

Alexandra Park Primary School



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Reading Newsletter Autumn 2



Headteacher update



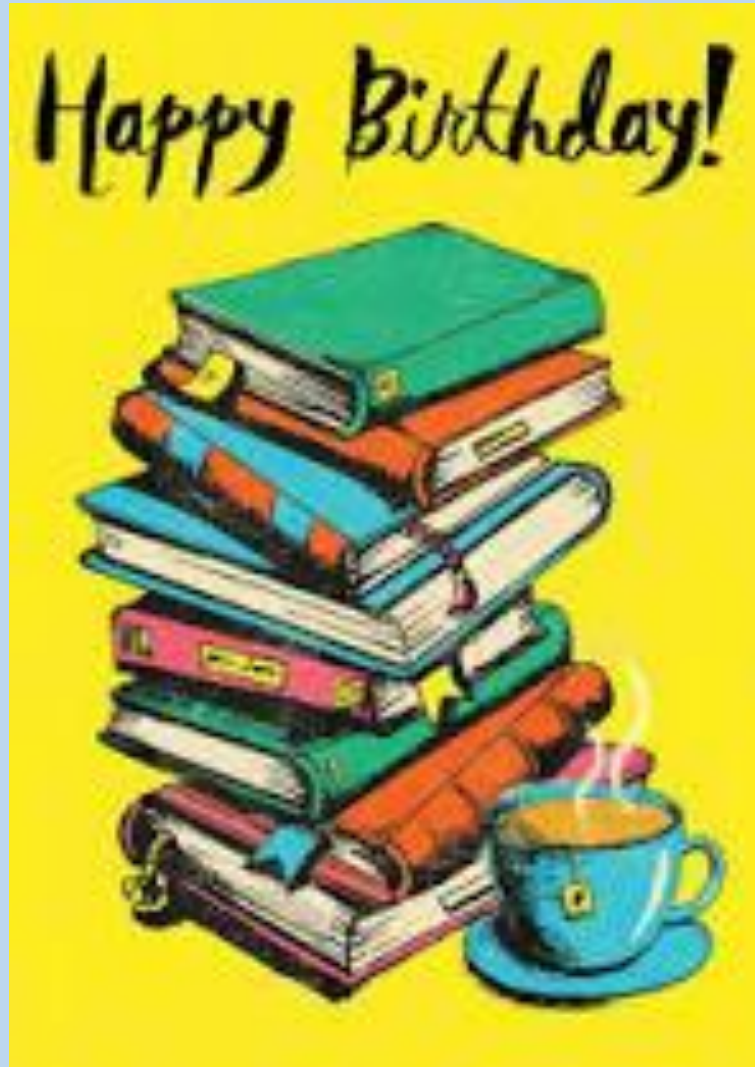
Mr Brooke - Headteacher - enjoying one of his regular story time sessions with Key Stage 1

Each half term I can see that we are getting closer and closer to our goal of every child being a reader. I am fortunate that my office is next to the library so I get to hear the children talk excitedly about different books and authors. It is clear to see how much the children are enjoying reading books from the 100 book reading challenge.

Also, I was impressed with the Year 4 children coming to see me to request more Dogman books, which I know they have enjoyed reading. I hope you enjoy reading about all the great things that have happened this term and the exciting things we have coming up.

Birthday Book Celebration!

Key Stage One



Starting after Christmas, we would like to launch our 'Birthday Book' project in Key Stage One.

When it is your child's birthday, we would like them to share and enjoy a book in class with their classmates, alongside the help of their class teacher. Choosing this story for the day can be done in various ways:

- 1) Bring a book from home to share with the class.
- 2) Enjoy a book from our own school bookshelves, that they will be able to choose on their special day for class story time.

Reading Ambassadors

Spooky Story Time!

This half term, our Reading Ambassadors enjoyed planning and reading spooky Halloween stories to our early years and key stage one children. They showed great collaboration and pride in how they delivered these sessions and were really pleased that they were able to share their love of reading and enjoy various stories together. They are now looking forward to planning their next reading project across school. Excellent work!



