

THE READING BULLETIN

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What an exciting term it's been for 'reading' at Fleckney Primary! There are a lot of exciting projects in the pipeline; these will lift and support reading across the whole school.

As well as school reading news, this bulletin will also include book recommendations from some of the staff. From now on, we plan to include book reviews, changing the contributors each term. Please share these with your children. HAPPY EASTER!

Miss Baum, Mrs Headley and Mrs Galpin

Reading Together with Parents and Carers

The parents/carers reading sessions that have taken place each term across the school have been a major success. We have been delighted by the amount of family members who have attended and it has been wonderful to see different generations of families sharing and enjoying books. Our Summer term dates are as follows...

Foundation	Wed 5th June	2.30— 2.50pm
Year 1/Year 2	Wed 5th June	2.45— 3.05pm
Year 3/Year 4	Mon 10th June	2.45— 3.10pm
Year 5/Year 6	Mon 17th June	2.45— 3.10pm

The Reading Studio

Well, due to the amazing support received from: parents (sponsored walk), FSA, local company - Fiona Cairns, and the Ernest Cook Trust, plans are now well underway with the Reading Studio. We are in the midst of ordering furniture, new books and book sets for the delivery of class and group 'Book Talk'.

Due to the logistics (and to lessen disruption to the school working day) the painting and carpeting of the room will now take place at the beginning of the Summer break.

The Reading Studio is exactly what the school needs. We can't wait!

Competition Time!

Your child will be coming home with details of a competition that we will be running in the Summer Term. Children, who wish to take part, will be designing a wooden spoon character from a book of their choice. This will help to create our very first display in the Reading Studio.

Good luck!

Prizes for the winners!



Book Talk!

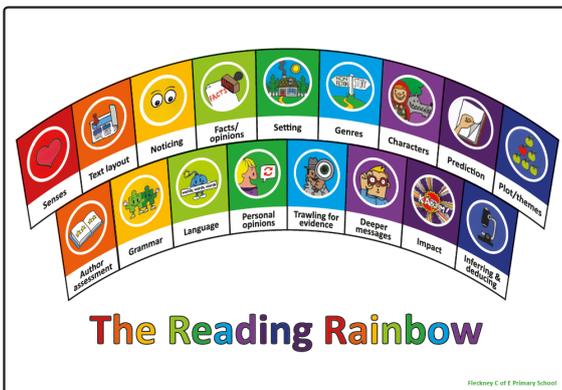
Mrs Galpin and Miss Baum have spent the last few months planning a brand new and exciting reading venture for our school.

They have adapted a 'Reading Rainbow' designed to teach children how to read for meaning.

The children in every class in the school will be involved in 'Book Talk' and will be examining words and sentences closely, considering and discussing aspects such as characters, setting, prediction, genre and themes.

The rest of the teaching staff have had a meeting to introduce this new idea and will experiment with the new ideas in the summer term before the launch in the Autumn term.

We can't wait to get started and will share more information with you during the next two terms.



Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair in March was again a huge success with an amazing £584 commission raised for the school.

This money has been spent on new school reading books and put towards book sets for the newly developed Book Talk that will be embedded across the school.

New Phonics Award!

We have recently introduced a special award into FS and KS1.

Each week, a member of staff chooses a pupil from their Phonics group to receive a certificate in assembly for their contribution and hard work in our daily phonic sessions.

We are very proud of the winners we have already awarded and have a tough job each week choosing a winner!



World Book Day!

On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day where we split into our 'buddy classes' and worked together on fun activities around the book 'We're all wonders'.

Through the book, the children developed their skills of empathy, self worth and kindness. The children produced a wide range of poems, songs, reflective writing and amazing art work which is currently on display around school.

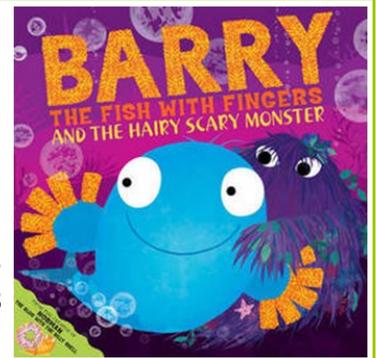


Book Recommendation 1—Miss Baum

I love to read picture books aloud and this is one of my favourites! Sue Hendra's books are funny, enjoyable and lend themselves brilliantly to adding expression when you read!

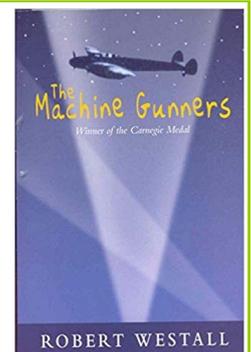
My favourite part is when Puffy discovers the monster! This is a sequel to 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' and in my opinion, it's even better!

I hope you enjoy it as much as me.



Book Recommendation 2—Mr Leah

The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall — I would recommend this book for anyone in upper KS2 with an interest in World War 2. It tells the story of Chas McGill, who collects souvenirs from war time. One day he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the local woods, with its shiny, black machine-gun still intact. He then begins his own personal war effort, which leads to some dangerous and unexpected results.



Book Recommendation 3—Mrs Headley

Tadpole's promise—Read this out of the ordinary picture book and it'll leave you in shock, I can promise you that! This is one of my favourite picture books and is not a very well known one. It is like nothing I have read before. Firstly, this book reads from top to bottom, rather than from left to right. It is a fabulous love story between a caterpillar and a tadpole with a lot of hidden science including habitats, seasons and food chains.

I just love the twist at the end of the story which had me gasping with astonishment! A very amusing picture book but with a strong moral that you may predict throughout the story or like me, you may be shocked at the ending too. The illustrations are eye catching and the book has a strong emphasis on change, relationships and acceptance throughout. Enjoy reading this book and let me know if you predicted the ending...



Book Recommendation 4—Mrs Galpin

The 'No-where Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie — This is a truly wonderful book, filled with magic and excitement. I couldn't put it down!

Orphaned child, Daniel Holmes stumbles upon the Nowhere Emporium and is dragged into a world of endless possibilities. The Emporium is full of rooms that can contain anything that your imagination can conjure up, coming into existence once they have been written into the Book of Wonders. The story is fast-paced and cleverly written. You will be entranced—trust me!

