



Arbury Primary School
Reading Newsletter Number 1
Autumn 1 2020



Welcome to the very first edition of our half termly reading newsletter which is dedicated to promoting reading across the school. Happy reading Arbury!

A small selection of what we have been reading in class this half term...

Reception: 'This is our House' by Michael Rosen

Year 1: 'Mouse House' by John Burningham

Year 2: 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward

Year 3: 'On a Beam of Light' by Jennifer Berne

Year 4: 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit

Year 5: 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo

Year 6: 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell

Reading news from this half term...

'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers

On first returning to school in September, every class used Oliver Jeffers' beautiful book, 'Here We Are' to inspire writing and art work.

National Poetry Day– 1st October

We had a brilliant week of celebrating National Poetry Day on 1st October. The children took part in a range of poetry workshops in class: reading poems, writing poems and reciting poems. Do look on the school website to see lots of pictures of this brilliant whole school event.

Mrs Dowdall recommends: Three autumn comfort reads...

For me, October half term is a time for walks in your wellies, crunching through the autumn leaves and jumping in puddles. After all that adventuring it's great to return home to warm up with a hot drink and a brilliant book to share. Here are my top three Autumn comfort reads...

EYFS and Key Stage 1

'The Squirrels who Squabbled' by Rachel Bright and Tim Field is a wonderful, funny picture book about two greedy squirrels who want the last pine cone in the wood. The illustrations are bright and colourful with a rich autumn palette, perfect for reading after a walk in the woods.



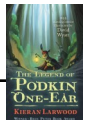
Lower Key Stage 2

'Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster' by Gill Lewis is about a group of children who inhabit The Wilderness, a place where nature and magic collide. This illustrated chapter book is a great read aloud and easily accessible for those readers building up their confidence to read longer books more independently.



Upper key Stage 2

'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood is a brilliant adventure story about Podkin (who is a walking talking rabbit) and his fight against the evil gorm. Even better is the fact it is part of a series, so once you finish the first book there are more to enjoy. If you like adventure and fantasy then this really is a top pick.

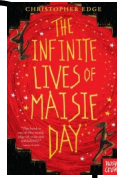


'The infinite lives of Maisie Day' by Christopher Edge

Reviewed by a Year 6 pupil

It's 10 Year old Maisie's birthday but something seems wrong. Where is her mum, dad and sister? But something even stranger happens when she opens the front door... every thing is black!

I absolutely love this book and it is a great science and adventure book. The main character is called Maisie, and she is academically gifted (for example she has already done all her exams and she is only ten!). I think that this book can be for ages 9 and upwards as it includes some difficult vocabulary and words. In this book, in every chapter, she is in a different world; one with her family and one when everything is very weird.



'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell

Reviewed by a Year 6 pupil

I really enjoyed 'Rooftoppers'. There was a cliff hanger on every page; I just couldn't put down! It is about a girl who is found floating on a river in a violin case and her quest to find her mother in Paris.

Katherine Rundell did a spectacular job on the book, it's one of the most amazing books I've ever read.

The only thing I wish it had was a sequel as it was so good I was sad that it had to end!

I would recommend this book for ages 9 upwards.



Thank you to Year 6 for sharing these brilliant book reviews. If you have read a great book recently and want to share a review in our reading newsletter, just e-mail your review to Mrs Dowdall via eSchools. Remember your review should be short and snappy (around 4 to 5 sentences only), it should explain why others might enjoy it and the age range and remember—don't give away the ending!

An Interview with Miss Joomun from Class 14

What's your favourite children's book and why?

When I was a child I loved 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Alhberg. I really enjoyed opening all the letters as I love receiving post. It was such an interactive, interesting book.

When and where do you like to read?

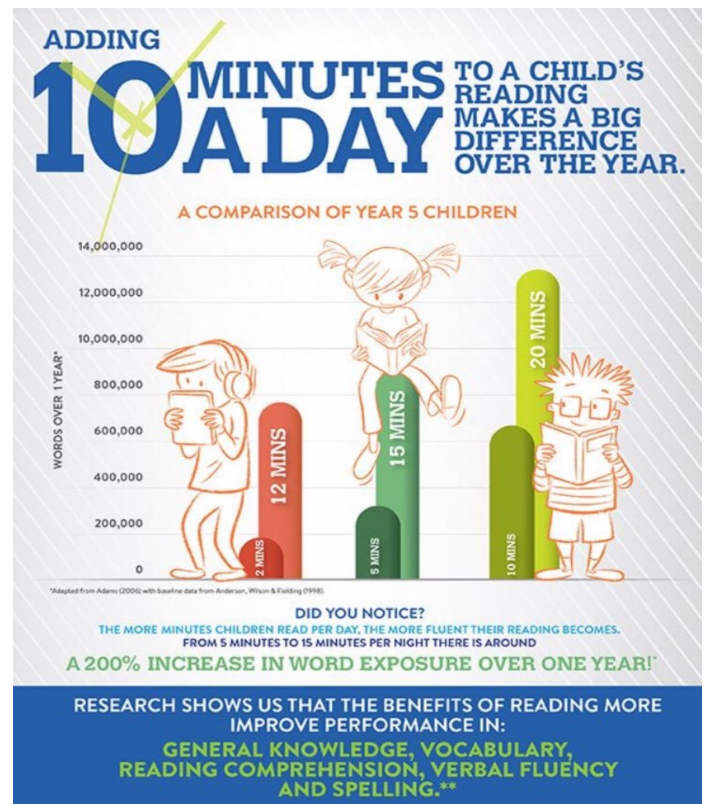
I like to read curled up on the sofa under a blanket with a lovely mug of tea!

What are you currently reading?

I have just started reading 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman. It is a book for Upper Key Stage 2 as it is very spooky. I think the way Neil Gaiman describes settings is brilliant.

Why is reading important to you?

Reading takes me on adventures to lots of different places. When I read it helps me to switch off and relax. It is very important to me!



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 aloud at least 5 times a week and in Key Stage 2 you should be reading aloud to someone or reading independently for 30 minutes a night!