



RADDLEBARN'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Reading

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Hello and welcome to the first newsletter dedicated to all things reading. We absolutely love reading at Raddlebarn and believe it is so important for our children. In this newsletter you will find out some of the new things we have been doing to develop reading at Raddlebarn. Any questions, please do just ask.

Miss Huxley

Our Reading Intent

We believe that a quality English curriculum should develop children's **love of reading**. We aim to inspire **an appreciation of our rich and varied literary heritage**, alongside developing a **habit of reading widely and often**, both for **pleasure and information**. We aim for all children to be able to read **easily, fluently and with good understanding**, in turn becoming **enthusiastic and confident life-long readers**. Through phonics, we strive for children to learn to segment words to support their spelling ability and blend sounds to **read words fluently and with ease**. We believe that children need to develop a secure knowledge-base in English, which follows a clear pathway of progression as they advance through the primary curriculum. By the end of Key Stage 2, we aim for all children at Raddlebarn to **acquire a wide vocabulary, and an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading**. We believe that a secure basis in English skills is crucial to a high-quality education and will give our children the tools they need to **participate fully as a member of society**.

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English Hubs

We have been working alongside the Little Sutton English Hub as we continue to develop our reading provision.

Based on their recommendation, we have started to follow a new systematic synthetic phonics programme—**Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**—to teach phonics in Early Years and Key Stage 1.



For more information about Little Wandle, you can access the parent page on: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This website includes all important videos explaining how to pronounce the phonics sounds correctly. Do check it out!

Wow, we raised over £800 from our sponsored spelling event and car boot sale. We will use this money to buy books for our whole class reading lessons, linked to our topics. Thank you everyone who took part in the events.

Don't forget you can still get access to our **Virtual Raddlebarn Reading Library** too!
<https://www.raddlebarn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Raddlebarns-Virtual-Library.pdf>



Author Focus:

From speaking to our children we realised that they would like to listen to a wider range of authors. Because of this, we have allocated an author focus to each year group. Over the year, each year group will read 3 books by each author, and then supplement with other choices chosen by the class and their teachers.

Year 6: Jamila Gavin, Anthony Horowitz and J.R.R. Tolkien

Year 5: Gillian Cross and Onjali Q Raif

Year 4: William Shakespeare and Michael Morpurgo

Year 3: Anne Fine and Lucy Daniels

Year 2: Humphrey Carpenter and Alan Ahlberg

Year 1: Anthony Brown and Julia Donaldson



By doing this we will be opening up our children's eyes to a greater amount of authors. They will get to know the authors well and they will be able to see links between books.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise

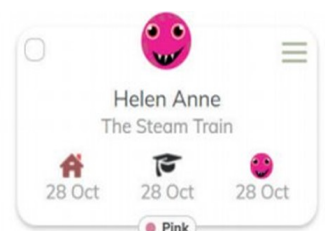


VIPERS:

To help the children learn about the different areas of reading, we have introduced the Raddlebarn Reading VIPERS. Each letter stands for a different type of skill that the children will be using when they are reading.



As well as purchasing some new **Big Cat** home reading books, we have also introduced a new digital reading record called **Go Read**. If you have not already logged on, please do so using your child's log in details! It is a great way to keep track of what your child is reading at home and in school.



<https://go-read.co.uk/>

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Coming up...



Thursday 18th November - Our Roving Book Fair returns and we have our KS1 Bed Time Stories Event.

Thursday 25th November—Stories Around The Campfire KS2 reading event.



And of course World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022—we can't wait!

In the new year, we will also have further book fairs and we are hoping to arrange some library visits.