

Welcome to our summer 2 Thurlstone Primary School Reading Newsletter! Here is our final update about what is going on to promote our love of reading across school for this year! I've included lots of information for you, including what you need to know about the summer reading challenge happening in libraries across Barnsley. We will also be having a book sale next week too!

I hope you all have a restful, happy summer filled with plenty of reading, and I look forward to sharing our next newsletter when we welcome you back in September.
Happy Reading! Miss Houghton x



EYFS and KS1 current reads and favourite moments of the year:

Our FS2 class have been doing some writing based on the book 'The Sea Saw' about a girl who loses her teddy at the beach. It's been lovely to read and link to their topic 'On the Beach'. They've also been reading about looking after the ocean too! Like in the book 'Who Swallowed Stanley?'. Miss Brown has been looking at 'The Tortoise and the Hare' with FS2, and finding out that fairy stories and fables come in many different versions. Miss Brown loved looking at books about sporting heroes with the class, as it even inspired someone to go home and find out more about Tom Daley! Mrs. Clayton and Miss Downey remembered the children loving the book 'Dylan the Teacher', about how pretending to be the teacher might not be the easiest job...and inspired the little ones to pretend to be teachers too! Miss Brown and Mrs. Clayton have loved watching their class become readers, and hearing them sounding out independently now.

Y1 have been looking at the book 'Toys in Space' and doing some writing based on this, which Mrs. Stokoe says has been amazing! They've also recently had another family reading session in class, which always seems so popular with parents and families. The Y1s also completed their Phonics Screening Check this term and wow! They did a fantastic job, showing us just how brilliant they are at reading. Some of Mrs. Stokoe's favourite moments from this year have been watching those amazing 'lightbulb' moments with her children, and listening to their reading become so much more fluent. One of Mrs. Stokoe's favourite books they've looked at is 'Anna's Amazing Coloured Glasses'. She loved the whole process of reading and writing with this!

Miss Collins has loved reading two books in particular with her class this year: 'Daisy and the Trouble with Life' and 'The Enchanted Wood'. What she has loved the most is that some of Year 2 were inspired to buy some of the books in the different series themselves, and some children are even reading ahead of the class now! Miss Collins has also loved reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. This was right at the beginning of the year, and was linked to writing and to the class theme too! The children learned the story and can even remember it now! Miss Collins has also noticed the children love reading newspapers in their reading time – especially looking at the different puzzles!

KS2 current reads and favourite moments of the year:

Y3 have recently been looking at the book 'Zeraffa the Giraffa' and linking it to their writing. It tells the true story of the journey of a real giraffe travelling from Sudan to Paris, all to please King Charles X. Mrs. Smeaton has really been enjoying it too! They've also been looking at bees in their reading sessions, and enjoying all texts bee-related. Mrs. Smeaton asked her class which story book has been their favourite this year, and they all said 'Evie and the Animals'. I remember writing about that book in a previous newsletter and it sounded brilliant!

Y4 have looked at a variety of texts this half term – from rainforests to stories from around the world! They've really enjoyed the different texts they've discovered. Some of Mr. Hughes' highlights (and what he assures me were Y4's highlights too) were books like 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow, as well as 'The Iron Man'. He says Y4 enjoyed linking these texts with their writing. They have also enjoyed listening to stories being read by authors – especially 'Demon Dentist' as David Walliams himself read that one! Another story they particularly enjoyed was 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' – a lovely book with beautiful illustrations.

In Year 5, I've loved two of our story time books this year: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and 'Kick'. The children seemed to be the most engaged with these books, and after reading, always formed a queue to who got to read the book first! We also loved looking at 'The Highway Man' and linking it to our writing – they produced some brilliant versions of the poem! Recently, we have been linking a book about the artist Jean Michel Basquiat to our writing. It has been so engaging, and has even inspired some children to go off and create their own artwork in the style of Jean Michel!

