



Arbury Primary School

Reading Newsletter Number 10



Summer 1 2022

We had a great start to the Summer term with lots of reading activities going on throughout the school. One of the newest things last half term was having some of our Reading Ambassadors from Year 5 and 6 becoming reading buddies for children in Key Stage 1. There is nothing more lovely than seeing some of our oldest children sharing stories with some of our youngest and watching as reading communities are created across the school.

A small selection of what we have been reading in each year group in Summer 1...

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

Some reading news from Summer 1...

Reading Buddies in the Key Stage 1 Playground

This term we have been able to set up Reading Buddies to the Key Stage 1 playground. The Year 5 and 6 Reading Ambassadors have been visiting the Key Stage 1 playground at lunchtime to share lovely picture books with children. It has been wonderful to see how popular these sessions have been.

D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read Day)

On Thursday 27th May we had a special D.E.A.R Day at school. D.E.A.R stands for Drop Everything And Read! When we heard a bell ringing, we had to stop whatever we were doing in class and read. This may have been the teacher reading us a story or chapter of our class novel or another reading for pleasure activity. It was a fun way to enjoy even more reading for pleasure in our classrooms.

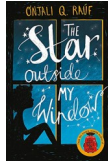
Book Reviews

In our AR library we now have a special book where children can write book reviews. It's been great to see children adding to this book. Here are their reviews...

'The Star Outside my Window' by Onjali Q Rauf, reviewed by a Year 5 child.

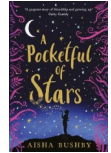
This is a story about a little girl who wants to be a star hunter. She desperately wants to find her mum who she thinks has turned into a star. I would recommend this book for confident readers who are aged 10 and above.

(5 stars)



'A Pocketful of Stars' by Aisha Bushby, reviewed by a Year 4 pupil

This book is sweet but sad at the end. I really enjoyed this book but be warned, it made me cry a bit at the end! This is a story about a mother and daughter and how they get on. I would recommend it for ages 9 upwards.



'A Series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket, reviewed by a Year 6 child.

The books are about three extremely unlucky children whose parents die in a fire. Count Olaf (the villain) tries to steal their fortune. This book is for ages 9 upwards as there are lots of complicated words younger children might not understand. I would recommend this book because it is funny, full of suspense and has some brilliant characters.

'When We Got Lost in Dreamland' by Ross Welford, reviewed by a Year 5 child.

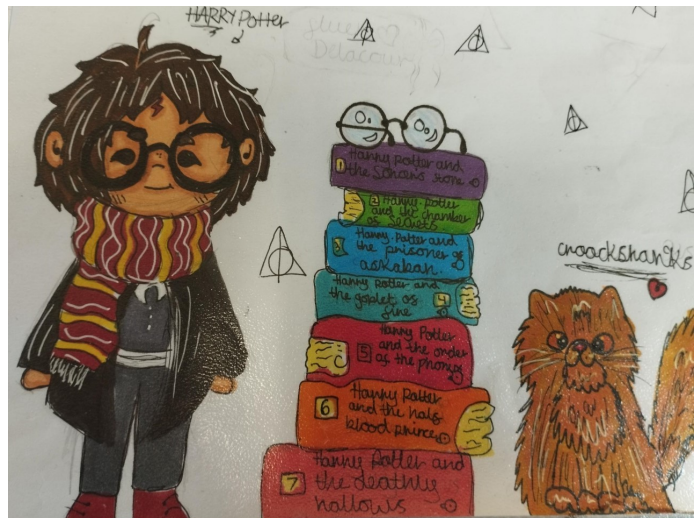
This book is a rollercoaster of emotions and adventure. A normal boy named Malcolm steals two dreaminators and hangs them by his and his brother's beds. This means he and his brother can share and control their dreams. But one day his brother doesn't wake up and is rushed to hospital. With the help of his friends, Malcolm goes on an adventure to bring Seb back. I recommend this story for ages 9 and upwards and for people who love to get lost in a book.

'Agatha Parrot and the Floating Head' by Kjartan Poskitt, reviewed by a Year 5 child.

This book is fun to read and very creative. It's about a girl called Agatha Parrot who has a teacher who is very crazy! One day her friend is off school and going to miss the school trip, so Agatha decides to do something crazy! I would recommend this book to people who love exciting and creative stories. It is for ages 8 and upwards. (5 stars)



A wonderful Harry Potter illustration by one of our Year 6 pupils...



If you have a book review, do share it with us. You can write it in the book review book in the AR library or write it on a piece of paper and give it to Mrs Dowdall. We love hearing about what books you have been enjoying!

This term's interviews are with Ms Merriman and Ms Rees who are our Year 4 teachers. Find out why reading is so special for these two teachers.

Mrs Rees' interview

What is your favourite book and why?

This is an impossible question to answer because there are so many books I have enjoyed reading and it also depends on what mood I'm in. I often read books on gardening just because I love plants and growing things. My favourite book as a child was 'Comet in Moominland'. When I was about 9 years old my teacher at school read it to us and I just fell in love with the Moomins. There is a particular part where the comet has dried up all the ocean and they have to travel from one side to the other and I had a really vivid picture in my head and tried to imagine what it was like.

When and where do you like to read?

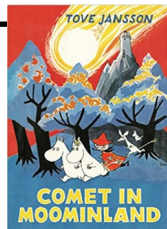
Everywhere and anywhere! I used to enjoy reading at bedtime but found that once I had started, I couldn't put the book down. If I fell asleep, I would try to wake myself up to read again so I decided that wasn't a good idea so generally read before dinner.

What are you currently reading?

'Gardener's World' magazine. Luckily, my mum bought me a subscription so I get a copy every month and you get lots of seeds too!

Why is reading important to you?

I was wondering what it would be like not to be able to read and how awful it would be. I have an old friend who is badly dyslexic and can't go beyond where he lives because if he got lost he wouldn't be able to read the street signs. It must be really difficult for him. I love the fact that I can get 'lost' in a book and time travel to a different century or place.



Ms Merriman's interview

What is your favourite book and why?

I have lots – but one of my very favourite books as a child was 'James and the Giant Peach'. It was the first Roald Dahl book that I ever read and was given to me one Christmas. I couldn't put it down! I was transported on a fantasy adventure which I thought was just magical.

Lots of books bring back lovely memories, especially books I enjoyed sharing with my son when he was younger, many of which we read and re-read so many times that we both knew them off by heart! 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town' were two of our favourites!

When and where do you like to read?

I read as often as I can! I like to read in lots of different places but my very favourite place has to be on a beach as it's so relaxing! I also enjoy reading in my garden but when it's cold I snuggle up on my sofa with a good book, warm blanket and a cup of peppermint tea!

What are you currently reading?

I am currently reading a lovely cookery book as I like to discover new foods. I have set myself a challenge of trying out some different recipes. Some have been more successful than others!

Why is reading important to you?

Reading is such a pleasure for so many different reasons. It can transport you into another world where you can get lost in your imagination. I love that feeling where you are totally absorbed in what you are reading. I have also learnt so much from readingabout people's lives, both past and present, and the wonderful world we live in.