Poetry Competition

This half term, Year 3 have worked hard to produce, perform and submit entries for a local poetry competition. Organised by Seven Arches Publishing, during spring, children's author and poet, Michael Rosen will come to a Stockport stage to read some of his own poetry and to give encouragement to the children who have written poems for the festival.

The exciting day when Michael Rosen is on a Stockport stage is **20th March 2024**.

Children whose winning poems have been selected can join him on the stage and read their poems either on their own or with friends. Good luck, Year 3!



Year 3!

Share the stage with...

Michael Rosen

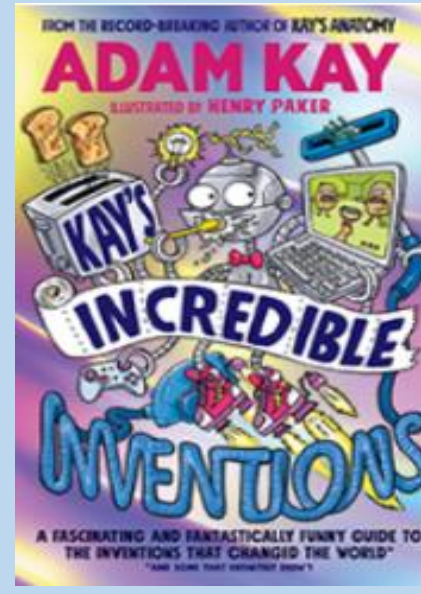
STOCKPORT

Children's Poetry Festival

Free to Take Part

Online authors and illustrators

This half term, children in Year 2 and Year 4 have had the opportunity to meet and learn more about different authors and illustrators. As well as enjoying a story read-along, they have participated in interactive workshops and question & answer sessions that have helped build their love of reading and literature. The teachers and children are excited to explore these books in more depth now in class and feel inspired to see where reading will take them next.



100 Book Challenge

Key Stage Two are continuing with their class reading challenge of reading the 'Top 100 Books' for their year group. As well as enjoying reading their books, they are taking great pride in giving book reviews and discussing recommendations with the class. Keep up the great work, everyone!



Reading for pleasure...

Parents

Stay and Read...



Stay and read continues to be a huge success this half term. The children really do love you joining them and return to class each week with a huge smile.

Share and Care...



Thank you for your generous book donations during our 'Share and Care' event. There were so many great texts that will now go to a new home and be enjoyed by all.

Parents Questionnaire

Thank you for your recent responses to our school questionnaire, where there were lots of positive messages about reading at Alex Park. As always, we really appreciate all of your comments to celebrate what we are doing well but also ideas on how we can develop our reading approach further.

We are seeing our son's reading ability improve week on week. The smaller group daily sessions seem to be very effective as does bringing home one book he has read and something new but based off the week's learning.

Louie has come on leaps and bounds with his reading. He loves it and the school has had a huge impact on this. He is reading at a great level.

Over the last year my daughter has improved massively with her reading, she is now such a confident reader and it's amazing to see just how well she is doing.

My children have really surprised me since starting in reception and how quickly they recognise sounds and letters.

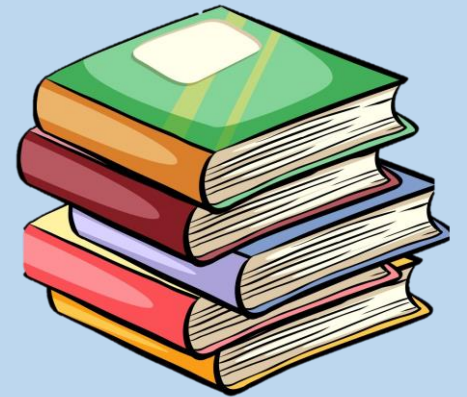
My son is becoming a more fluent reader and is trying a wider selection of books from all the good work within school on the love of reading.

My son loves to read and a love of reading is installed from a very early age at Alex Park.

I see it in their writing and requests for books.

