



BUCKLESHAM BOOKWORMS

Learner Led Informal Social with Texts that Tempt

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Dear Reader

Spring has sprung and so has reading across school! I don't have to look very hard to see and hear reading for pleasure everywhere. Staff and children regularly discuss books with each other. We've had so many new books, author visits and lots of creative writing linked to books that inspire the children (I'm looking at you Bunny vs Monkey!) And did I mention the pure poetry buzz that has blossomed? I've never seen a school enjoy poetry like Bucklesham, we have children writing poems and hearing them every week. It really is quite an achievement and something we will continue for years to come!



Mrs Greatrex

Everyone Read In Class

On World Book Day we had an ERIC session, slightly different to our current independent reading time. The children can choose where they sit, who they sit by, how and what they read—essentially, it's a social time. Staff also join in, reading alongside the children. As you can imagine it was very popular and we hope to hold this as a weekly session across school from September. The research tells us that when reading is learner led, informal and social, children are more engaged with reading. It's also a great chance for them to see our staff as reading role models and get to know us as readers as well!



Our weekly Bucklesham Bookworms club



is still thriving every Tuesday lunchtime in the library. I'm pleased so many of our KS2 boys have become regular book clubbers. The new collection of *Phoenix* comics have been popular. Children write poems, draw pictures and even ask me about my reading life. Harry and Isaac are enjoying WW1 books, Harry recommends *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo.



Books Everywhere! It was very exciting to unbox the new books and get them straight into the library. So many children have been reading and talking about books due to this new influx of texts that tempt. The books were chosen by the children as it's really important we respect their reading choices. We also continue winning books through our FCBG membership. We encourage children to bring in books from home to read in class and share during reading times as well.



Our first **Poetry By Heart** assembly was stunning, it's a brave thing to get up to perform in front of peers—all the children did themselves proud. I hope these poems will stay with them as they grow. A highlight was seeing how confident Rosie was, Nola's courage in performing a very long poem, Ms K's amazing rap poem and Miss Rudge's *Double Trouble* poem about being a twin. Well done to all who took part. We will continue to share our poems every fortnight in the Summer term.



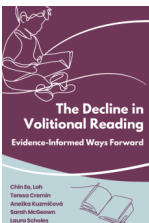
POETRY BY HEART



Author Visit. It was great to have Cat Weldon in twice this term. On the World Book Day visit she discussed her *How to be a Hero* series and during the Red Hat Reading Festival she focused on her *Amelia Cheeseheart* graphic novels. The children got to create their own graphic novels in a workshop with her, along with two interactive assemblies.

Staff Reads

Our staff team are always discussing books and sharing them between each other. Our reading identities are something we try to share with the children, to normalise that we are all readers with different preferences. On World Book Day Mrs Wakeman shared her current read, the very popular, *The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden.



MYTH BUSTING! There are a lot of myths about reading for pleasure, this latest piece of research really highlights these myths in an accessible way. My take aways from it are: older children want us to help them find books and boys do like reading—I completely agree! It's important to remember reading is different for us all. [Click here to read the pamphlet.](#)

Michael Rosen's [YouTube channel](#) is full of stories and poems, performed by the man himself. EYFS recently won his new book, *Oh Dear, Look What I Got*, and it's become a firm favourite!



Summer Term: There is still lots to look forward to as we move into the Summer term. We have **The Roving Bookshop** coming to school on **Weds 6th May**. We will host our second Booknic, this year will have a poetry focus. There will also be a parent Booknic. We are planning a summer book swap and I'll be hosting an after school club for children and parents (year two and three) —watch this space! Happy Easter and Happy Reading.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADULT OR CHILDREN BOOKS TO DONATE FOR THE BOOK SWAP PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE DURING THE SUMMER 1 TERM. THANKS IN ADVANCE.



READING FOR PLEASURE

