

# Reading Newsletter



This term has been an exciting time for reading at St Ann's Heath. Our dedicated reading leaders have been at the forefront of several initiatives. They began by hosting a reading leader tea party, an event they are enthusiastic about repeating next term.

During National Storytelling Week, our reading leaders conducted engaging assemblies. They shared extracts from well-known stories and provided valuable tips on becoming brilliant storytellers. We've also reintroduced buddy reading this half term, which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

To further enrich our reading experiences, we've maintained our weekly subscription to the Week Junior and continued with our Reading Rocks subscription, introducing children to a diverse range of new texts.



## BUDDY READING

Buddy reading at St Ann's Heath partners children from different year groups, creating a unique cross-year reading experience. Specifically, Year 3 and 4 children read aloud to Year 5 and 6 pupils, which offers multiple benefits. This approach helps younger children build confidence by listening to more experienced readers, while older children develop leadership skills and empathy by supporting younger pupils in their reading journey. Additionally, the cross-year pairing breaks down age barriers and creates a supportive, collaborative reading environment that encourages a whole-school love of reading.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

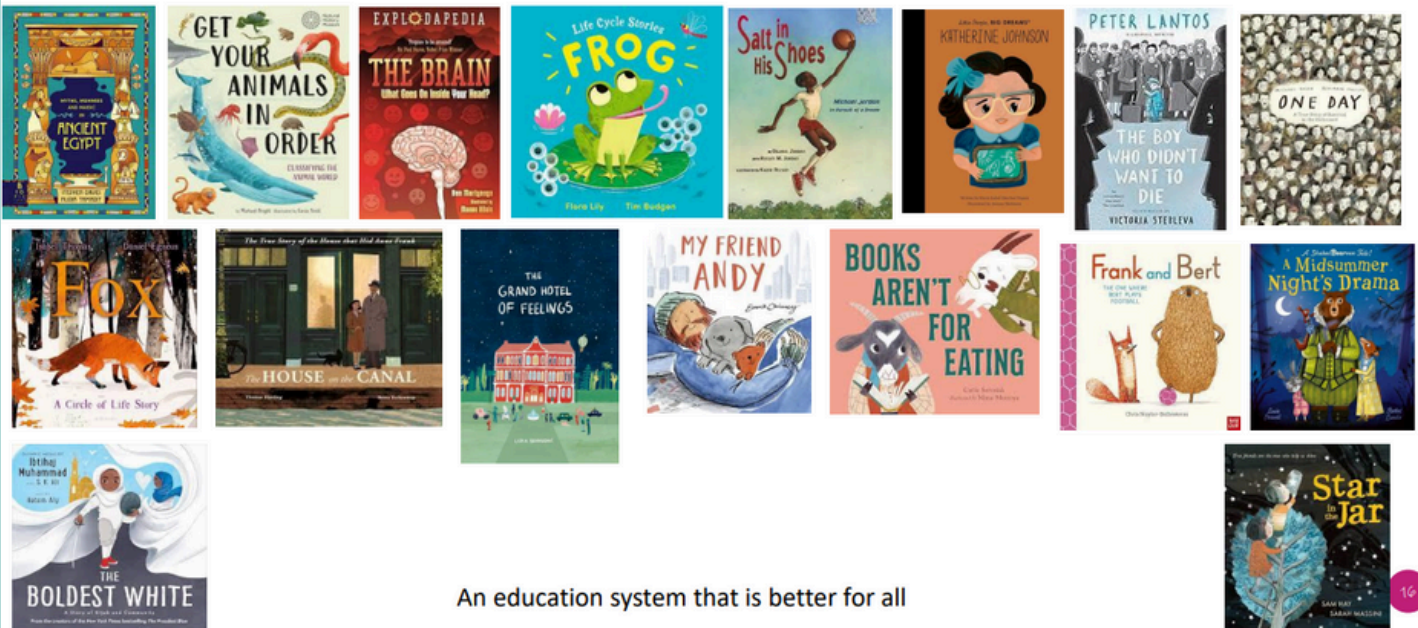
Look out for our World Book Day letter detailing exciting events coming up next term!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with our Birthday Book scheme. Follow this link to get involved:

<https://amzn.eu/8cW44t0>



# NEW READS TO LOOK OUT FOR



An education system that is better for all

# BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

**Creates new bonds.**  
With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

**Teaches them the basics.**  
Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

**Improves logical thinking skills.**  
Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

**Helps them sleep.**  
Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

**Improves communication skills.**  
When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

