



# Willow's Wonderful World of Reading

Termly Newsletter - March 2023



Welcome to our new termly newsletter, all about how we are continuing to develop reading at Willow. Reading is a fundamental life skill and we make it our priority to ensure that all pupils are fluent and confident readers, but most of all, we want to make it FUN!

This termly newsletter will give you updates on what is happening in school, along with ideas on how you can support your child at home. I hope you find it useful.

**Miss Simmonds - Assistant Head/Reading Leader**

## World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

The children are still talking about their visit to Tuffley library and they have enjoyed looking at the books they borrowed. It is great that some classes are arranging another visit next term!

Many thanks to those of you who came in to enjoy stories with your child at the end of the day! It was lovely to have you!

## Bedtime Bear Story Sack

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children now have the opportunity to spend a week with Bedtime Bear! Each week, a child is chosen to take the story sack home, containing a great book, Bedtime Bear, his diary and a hot chocolate! We hope you enjoy snuggling up to enjoy the book as a family.



## Easter Reading Challenge

Your child will have brought home an Easter reading challenge this week. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible over the Easter holidays. Pupils who complete the reading challenge will receive a certificate and 5 Dojo points!

## Reading Parent Survey

Have you completed our reading survey on Class Dojo yet?

We are also seeking ways to support and improve reading at school, so this will really help us. Thanks in advance.

## New Books

We have ordered lots of new non-fiction books with the money raised from the sponsored read. These are all linked to our learning and we cannot wait to use them after Easter!





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## Story Time Texts in Year 2 - 6

Every day, teachers spend time reading high-quality texts to their class. This term, our story time texts are:

Year 2 - **The Boy who Grew Dragons** by Andy Shepherd

Year 3 - **The Girl who Walked on Air** by Emma Carroll

Year 4 - **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

Year 5 - **The Golden Butterfly** by Sharon Gosling

Year 6 - **Fireweed** by Jill Paten Walsh

## Story Time Texts in Reception and Year 1

Each day, pupils in Acorn and Ash vote for their story time text. They are encouraged to look at the front cover and inside the book to help them make their preferred choice.

These texts sometimes involve books that we have read before because it is important to hear them being read again!

## September 2023 Starters

Do you have a child who is starting Willow in September 2023? Keep a look out for information about our story time sessions during the summer term!

## Book Swap

Do you have any children's books at home that are in good condition, that you no longer need? If so, please drop them off at the office, where we now have a book swap. Please feel free to take a book to enjoy as a family. All we ask is that you replace one for another, so that other families can enjoy them too!

## Reading Rangers

We are still looking for some parents who would like to volunteer in school to hear readers in different year groups. If you would like to be involved with this. Please let Miss Simmonds know via Class Dojo.

# Have a wonderful Easter break!

