book explores a world where people are judged differently by the colour of their skin. I remember reading this and thinking how unjust this was and how I would never stand by if this was ever to happen around me. It was a book I always remembered from when I was a teenager and I really enjoyed re-reading this again last year!

What is your favourite book to read in Year 6?

Currently in Year 6, we are reading '**There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom**' by **Louis Sachar**. I am really enjoying discovering who **Bradley Chalkers**, our complicated main character, is and I am eager to find out what will happen to him. I thought I would like this story as I also enjoyed reading '**Holes**' by the same author to my Year 6s last year.