



BUCKLESHAM BOOKWORMS

Learner Led **I**nformal **S**ocial with **T**exts that **T**empt

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Dear Reader

It has been a brilliant reading for pleasure year at Bucklesham. We continue to win books monthly through our FCBG membership, staff are always discussing books with each other and I've had so many children talk to me about poetry. My absolute highlight was reading Michael Rosen's *The Platform* in assembly, you could hear a pin drop and it's inspired me to re-read *The Railway Children* by Edith Nesbit this summer. What a gift reading is! **Mrs Greatrex**

Suffolk Summer Reading Quest: Curious Creatures

Reading Quest is an exciting opportunity to get the whole family involved in reading and making memories this summer! Children of all ages can sign up at any library and receive their case file from 18 July onwards. You can sign up at any time during the school holidays to start your journey.

You don't need to read a set number of books – our summer reading programme is designed to encourage children to enjoy reading at their own pace in a fun, interactive way. Reading for pleasure helps children build self-esteem and improve wellbeing throughout life.

Each time you visit the library, bring your case file back to receive a sticker or two to celebrate your reading journey! Collect a case file from the library to get started.

Click [here](#) to find your local library.



A HUGE thank you to Amelia and Stanley (plus siblings/grandparents/parents) for attending the KS1 book club. They got to borrow new books based on their interests, reflect on their reading identities, hear new poetry and even write their own. *A First Book of Bugs* by Simon Mole was very inspiring for our own writing, along with Laura Mucha's *Words That Make Me Smile*. If any children want to write their own poem of words that make them smile, we would love to see them in September!



We had two super Booknics this year, our first ever with parents and our usual whole school one. One of the best things about reading is building connections with each other through the shared experience.



Willow Class listened to four brand new picture books as part of the FCBG

Book Awards. Their individual votes were used towards choosing the winner and we also got to keep the books. The class favourite was *There's a Shark in My Pants* by Michelle Harrison, but the national winner was *Gozzle* by Julia Donaldson.

Mrs Mower is always reading and sharing books with Miss Rudge. She has recently read *The Greek Island* by AJ McDine where three couples holiday in a luxurious villa on a remote Greek island. However, one person is murdered and they have to work out who did it. Mrs Mower says it keeps you guessing right until the end!



Over the year I've developed two poetry projects that will be published on the OU/UKLA website: Poetry Play and Poetry Fortnight. As part of this I visited each classroom and performed several poems. I have found poems build connections, children were asking me questions and giggled a lot! Watch this space as I will share the projects asap.

Next year we will continue to share poetry, I will be encouraging children to write their own poems at book club (Tuesday Lunchtimes), and our development work will link to our informal reading spaces, such as our book corners in class.

And remember, the best way to support our children to be readers, is by being readers ourselves. If you can find a time every evening to read alongside your child, I promise you will notice the difference!