

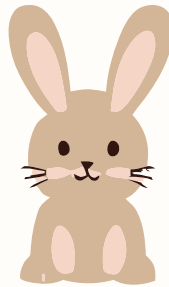
I ♥ BOOKS



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Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to the Easter Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the second issue of our Reading Newsletter where we celebrate all things books and reading! With World Book Day falling on the first Thursday of March each year, this half term is always one big celebration of reading and this year has been no exception, so read on for a snapshot of what's been happening through the school.

Class Reads

These are some of the books we're reading in our classes right now if you would like to talk about them at home...



Nursery



Reception

Reading is...

Please keep the photos coming of you reading out and about and of what reading looks like for you. Thank you to Maisy for this brilliant snap of her reading to her pet rats – looks like they're really enjoying the story!

Send in your reading photographs to:
admin@meolebrace-pri.shropshire.sch.uk

We'd love to share more to keep inspiring each other, while reminding ourselves that not all reading happens in the classroom or the library!



Book Talk

It's really important to talk to children about the books they read. These chats can happen at any time but will really help to develop the children's vocabularies, while also helping them to get excited about books, creating a lifelong love of reading! In the 'Book Talk' section of each Reading Newsletter, we offer ideas of sentence starters for these discussions.

**My favourite part
of the story was
when.....**



Class Reads



Year 1



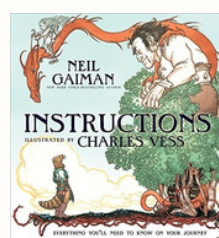
Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



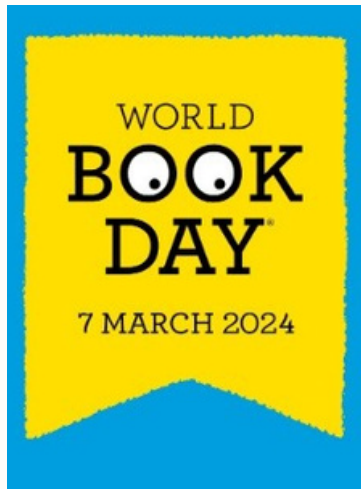
Benefits of Reading



According to extensive research compiled by BookTrust, children who read are more likely to develop empathy and creativity.

To find out more, read the [BookTrust's interactive booklet on the benefits of reading](#).

Reading Events - World Book Day



On Thursday 7th March, we joined schools around the globe in celebrating World Book Day. We enjoyed a visit from a storyteller and the children were all able to visit a different teacher in the school to hear a favourite book. Meanwhile, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day out in Shrewsbury town centre, visiting Shrewsbury Museum, The Mount House (Darwin's childhood home), Shrewsbury Library and Waterstones bookshop where they exchanged their £1 book tokens.



Reading Events - World Book Day



Whether dressed up as favourite book characters, or as words related to a favourite book, the children had a fantastic day getting inspired and celebrating authors, illustrators, books and literature. We hope they all enjoyed exchanging their WBD Tokens for a free book. If they are yet to do so, the books were available locally at Sainsbury's, as well as at Waterstones and the Works in town and at Asda supermarket.

Supporting Readers at Home

The poster below from the Open University, offers some hints and tips on how to best support reading at home based on their research. Click on the image to see a bigger version of the poster and for more ideas, visit the [Open University Reading for Pleasure website](http://www.ourfp.org).

Supporting Readers at Home

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

- Read Aloud**: Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.
- Family Reading Time**: Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.
- Book Chat**: Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org

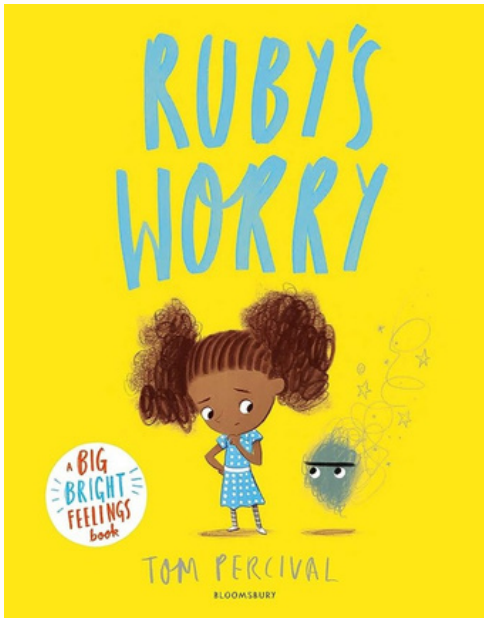
I wonder if...why... what...who...



Recommended Reads



Following on from Children's Mental Health Week last month, this edition of Recommended Reads features titles related to children's social, emotional and mental well-being. As always, each of our Recommended Reads are available in our School Library, Shrewsbury Library and all good book shops!



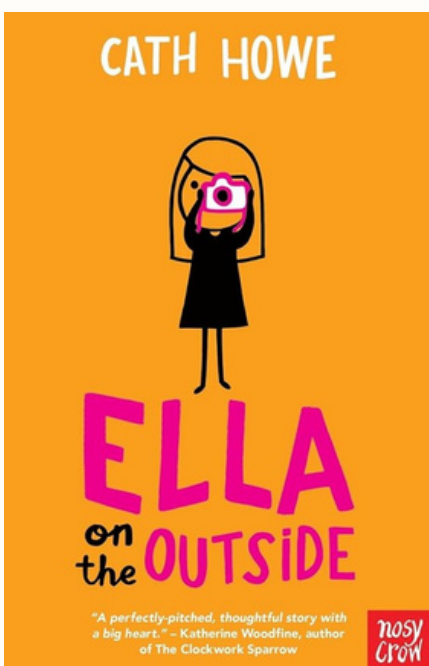
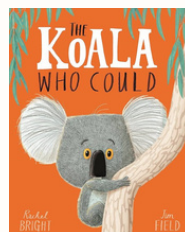
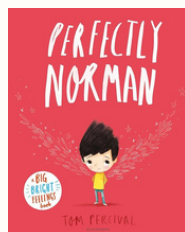
Ruby's Worry

by Tom Percival

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

From Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series, this is the perfect book for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.

Perfect for fans of:

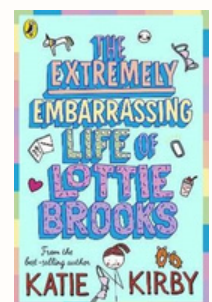
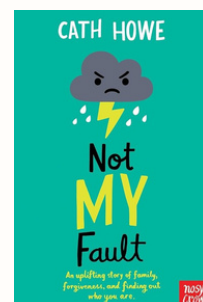


Ella on the Outside

by Cath Howe

Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend – but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone? Her time at this new school is a gripping story filled with secrets, lies and friendship...

Perfect for fans of:





Recommended Reads



Happy Poems

chosen by Roger McGough

Poems to make you smile! Critically acclaimed poet Roger McGough has drawn together a fantastic collection of upbeat poems to bring happiness into your day with this uplifting collection Happy Poems. Perfect for happy children or those needing a little cheer, Roger reminds us that happiness can be found all around us.

Perfect for fans of:



Frankie's World by Aoife Dooley

Frankie knows she's not like anyone else in her class: she's different, but she can't quite figure out why. Is it the new freckle on her nose, or the fact she's small for her age? Or that she has to go to the hospital sometimes? Everyone else seems to think she's weird too, and they make fun of her at school. Frankie's dad left when she was a baby - maybe he was different too? It would explain why she always feels like an alien. So she and her best-friend Sam, embark on a mission to track him down.

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