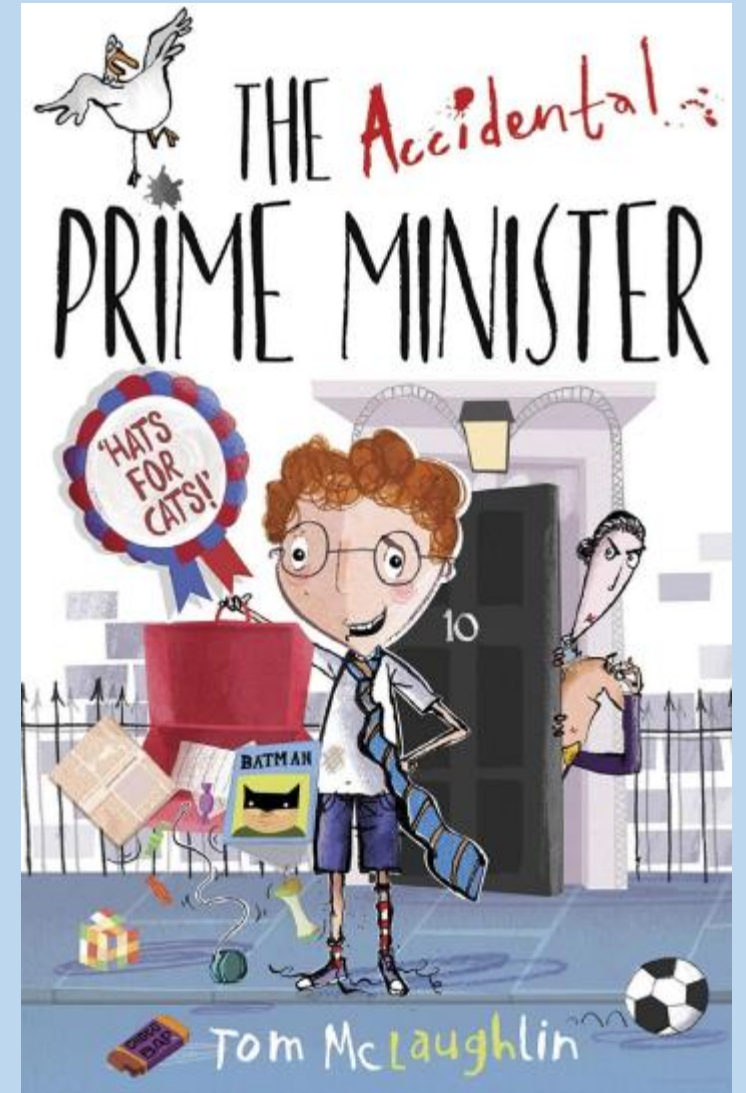
My child loves everything about books. He loves stories and science knowledge-based books. He is making huge improvements with his reading, which I believe is credit to the school.

My daughter loves the 100 book challenge and the way the children review the books with each other in class. She has requested several books for Christmas that have been reviewed by her friends in class as part of the challenge.



Coming next this spring...

As we continue to develop children's love of reading, next term we will be welcoming into school Tom McLaughlin – an inspirational author/illustrator who has written many picture and chapter books. Tom will work alongside children to help nurture their love of reading, writing and art.



Author visits Alex Park...

Coming next this spring...

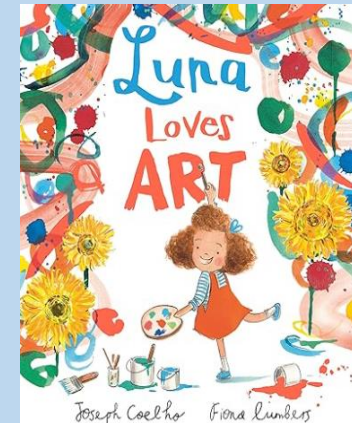
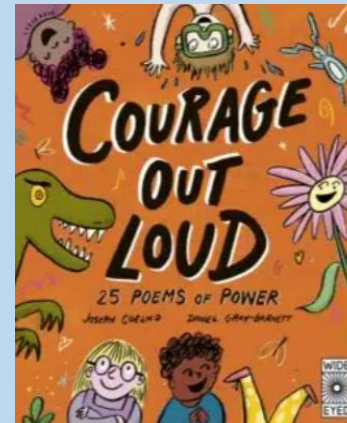
Authors of the month!

