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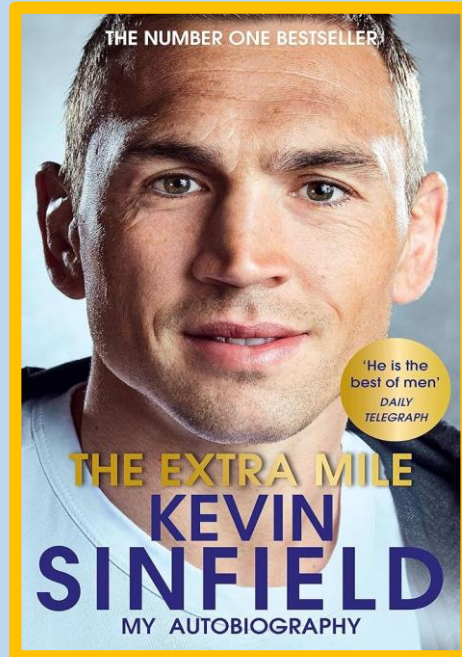
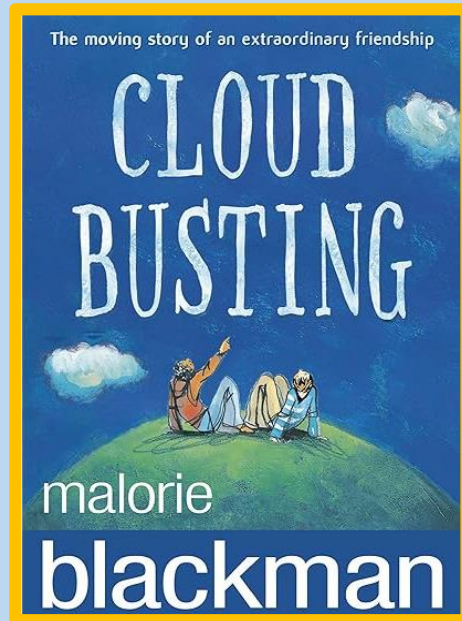
Reading Newsletter Autumn 1



Headteacher



"Currently, I'm reading Cloud Busting to my own girls and have just finished reading Kevin Sinfield's biography - both great books!"



“Welcome to our reading newsletter. Here, we share with you all the things we are doing in school to help your child enjoy reading and become a successful reader. You will have heard me say many times that reading will never be a barrier to any child’s learning or happiness. We are delighted with how this year has started and the children’s ever increasing enthusiasm for reading. By sharing what we are doing in school with you, we hope that it will help you work with us to further develop your child’s love of reading.”

Our library

This half term we have worked hard to create a calm, inspiring library space for children to enjoy. The children have loved the new art work around the library as well as exploring the different fictions and non-fiction sections around the room. Weekly library slots are helping children to explore different authors and illustrators based on their interests.



Summer reading challenge



We were delighted that so many children read 6 books from the library this summer and it was great to see how proud they were of their certificate and themselves! A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts a child can have.



Reading Ambassadors

Reading for pleasure continues to be a very important part of school life and we have been busy reading these past few weeks in classes! We are proud to have new Reading Ambassadors in post who are going to share their passion with the school community this year. They already have some amazing ideas for activities, events and opportunities.



Quotes from our Ambassadors

"My favourite book at the minute is Smile by Raina Telgemeier."

"I love reading because it takes you to a different world."

"I would recommend Spaceboy because it has funny characters."

"Reading is important as it helps us achieve in other subjects, too."

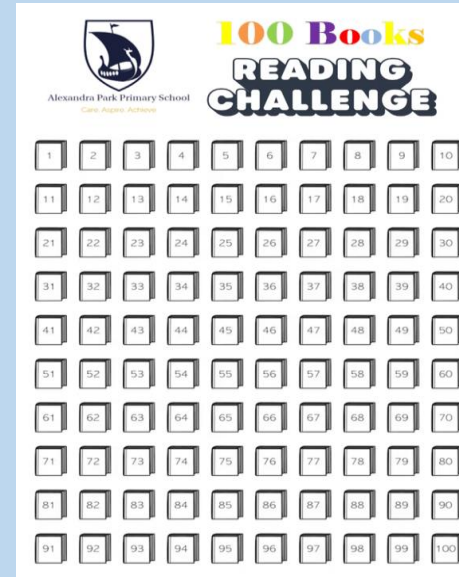
"My favourite authors are David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson."

