Highweek Primary School Reading Newsletter



A huge welcome back to all of our children and to the new children who have joined Highweek Primary School. It is wonderful to see the school full again, and hearing such excitement around our learning! It has been so exciting to walk along the corridors and see all of the shared reading taking place in all of the classrooms. We have many exciting reading events this year including our first Highweek Poetry Week in October. Read more below! Over the summer, we have invested in our Library by buying new and exciting books for our children based on the recommendations they provided. These include David Walliams sets, biographies of the England footballers and non-fiction books. Our new Reading Spine means that each child is accessing an exciting and diverse range of texts each day read aloud by their teacher. These texts have been carefully selected and reflect our school's focus of reading for pleasure. Please ask your child about the books they are reading and enjoying in their class. In this newsletter, we have included resources which you can use at home, and tips for nurturing that love of reading which lays at the heart of your child's education. We hope that your child settles in well to their new class and gets off to a

great start in the new academic year.

Miss Lilley

We've moved!

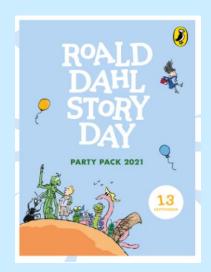
Our fabulous library area has moved! This allows for a bigger space for our books and easier access for all of our children. Our books are clearly organised into their level, so children can carefully select literature at their level.



Roald Dahl Story Day

Monday 13th September was marked Roald Dahl Story day 2021. You can find a range of exciting activities to do together at home on their website by downloading their party pack. It includes a competition where your child can win a bundle of Roald Dahl books! The children in Year 3&4 are currently enjoying Roald Dahl stories as part of their class novels.

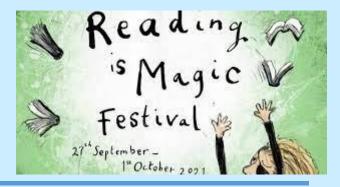
https://www.roalddahl.com/create-and-learn/join-in/roald-dahl-day



Reading is Magic Festival 2021

Last year, our children enjoyed taking part of the virtual Reading is Magic festival in their classrooms. This year, there is an equally exciting range of events from the very best authors and illustrators of children's literature which can be enjoyed from home. For five days between 27^{th} September – 1^{st} October, events exploring five themes will be available to enjoy online. The themes this year are Every child has the right to...

Monday – be creative for at least 15 minutes a week
Tuesday – have a planet to read on
Wednesday- see themselves reflected in a book
Thursday- have some choice in what they read
Friday – read for the joy of it
Browse the events and find out more
https://www.readingismagicfestival.com/



Books for Starting School

Books for topics have created a list of books to support your child in starting school.





Highweek's First Poetry Week!

To celebrate National Poetry Day (7th October 2021), Highweek are putting on our very first Poetry Week to celebrate poetry and encourage children in their knowledge and love of poetry. Each year group will be focusing on their own poem which they will be exploring, learning and performing to the other children on our poetry exhibition day on the Friday! We are lucky to also have another visit (this time in person!) from the fantastic children's poet Karl Nova! You can find out more about National Poetry Day and Karl Nova on these links https://www.forwardartsfoundation.org/national-poetry-day/

Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated throughout the month of October and aims to educate children by discussing key themes and inspirational figures. During October, we will be exploring key figures in black history and celebrating black authors during guided reading lessons in class. You can look at the recommended book list for Black History Month for children here

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/black-historymonth/



Highweek Reading Spine

The children of Highweek are now all enjoying reading their whole class reading books. It's great to hear children enjoying their shared stories each day. Please see the newsletter for more information about the texts on the reading spine.