We are continuing to support children with their growing awareness and enjoyment of texts from different authors. We are passionate about exposing children to a range of authors from different backgrounds to promote a love of reading and developing a broader reading diet. Our Reading Ambassadors will be busy working alongside teachers to promote our 'Author of the Month' project across school. We will let you know each month who the author is so you can try and read some of these texts at home, too.

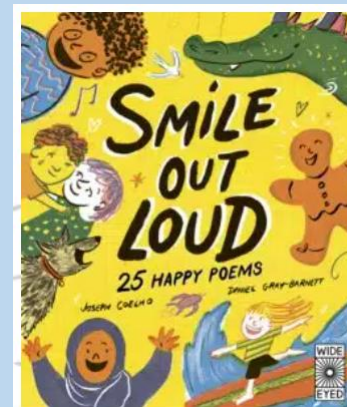
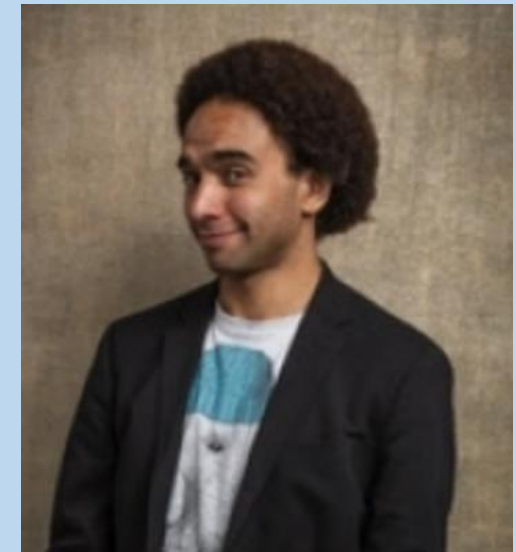
Please find here details about our **January** author!

The Reading Ambassadors will be making a small display each month to be displayed in our school library to help raise the awareness and profile of each author.

January



Joseph Coelho



Key Stage One...

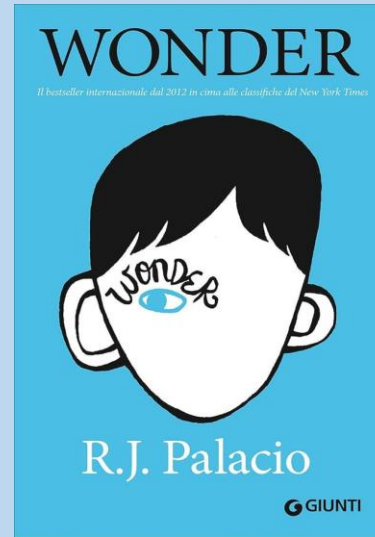
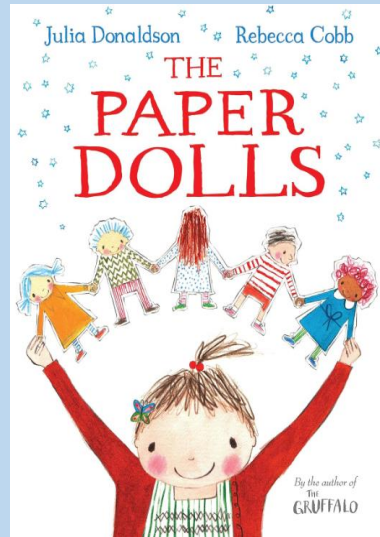
Teacher Readers

Key Stage Two...



Mr Seneviratne

One of my favourite books is Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb because it teaches a really important message about how special moments and memories can last as lifetime. I am currently reading Benjamin Zephaniah's autobiography.



Miss Stacey

I really enjoyed reading the book 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio. I was engrossed with the storyline and feel it shares a key message about accepting and celebrating differences. Year 4 have enjoyed reading 'An Alien in the Jam Factory' because it had lots of humour!

