

Reading at SAH

Welcome to our first reading newsletter!

It's been a busy term for reading at St Ann's Heath with the launch of our new Little Wandle Programme and Birthday Book scheme. In class, children have been enjoying their whole class texts (Y3- *A Mummy Ate My Homework*, Y4-*Boy with the Bronze Axe*, Y5- *Cosmic*, Y6- *Letters from the Lighthouse*) which are all linked to our creative curriculum units of work. In addition, the children have also been enjoying their visits to the school library to select their reading books. We are so lucky to have been able to add a significant number of new books to the selection this half term thanks to donations from FOSAH and our Birthday Book scheme.

Little Wandle update

Since we launched this programme 5 weeks ago, we are proud to announce the positive impact it is having on children's reading fluency and spelling. With over 60 children taking part in the programme, it is a treat to see so many reading groups taking place and to hear children talking so enthusiastically about their new books.

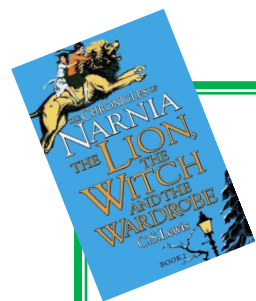
Don't forget, if your child is part of this programme, they will bring home a book on a Friday to be returned on a Monday. In addition, they will also have a sharing book which can be enjoyed with an adult at home.



Birthday Book update



This term we are delighted to have received **34** birthday books! The children love receiving their books in assembly and proudly scanning them into our school library once they have read them. Follow this link to purchase a birthday book for your child: <https://amzn.eu/8cW44t0>



What's coming up?

Next term, the children will be using the following texts in class:

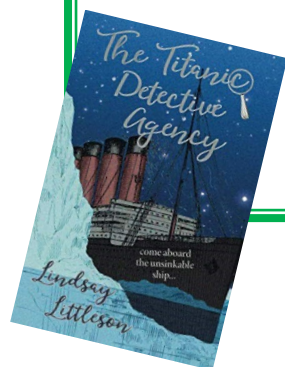
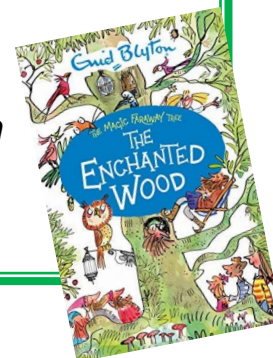
Year 3: The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

Year 4: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis

Year 5: The Titanic Detective Agency by Lindsay Littleton

Year 6: Viking Boy by Tony Bradman

These texts may not begin in January, but will begin next half term.



Good websites for book recommendations

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>

<https://www.waterstones.com/blog/the-best-books-of-2022-childrens-fiction>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Book competitions

Want to win extra reading goodies?

Follow this link: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/competitions>

World Book Day

Look out for information about our World Book Day celebrations coming up in March next term.

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