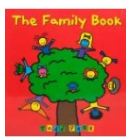

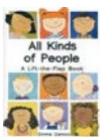


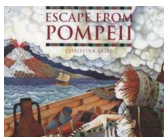
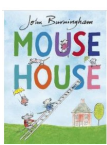

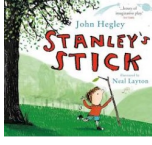




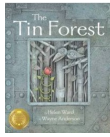
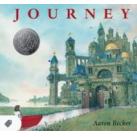


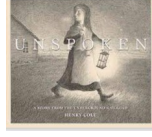
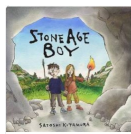
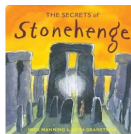





It has been such a brilliant and busy start to the reading year at Arbury Primary School. We have elected our wonderful new Reading Ambassadors and held our first meeting of the year, hosted a reading workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 as well as holding a lovely 'Reading Café' event for EYFS. Additionally we enjoyed a brilliant National Poetry Day, where we read and wrote poems linked to the theme 'The Environment' across the whole school. We have also been hugely impressed by the children's enthusiasm for reading so far this year and we are pleased with how much reading at home is happening! Well done everybody!

#### A small selection of what we have been reading in each year group in Autumn 1

Reception				Year 4			
Year 1				Year 5			
Year 2				Year 6			
Year 3							

**Mrs Dowdall recommends: Three books perfect for Autumn evenings...**

As the nights draw in, there is nothing better than getting cosy and stuck into a brilliant book. Here are three of my favourite comfort reads for the Autumn season!



#### EYFS and Key Stage 1

'Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book' by Britta Teckentrup



This gorgeous picture book takes you on a journey through the seasons. It is richly illustrated with clever holes cut into the pages. The story itself is beautifully written and rhymes. Perfect for bedtime!

#### Lower Key Stage 2

'Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball' by Laura Anderson

This is the first book in the Amelia Fang series. A fun set of books about Amelia, who is a little vampire with a big heart! These funny books, full of strange creatures and jokes, are perfect for age 7 upwards.



#### Upper Key Stage 2

'October, October' by Katya Balen.

October is a little girl who lives with her father in the woods. She loves her life living in the wilds but when she turns 11, everything changes. This prize-winning, heart-breaking novel is a story about coping with change and family relationships.

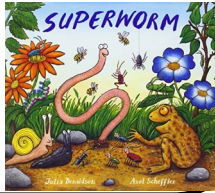
# Children's Recommendations

We always ask our children to share their favourite reading recommendations. Here are a few of the books they have read and enjoyed lately...

'Superworm,' by Julia Donaldson, recommended by one of our Reception students...

My favourite book is Superworm. It is really funny and I like the rhyme in the story.

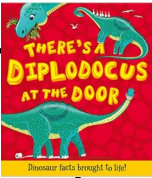
For babies and older!



'There's a Diplodocus at the Door' by Ruth Symons, recommended by one of our Year 3 students...

This book has lots of facts in it about diplodocus dinosaurs. It also imagines what it would be like if a diplodocus was around today!

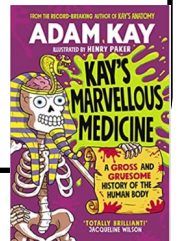
For Reception upwards.



'Kay's Marvellous Medicine,' by Adam Kay, recommended by one of our Year 5 students...

This non-fiction book is about the olden days and what diseases occurred at that time (e.g. the Black Death in the Middle Ages). It's not at all boring and is actually really funny and written in a chatty way. The pages are full of facts and information and at the end of each chapter there is a little quiz to make sure you've understood the chapter.

I would recommend this book for Year 5 upwards.



## Have you read a brilliant book recently?

We would love to hear about the books you love and publish your recommendations in the next newsletter. Write your short review on a piece of paper. Remember to include the title of the book and the author, what makes the book good and a short synopsis (without giving the ending away!) and the age group it is appropriate for. You can also give it a score out of 5 stars. Give your completed review to your teacher or to Mrs Dowdall.



This term's interview is with Mrs Evans who has been the SENDCo at Arbury for many years. Read on to find out more about the books she loves and why reading is special for her...

### Mrs Evans' Interview

#### What is your favourite book and why?

My favourite book for children, that I have read recently, is 'Hari and his Electric Feet' by Alexander McCall Smith. I thought it was beautifully written and the message to follow your dreams is for all of us. My favourite book for adults is 'The Small Miracle' by Paul Gallico. I love the simple way the story is written and it makes me cry every time I read it.

