



Reading Rocks!

Everyone, everyday, forever.

This term has been a very busy one and everyone has been working hard to make sure that the love of books and reading is reaching all the children in school. Here are some of the things we have been doing in school to promote a love of reading to everyone.

Drop Everything And Read!

We were so happy to welcome lots of parents and grandparents into school for our family Drop Everything and Read session earlier this term. Drop Everything and Read (or DEAR as it is sometimes known) is an important part of our curriculum and every class has a timetabled DEAR session every week. The reason for this is that it gives children a chance to pursue their own reading interests, explore new genres and share books with their friends. We know that this social element of reading is a crucial part of encouraging children, especially those who don't often choose to read of their own volition, to see reading in a different way. Our children live in such a technical world and it has never been harder to tempt children to read a book when there are so many other exciting things to do. However, we also know that books are just as exciting once you discover them and that all these positive experiences we offer in school add up and will help set your child off on this journey.



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Jolabokaflod

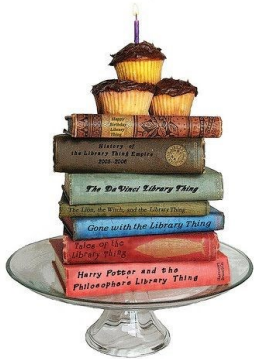
Jolabokaflod

Have you heard of the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod? Roughly translated into 'Christmas book flood' in English, Jolabokaflod is a Christmas Eve tradition where families give one another a new book to enjoy and then settle down in their favourite cosy reading place with a mug of cocoa and peacefully spend the evening reading. It sounds like a wonderfully festive way to bring some calm to what can be a very exciting night before Christmas!



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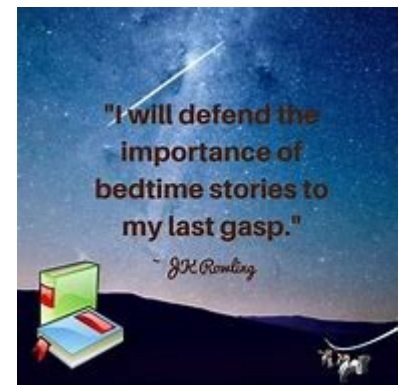


Just a reminder...

When it is your child's birthday we would love them to bring their favourite story in from home to share with the rest of the class. The birthday children love this extra treat and their friends and teachers are always excited to hear more about what they like reading at home.

Bedtime Stories

We are so looking forward to welcoming lots of the children into our school for Christmas Bedtime Stories in the last week of term. Nothing could be nicer than a warm cup of hot chocolate, a biscuit and listening to some lovely Christmas stories. Why not have a go at recreating the atmosphere in your own homes over the Christmas holidays and snuggle up with a blanket, a treat and your family's favourite books by the light of the Christmas tree. Lovely!



The children have been enjoying lots of festive books in school. If you are looking to give somebody a Christmas themed book this year, here are some of our favourites...

Picture Books



Longer Picture Books/ Chapter Books

