

St Anthony's



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READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Welcome to the St Anthony's school Reading newsletter. We will be writing to you every half term to share any updates about reading for pleasure across the school. A love of reading is so important; it builds your empathy, strengthens your vocabulary and it's a chance to escape to another world! Plus reading is also awesome! Hopefully, this news letter will give you some ideas for new authors and books to try out. Please take some time out to read this newsletter with your child.

What is in this term's Issue?

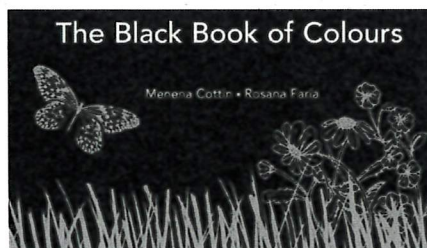
- Upcoming Events
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Poetry Day

On 3rd October, the whole school took part in the National Poetry Day. We all explored how our words have a big impact. We all used the book 'The black book of colour' to help inspire us to create colour poems. The book is written by a boy who is blind explaining what colour means to him. It's well worth a read!

The Black Book of Colours

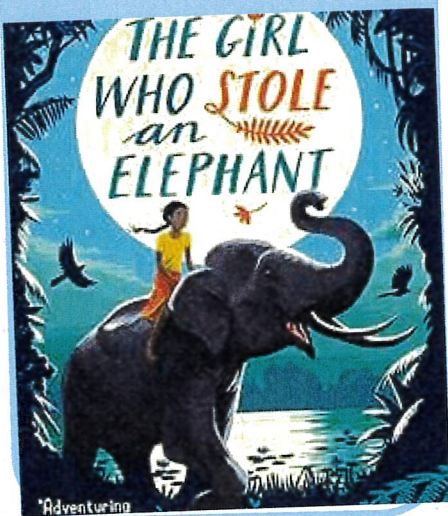


Nizrana Farook

Key Stage 1 and 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from a best selling author, Nizrana Farook this term. She talked to the children about being from Sri Lanka and how this inspired her writing. The children had lots of thoughtful questions to ask her and it's clear she has inspired lots of future of authors in our school.



Her bestseller



Year 4's workshop

Both Year 4 classes took part in a workshop with Nizrana where she showed them the importance of blurbs. They wrote fantastic blurbs to their own adventure stories where they were inspired by Nizrana to include animals and a different country for the setting.

SPOTLIGHT ON!



As a school, we use VIPERS to help us with our understanding when reading.

V-Vocabulary

I- Inferencing

P - Prediction

E - Explanation

R- Retrieve

S - Sequence/Summaries

This newsletter's focus is vocabulary.
This is drawing upon knowledge of vocabulary to understand a text.

- Find a word that means...
- What does this word tell you about?
- What is another word that has the same meaning?



RECOMMENDED READS

Joshua, Reception L - Elmer because it's the funniest one.

Nel, Year 1 L - Room on the Broom. It has lots of animals and I love the broom at the end.

Rory K, Year 3P - The Barnabus Project is really good because it's all about failed projects. It's like an adventure.

Alice, Year 5L - Lottie Brooks is really funny, it's not predictable so you won't know what happens next.

If you would like to recommend a book to feature in the next issue - Please see Corinne or Megan

Upcoming Reading Mornings

- 6th November
- 4th December
- 8th January

Location: Activity Studio

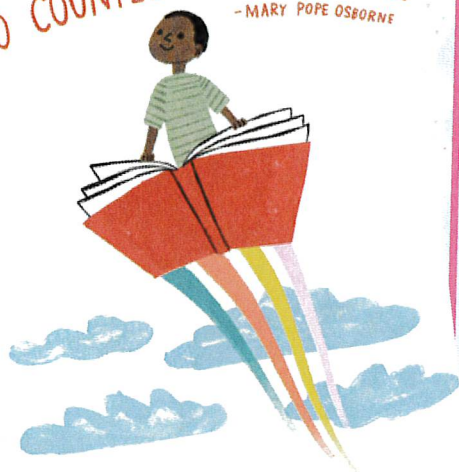
Time: 8:25-8:45

Bring a book and enjoy reading to your child before school.

Can you guess the mystery reader?
Scan the QR code and see if you can guess who is reading the story.



READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES.
- MARY POPE OSBORNE



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

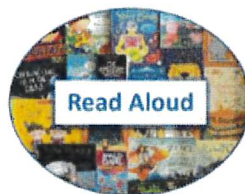
On the occasion of a child's birthday, it would be lovely if parents could donate a book to the school which will go in the class book corner, with a label inside to say who kindly donated it. This book can be handed in to the class teacher on the week of their birthday. Thank you.



Supporting Readers at Home



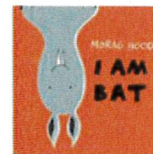
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



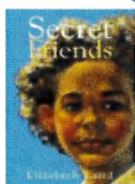
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book 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