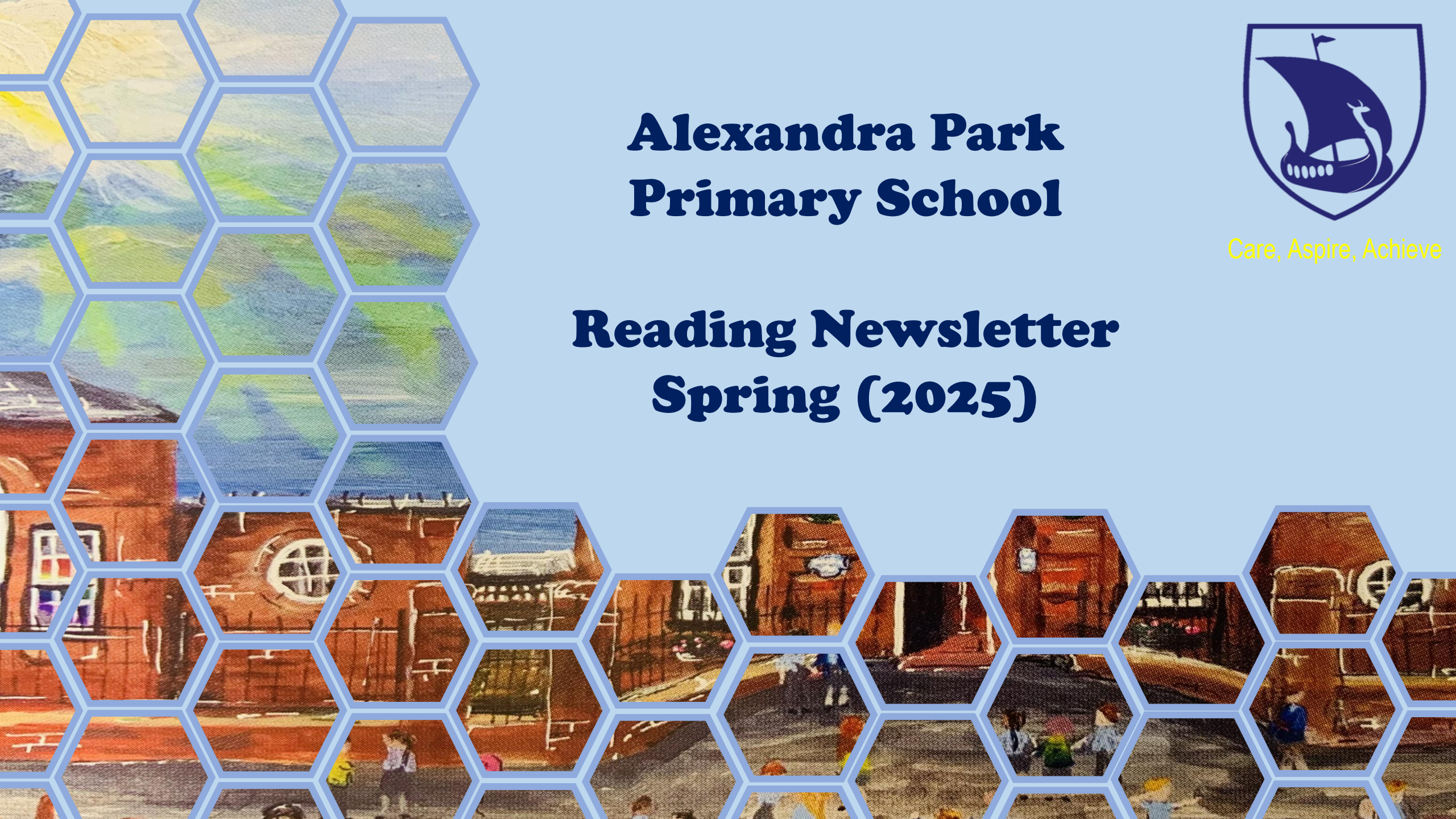


Alexandra Park Primary School



Care, Aspire, Achieve

Reading Newsletter Spring (2025)



Reading Ambassadors

Working as a team!


This term, our reading ambassadors have been busy thinking of ideas about how to develop reading for pleasure across school. They helped organise ideas for World Book Week, which was a huge success. Furthermore, they have visited our local library and helped continue to share books in class that are linked to engagement, our school values and the wider curriculum areas.




100 Book Reading Challenge


We are delighted each week in assembly to see children achieving their awards in the year group reading challenges. Building on this, they continue to share book reviews in class and recommend books so we can continue to grow our love of reading and knowledge of different text types and authors.



 **Diamond Award**

★ Well done ★
for achieving 400 reading points in the
100 Books Challenge



 Date: _____ Signed: _____



World Book Week!

This term, we enjoyed celebrating our love of reading through World Book Week. Throughout the week, we took part in a variety of activities and events to help develop reading for pleasure.

This involved children from different ages working together. This year, the theme was again 'Read Your Way'. The excitement around school was fantastic and we had such a fun time!