#### When and where do you like to read?

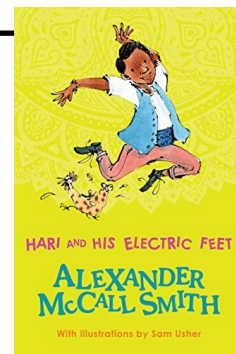
I really like to read at bedtime and also enjoy reading on holiday. In fact, I like to read anywhere and anytime I have time!

#### What are you currently reading?

I am currently reading a book for adults called 'Dead Lions' by Mick Heron. It is a spy story about using intelligence and is part of a series.

#### Why is reading important to you?

Reading takes me out of my own thoughts and into different worlds. Also, my cats always come and sit on my lap when I am reading which is nice!

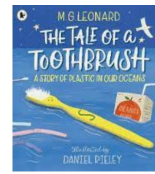


### New Feature: Author of the term...

#### This term's author is: M.G. Leonard

M.G. Leonard has written lots of best-selling books for children and has won several prizes for her writing. Her most famous books are her 'Beetle Boy' series and her series, co-written with Sam Sedgman, called 'Adventures on Trains'. She often writes books that have environmental themes and her books usually contain exciting mysteries that need solving. Generally, her novels are suitable for Year 4 upwards. M.G. Leonard says this about her books: "My stories are for young people, or people who are young at heart, who embrace nature's wild and crazy majesty."

We have lots of M.G. Leonard's books in our school library and classroom book corners so do check them out!





## Some reading news from this half term...

### New Reading Ambassadors

It was so lovely to meet the new Reading Ambassadors at our first meeting of the year on Monday 10th October. At this meeting, the new Reading Ambassadors received badges and got to know each other by sharing what their favourite books are and explaining why reading is so important to them. We then spoke about the tasks ahead this year. The Reading Ambassadors will start off by helping to organise and keep their classroom book corners tidy. Some of the older Reading Ambassadors are already visiting Key Stage 1 at lunchtimes to be Playground Reading Buddies.

### National Poetry Day

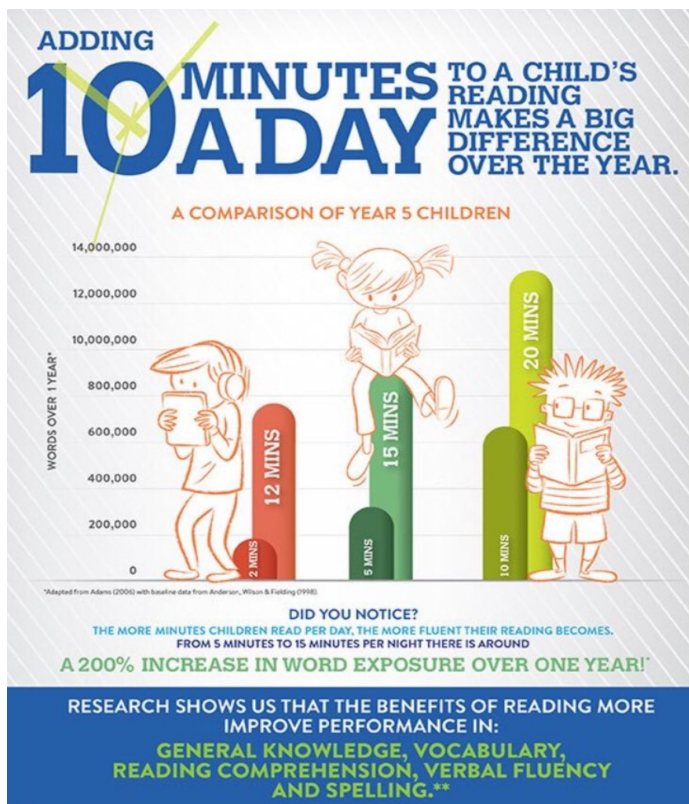
We celebrated National Poetry Day on 6th October 2022. The children had lots of opportunities to listen to and read poetry, perform poems and write their own poetry. We were so impressed by their amazing writing. Do visit the news and events section of the website to see some pictures of the children's work from each year group.

### Reading workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our phonics and reading workshop for EYFS and Year 1 a few weeks ago. We hope that you found the information shared useful. If you were unable to attend, the slides are available in the news and events section of the website. Don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Morris or your child's teacher should you have any questions about the workshop and what was shared.

### EYFS Bedtime Stories Event

On Thursday 13th October children from EYFS enjoyed a wonderful 'Reading Café' event. We were so pleased that so many parents and carers came to enjoy time sharing books together with their children while having a snack of biscuits and juice. It was such a lovely event!



**Read EVERY night and help your class win the Arbury Reading Trophy!**

Remember to make sure you are reading every night and getting your reading record signed off by a parent or carer.

In Key Stage 1, you should be reading your levelled reading books at least 5 times a week and also enjoying different sharing books lots. Record everything you read in your reading diary!

In Key Stage 2 you should be reading aloud to someone or reading independently for 30 minutes a night!