Instead of just asking Mr. Peace, I decided to ask Y6 themselves about their favourite reading moments of the year. They all said they LOVED the book 'Thornhill', as it had really cool illustrations (as well as writing) that were all in black and white. Every chapter ended on a cliff-hanger and it was really spooky and creepy. Similarly, they also enjoyed 'The Graveyard Book' (a little less scary but still spooky) and 'Hansel and Gretel' too, by the same author. They looked a little at the book 'Skychasers' in literacy and really enjoyed that too! In guided reading, they really enjoyed looking at the books 'The Hunger Games' and 'Lord of the Rings', and even watching the trailers and answering questions about those too!

Book Review by FS2 Miles Beesley – Robin Hood

I have hundreds of favourite books! But my favourites are Disney books and one of my favourite Disney books is Robin Hood. My mum and dad read this book to me and it's really interesting. It's actually got me interested in archery too and I'm really good at it. Once, I shot an arrow and it broke the target! I got an outfit to be like Robin Hood with a bow and arrow and my grandma got me a badge that Father Christmas sewed on! My outfit looks like the original Robin Hood because I have the original book and I have the Disney book too. As well as the book, I really like the movie. My favourite song in the movie is 'Phony King of England'. I'd really like to talk to my friends about Robin Hood, but not many people have heard of it, so they just say, "What on earth are you talking about?" It would be nice if they read it too. I have lots of books I'd like to tell you about!

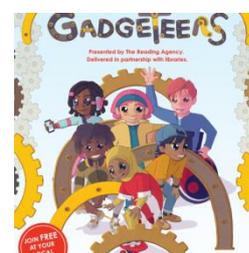
What a treat it was talking to Miles about reading! I can tell he absolutely loves to read, and I've heard from his teachers he likes to read in class too! Well done, super reader Miles!

Summer Reading Challenge:

Your Child is invited to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 taking place at Barnsley Libraries. The challenge was designed by the Reading Agency to prevent the 'summer reading dip' which occurs during the summer holidays. This year, the Reading Agency has partnered with Science Museum Group to create Gadgeteers, a very exciting science-themed challenge. The challenge aims to inspire children to explore the science and innovation in the world around them whilst encouraging creativity and reading for pleasure.

How the challenge works:

- Children sign up at their local library and receive a Gadgeteers folder.
- Children read six library books of their choice, collecting stickers and incentives.
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and medal.



All branch libraries across Barnsley will also be hosting at least 3 Gadgeteers themed activities to engage children in the challenge. These activities will be one hour long and will be spread out across the school holidays to ensure all children have the opportunity to attend at least one activity. These sessions are a great way to keep your children entertained throughout the holidays whilst also encouraging creativity and reading for pleasure.

Gadgeteers will run in all Barnsley Libraries from Saturday 9th July to Saturday 10th September for children age 4 to 11. It's fun and free to join. For more information and to sign up, please pop in to your local library branch.

If you manage to complete the challenge, bring any evidence you can to me in September, and you will receive a reward in school too!

THANK YOU!

This post is just to say a great big THANK YOU to our amazing Year 6 librarians who will be leaving us very soon. These guys have worked their socks off all year, giving up their lunchtimes, coming up with ideas and helping after school to create a real reading 'buzz' at Thurlstone. They are brilliant with our younger readers, supportive of our older readers and have made Library Club incredibly popular across school. I want to thank them all for being just absolute super stars, and I'll miss them so much next year. Next year's librarians will have some big shoes to fill! As a reward for their hard work, we will be having a treat, just the librarians and I, next Tuesday lunchtime. Thank you Heidi, Owen, Elsie, Scarlett, Eliza, Hannah, Annabelle, Rosie, Violet, Sophie and Evie!



Book Sale

On Monday 18th July, we will be selling books outside of the main entrance to school. This will be at 3.30pm. The books are old books from the library, as we would like to raise money to get some new and exciting books for our Thurlstone readers! The books will not have a price. They are in a mixture of conditions (and a mixture of ages!), so we would just like you to make us an offer for whatever you'd like to buy.