Mystery
Reader



Mystery Reader Quiz - Audio Books

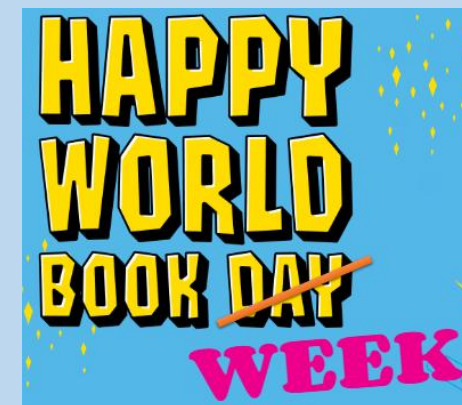
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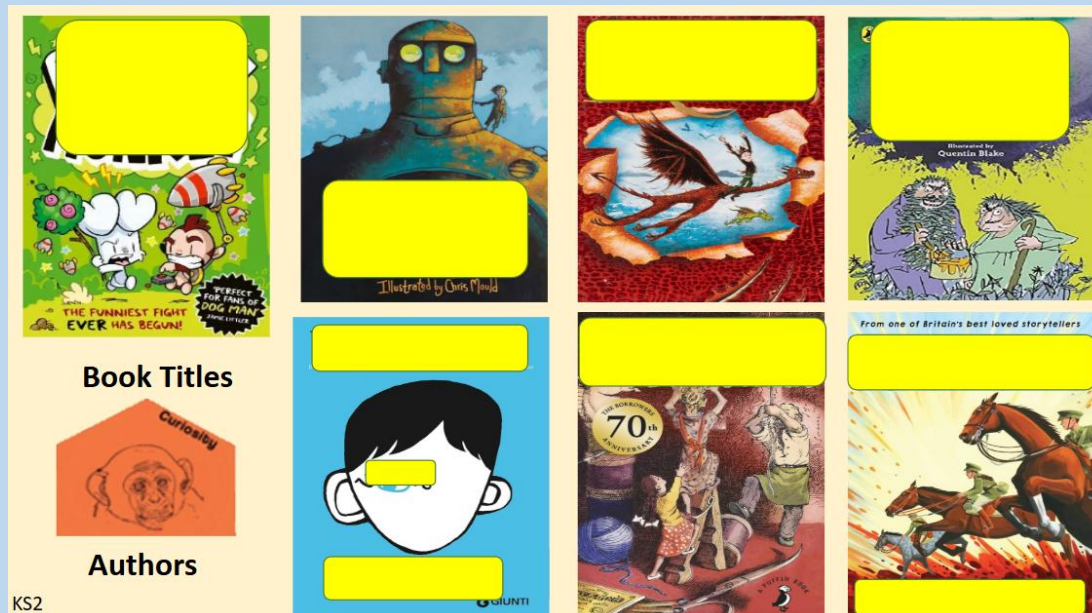
READ YOUR WAY

Find the right **way** to read
Find the right **thing** to read
Find the right **time and place** to read

Assembly Launch!



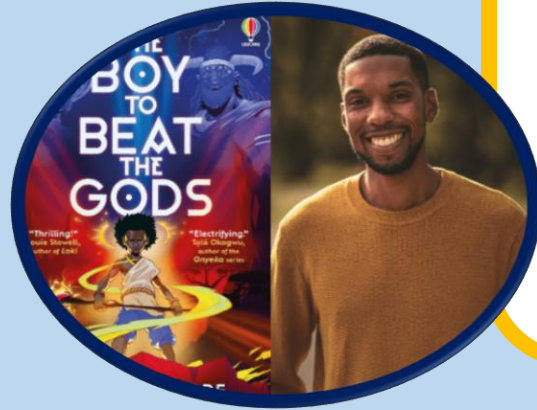
Author Quiz



World Book Week!

Author Visits!

“It was an absolute pleasure hearing all of your students' amazing ideas and seeing that love of reading! Really well done for fostering that atmosphere.” A.Thorpe



We had the privilege of welcoming **Ashley Thorpe** to support our work around reading for pleasure. Ashley is an inspirational local author who is passionate about creativity, diversity and fantastical adventures! Ashley discussed his journey to becoming an author and shared with us details of his latest title, 'The Boy to Beat the Gods'. He later led some writing workshops in Key Stage Two and interacted with children during a book signing session.



Ashley Thorpe

To Alex Park,
Keep reading. Keep creating.
You're awesome!
Ashley Thorpe

Steve Webb

We also welcomed the engaging and inspirational author/illustrator, Steve Webb, during this term.

