



# Willow's Wonderful World of Reading

Termly Newsletter - May 2023



Welcome to our second reading newsletter! Once again, this term has had a firm focus on the development of reading at Willow. I am excited to share with you what we have been doing to raise the profile of reading and ensure that our pupils are confident, fluent readers!

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

## Usborne Books from our Sponsored Read Event



Look at all of the books we bought using the money from our sponsored read event! Thank you so much for supporting this at home. These books are all linked to the learning we are doing in history, geography, science, art etc. They will be available for us to look at in our class libraries.

## Phonics Screening Check

Every June, children in Year 1 take part in a phonics screening check. This tests pupils' ability to read words using their sound knowledge. Good luck to Ash class and to some Year 2 children who are doing re-takes this year.

## Reading Diaries

Please remember to sign your child's diary when you have heard them read, or remind them to sign it themselves when they have read on their own.

We are looking into ways of celebrating when pupils have chosen to read a certain amount at home. Watch this space!

## Parent Reading Survey

Many thanks to those of you who completed our parent reading survey. Here are some lovely comments made by our parent community:

*My child has made huge progress in reading, where now she independently reads almost all books at the age of 5, this is all because of her absolutely amazing class teachers. THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

*I'm really impressed with the way Willow encourage reading in children. Reading books are key to knowledge and intelligence in a child...*

## Top 50 Reads

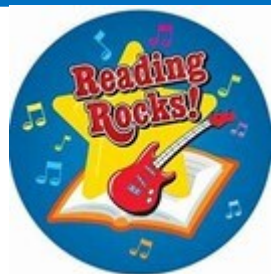
Take a look on Dojo for the top 50 recommended reads for your child's age!





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## Reading Rocks

This term, we have introduced 'Reading Rocks' assemblies, where children in Early Years and Key Stage One have been hearing stories written by Oliver Jeffers and Key Stage Two have heard extracts of text by Malorie Blackman.

These assemblies are introducing our children to a range of different authors.

Our authors of the term for our final term this year are:

**Nick Sharratt (EYFS/KS1) and Cressida Cowell (KS2).**



We have also decided that reading is so amazing, that we are now calling our whole class reading lessons, 'Reading Rocks' lessons! We have recently purchased a new teaching resource which is introducing each class to three extracts from three different texts a week. So far, the children are loving having a range of extracts, they are enjoying the amount of discussion we are having about the texts and some of the pupils have already asked if we can buy the real book for their class library! Reading really does ROCK!

## Book Swap

It has been really pleasing to see pupils looking at the books at the front of school. Remember to take what you need and have a read! Please also try to swap it with one you have already enjoyed, so that other people can enjoy them too!

## Books Home

Your child should have a fluency reading book and a book for pleasure. The book for pleasure might be read by your child, but they might need you or another family member to read it to them. It is a book to enjoy as a family. **Please make sure all books come back to school DAILY.**







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## FREE books!

We have been so fortunate to have received 129 free books for our class libraries. These were given to us by 'Read for Good'.



## Story Time

This term, every class has been given a story time box, which will contain a selection of books that the teacher will choose to read in story time. These books are recommended reads for the year group or they are books that have been enjoyed during our Reading Rocks lessons.

## Class Libraries

Each class has been developing their own class library within the classroom. These are books that we can choose to read for pleasure. They also show which books we have been reading in class during story time and the author of the term.



# Have a wonderful half term break!