"My favourite book at the minute is There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar."

"I would recommend Rick Riordan and the Percy Jackson series as it's full of adventure."

100 Book Challenge

This term, we have launched the '100 Book Reading Challenge' for years 3 to 6. We have purchased the top 100 recommended books for each year group for children and families to enjoy. Within each section, there is a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to celebrate a range of authors, themes and text types. Each class will collaborate and work towards reading all 100 books throughout the year.



Reading for pleasure...



Parents

Stay and Read...



It was great to see so many of our Year 1 and 2 parents join us for our 'Stay and Read' sessions this half term. The children really do love you joining them and returned to class with a huge smile. Once our Nursery and Reception children are settled into their classes and routines, we are hoping that they will join us too.

Blue Peter...

We have been encouraging children to participate in lots of book talk within class to help develop their knowledge of authors and love of reading. Here is an opportunity for your child to complete a book review and send an application form into the BBC for their very own Blue Peter Book Club badge. It would be fantastic if we could achieve some of these! If your child is successful, please ask them to bring their badge into school so we can celebrate their excellent reading.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>



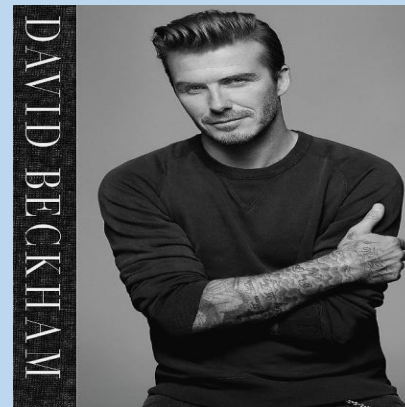
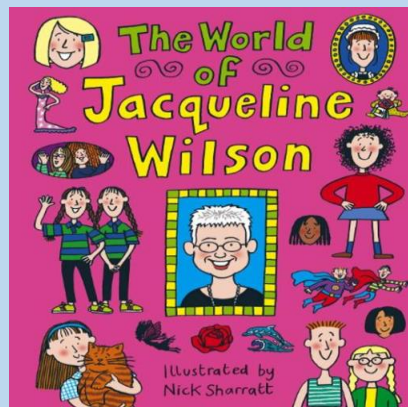
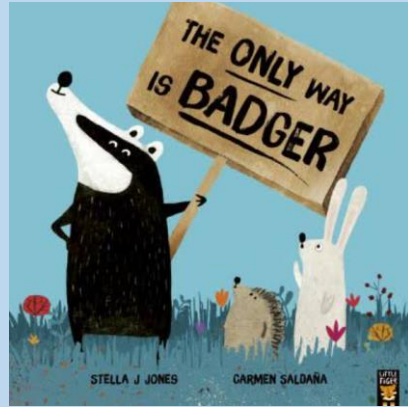
Key Stage One...



Miss Tighe

My favourite book at the minute is *The Only Way is Badger* because it teaches the importance of respecting peoples' differences. My favourite author as a child was Jacqueline Wilson.

Guest readers



Key Stage Two...



Mr Williams

As a child, I loved reading books by R.L. Stine. Currently, I enjoy reading autobiographies from various sportsmen and women as well as music artists. I believe we learn to read then read to learn."

Reading buddies...

Next half term, our Reading Ambassadors are looking forward to reading with Key Stage One children at lunchtimes to share their love of reading.



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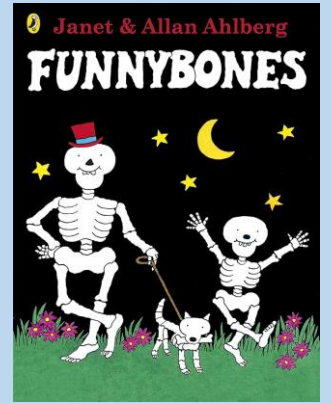
Virtual Author Visit...

Next half term, we will be taking part in some virtual webinars with several authors and illustrators, who will be sharing their latest books and answering questions.



Spooky stories...

On Tuesday, 31st October, our Reading Ambassadors have decided they would like to read some spooky stories to other children across school. What a great idea!



Poetry Festival...

Organised by Seven Arches Publishing, some of our children will be taking part in the Stockport Children's Poetry Festival. The theme for the poems is 'The Environment'. There is an opportunity for potential winners to join Michael Rosen on stage to read their poems.