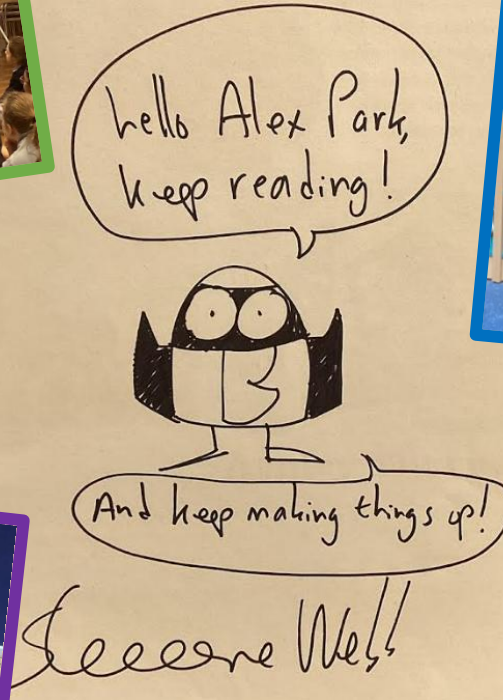
Steve has written a variety of graphic novels and picture books that appealed to children across all phases in our school.

On the day, Steve delivered assemblies and lead writing workshops for a range of year groups across KS1 and KS2.

Furthermore, EYFS enjoyed some Storytime sessions with Steve, which they were super excited about!



Author/illustrator Visit!



Story time!



Extreme Reading!

We challenged the children (and staff) to read in extreme, unusual places. Take a look at just some of the wonderful places people have been reading. Well done, everyone!



Vocabulary Day

Children took part in our vocabulary day by coming dressed as one of their favourite words. This may have come from a favourite book or a word they wanted to recommend to others! It was great to see so many children explaining the meaning of their words and sharing which book it had come from.



Parents

Questionnaire

Thank you for your responses earlier in the term 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.

My daughter has recently purchased some Shakespeare books to read at home after learning about him in class. This is a great positive influence.

The 100 books challenge has spurred my daughter on to compete and read as many books as possible before she finishes school, so insists on reading many pages at night to achieve this.

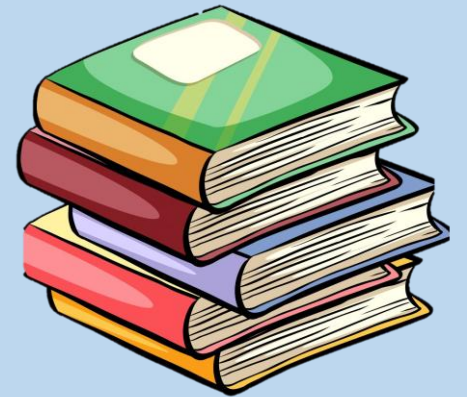
My child has progressed incredibly in such a short time. Her phonics classes are going well and she enjoys them. She's keen to try reading for herself and is improving each week.

My son reads all the time due to the schools encouragement.

My son is becoming a more fluent reader and is trying a wider selection of books.

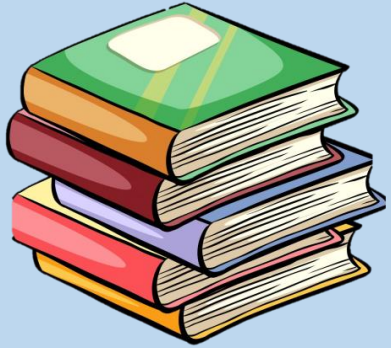
My child is thriving in his reading, which is encouraged with his teacher and team at APPS. They understand his learning as well as assess his ability and provide suitable material to his reading level. We are grateful for the teaching at APPS.

My child loves book club in class and being able to recommend texts to his classmates.



Parents

Stay and Read...



As always, thank you for your continued engagement with our stay and read sessions. The children really do love you joining them and returned to class with a huge smile. This makes a huge difference to their reading for pleasure. Thank you!

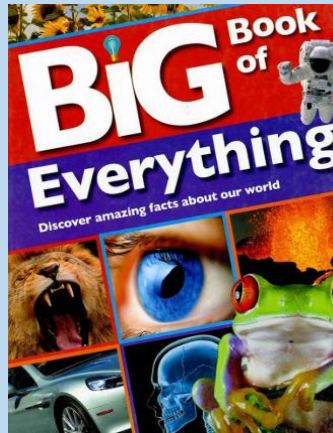
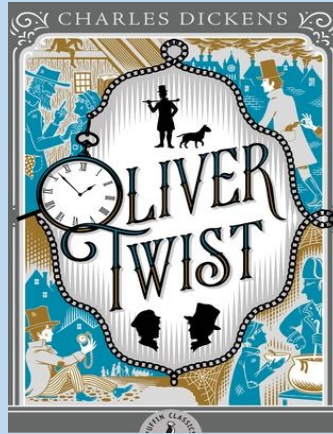
Key Stage One...



Mrs Wood

Growing up, I loved reading a non-fiction text called The Big Book of Everything. I remember using it to learn about lots of different things and feeling fascinated by the facts inside. As a teacher, my favourite text to share with the class was Charles Dickens', Oliver Twist.

Guest readers



Office team...



Mr Mayhew

I really enjoy reading fantasy fiction books. At the minute, I am hooked by Robert Jordan's series – 'The Wheel of Time'.

I also love reading with my own daughter now and we read lots of books every night! Our favourite one at the moment is 'The Singing Mermaid' by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.