



# Arbury Primary School

## Reading Newsletter Number 9

### Spring 2 2022



The Arbury Reading newsletter is a little overdue as I didn't publish one in Spring Term 1 as the time seemed to slip away so quickly! It has been a very bookish term with lovely whole school celebrations for World Book Day and our wonderful new AR library up and running! I hope you enjoy catching up with our bookish news...

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

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

A small selection of what we have been reading in each year group in Spring 2...

Reception		Year 4	
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## Mrs Dowdall recommends: Three books about the sea linked to 'Take One Picture'



In Spring Term 1, we held our special arts week, 'Take One Picture'. This year's painting was by Carl Frederick Sørensen and the children completed lots of amazing art projects inspired by his picture, 'Rough Sea by a Jetty'. I have chosen three recommended reads that are about the sea to link to this great whole-school event....

### EYFS and Key Stage 1

'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davis

This is a beautiful story about a baby whale who gets washed up on a beach. A little boy, Noi, takes care of it, but there is only so long you can keep a whale in the bath! There is also a gorgeous sequel to this book 'The Storm Whale in Winter', which is wonderful to share.



### Lower Key Stage 2

'The Sea Book' by Charlotte Milner

This lovely, compact information book is beautifully illustrated and jam-packed with information about the sea and the creatures that live in it. It is presented so clearly, but also contains a wealth of information, including how we can help the seas and oceans, despite environmental pressures.



### Upper Key Stage 2

'To the Edge of the World' by Julia Green

Julia Green is one of my favourite children's authors. This book is just stunning. It is about loneliness, a friendship formed on the beaches of the remote coast of North West Scotland and a dangerous adventure. It is so lyrically written and also such a beautiful story. Highly recommended!



## Some reading news from the Spring Term...

The lovely new AR (Accelerated Reader) library...

Our new AR library shelving was put up during the Christmas holidays. We also got a huge delivery of brand new recently published books to add to the shelves. The children are really enjoying this new area and the books on offer. Below are some pictures of the new shelving and the brilliant new books.



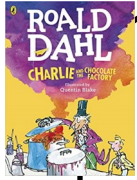
### World Book Day 2022

World Book Day was on Thursday 3rd March this year. Children had a wonderful day off timetable enjoying everything to do with books. Each class worked on their own class story books and by the end of the day had produced a wonderful picture book. We were really proud of the results!

### Reading in the playground

As the weather is improving, it has been really wonderful to enjoy books during some lunchtimes. Boxes of books have been provided in a calm area of the Key Stage 2 playground for children to read and enjoy. It has been lovely to see the children reading, enjoying and chatting about the books outside on sunny lunchtimes.

This term's interviews are with Arbury's Reception teachers: Mr Sapsford and Mrs Griffin. Read on to find out why reading is so special for the teachers of our youngest students...



### ***Mr Sapsford's interview...***

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

My favourite book has to be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. I loved reading this story as a child and dreamed of going to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Now I'm a teacher, I love reading it to my classes, as I get to pretend to be all of the characters I loved as a child and make up their voices whilst I am reading the story.

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

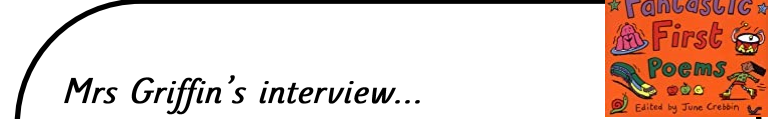
I have two favourite places to read. The first is at the beach in the sunshine after going surfing. I find reading whilst listening to the sound of the ocean so relaxing. The second place has to be curled up on the sofa with my little boy reading him one of his favourite picture books before bedtime.

#### ***What are you currently reading?***

I really love reading books about nature and the world around us. I am currently reading David Attenborough's 'Living Planet'. In the book he talks about all the living things on our planet from lichens to lions, from ants to Antarctica. We truly live in the most fascinating and beautiful world and I love learning new things about it.

#### ***Why is reading important to me?***

The amazing thing about reading for me is reading stories to other people. I am so lucky that I get to share so many stories every day with my class and my little boy. Seeing the joy and wonder it creates on their faces brings me so much happiness and is such an important part of my life.



### ***Mrs Griffin's interview...***

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

I have many favourites - and favourites for different moments - but one of my favourites is 'The Puffin First Book of Poems' because my Granny gave it to me and I have such happy memories of reading it together, snuggled up in her bed. I now keep that copy in my classroom and love sharing it with my class.

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

Anytime, anywhere is a good time for me to read! I particularly love reading on my green sofa at home in the evening, it has lovely high sides which we chose especially because we thought it would be a good place to sit and read.

#### ***What are you currently reading?***

I love re-reading books, I think you understand things a different way on a second (or third or fourth!) reading and there's something so comforting about diving back into a familiar and friendly world. I currently re-reading 'Brother of the More Famous Jack' by Barbara Trapido, who is one of my favourite authors.

#### ***Why is reading important to me?***

It's like a magic carpet! It can take you to a different place or time, or help you see the world through someone else's eyes.





# Reading posters from the Reading Ambassadors

Prior to World Book Day, the Reading Ambassadors met Mrs Dowdall in the outside classroom to think about the importance of reading for pleasure and created some beautiful posters. Here is a small selection of the posters they created! They really help to remind us all of the benefits of reading!

