

Reading at SAH

Welcome to our Spring Term reading newsletter!

It's been another busy term for reading at St Ann's Heath with World Book Day being a real highlight. We were blown away by the entries we received for the 'Potato Character Competition' and 'Extreme Reading Challenge', not to mention the fantastic t-shirt designs that were created in school. Look at the following pages for some pictures! Thank you to everyone who came to our Travelling Book Fair—we managed to earn **£392.97** in rewards to spend on books for our library.

Each year group has been immersed in their class book—*Enchanted Wood* (Year 3), *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Year 4) *The Titanic Detective Agency / Treason* (Year 5) and *Viking Boy* (Year 6). Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to get hold of a copy of these books—the children love following along with their books in class and using them during creative curriculum lessons.

Little Wandle update

Thank you for the support we have received in implementing our new reading scheme. Children who are on the programme should be bringing their reading book home at the end of the week to return the following Monday. For support with pronouncing the sounds your child needs to read fluently and support for reading with your child at home, please visit this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Birthday Book update



Since September, we have now received **46** birthday books! Thank you to the parents and carers who have taken part in this scheme—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:



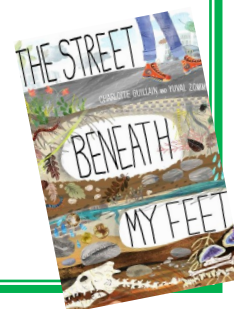
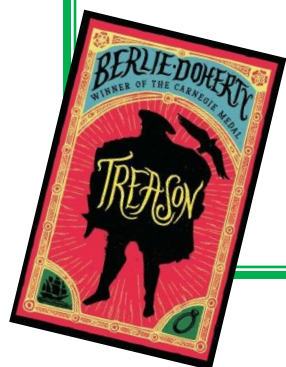
Year 3: *The Street Beneath My Feet* by Charlotte Guillian—*please note this is quite a large, expensive hardback book so there is no expectation for the children to have a copy*

Year 4: *Queen of Darkness* by Tony Bradman

Year 5: *Titanic* by Berlie Doherty

Year 6: *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty

These texts may not begin in April, but will be used next half term.



Podcasts

Did you know that listening to podcasts is a fun and easy way to encourage your child to use their imagination? They're also a great alternative to screen time and can be enjoyed by the whole family together. Follow this link to check out some great podcasts: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/listen-and-learn-podcasts/>

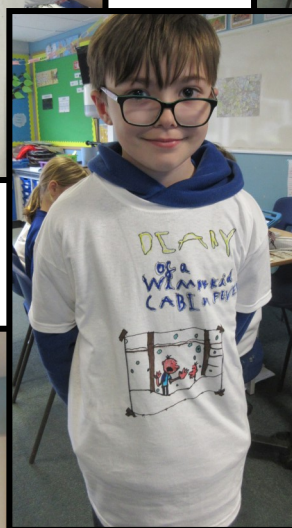
Book Talk

'Book-talk' is the ability to talk about books, developing the confidence to offer ideas and then reshape them in the light of other contributions. It helps children to trust their own ideas and interpretations, to talk effectively about a book, deepening their understanding, shifting their ideas, thinking together and moving comprehension forwards. 'Book-talk' only works if the books have anything worth saying about them. The quality of the book determines the depth of discussion. It is important to accept all answers positively about the books that children read. Children are encouraged to raise questions as well as make points and suggestions. (Pie Corbett, 2008)

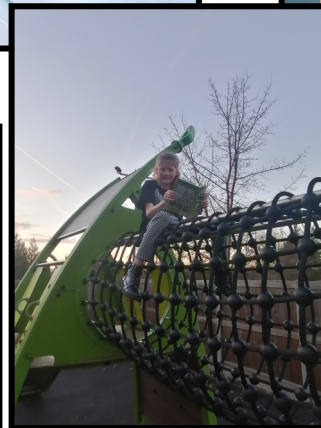
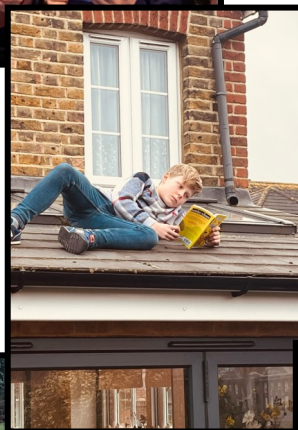
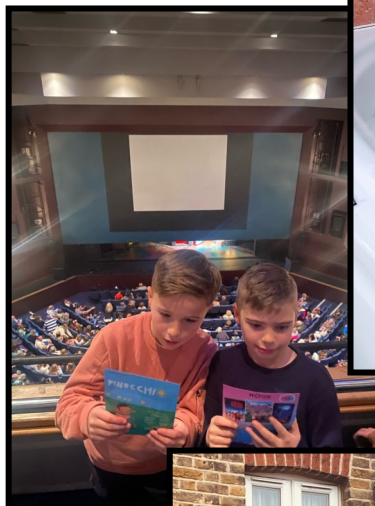
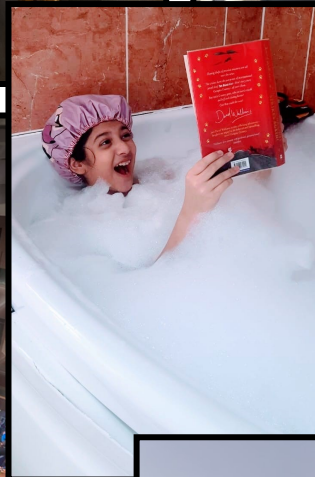
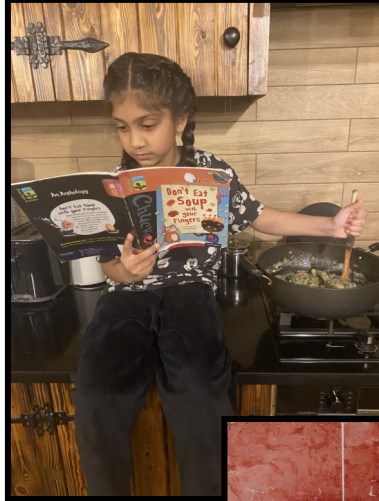
Here are some questions you could ask to encourage book talk:

- What sorts of things did you like or dislike? Was there anything that puzzled you?
- Have you read any other books like this? How did they compare? Which parts of the book stay in your mind most vividly? How did the main character change? What surprises are there in the book?
- How long did it take the story to happen? Where did the story happen? Which character interested you most? Who was telling the story?
 - Talk about the links between the story and the illustrations.

World Book Day



Extreme Reading



Potato Competition

