



RADDLEBARN'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Reading

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Hello and welcome to our latest curriculum 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 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**.

World Book Day

What an amazing day we had for World Book Day—we enjoyed dressing up, sharing our favourite books and each class on the day completed an author study to find out more about a range of authors. They have focused on:

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
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Year 6: Jamila Gavin, Anthony Horowitz & J.R.R.

Tolkien

Year 5: Gillian Cross & Onjali Q Raif

Year 4: William Shakespeare & Michael Morpurgo

Year 3: Anne Fine & Lucy Daniels

Year 2: Humphrey Carpenter & Alan Ahlberg

Year 1: Anthony Brown & Julia Donaldson

Rec: Rachel Bright and Oliver Jeffers

Nursery: James Dean

A big thank you to Friends of Raddlebarn too for gifting every child a new reading for pleasure book to take home! Wow!

Parents and Carers - Log on to Boomreader

It is important that your child practises reading their home reading book at home—by logging on to **Boom Reader** (previously called Go Read), you can see how your child is getting on by reading our teacher comments. Then, most importantly, to show your child's complete reading journey, you can also log your child's progress with their reading books at home too. **Your comments are vital - sharing your child's progress, and the books you are reading at home, can help us to get the best view of how your child is getting on with their reading.**



Log on using—<https://boomreader.co.uk/>
School Code: 04567 (If you need a password reminder, please contact the school office)

National Story Telling Week



We really enjoyed National Story Telling Week this year - as we are developing our oracy skills, each class learnt to retell a traditional tale orally. Children discussed what made a good oral story, they then began to learn the story (using story maps to help), then practised ready to perform, thinking about their use of voice, facial expressions and actions. You can check out our class pages on the school website to see more information.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise



VIPERS

To help our children learn about the different areas of reading, in Y2-Y6 we use the Raddlebarn Reading VIPERS. Each letter stands for a different type of skill that the children will be using when they are reading.

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>



Reading for Pleasure

Because we value reading for pleasure so much, we are constantly thinking of ways we can ignite our pupils' passions for reading. Here are a few of the ways we are promoting reading for pleasure:



Termly Roving Book Fair

Each term we have arranged for The Roving Book Fair to pop by - they bring with them a fantastic selection of books to peruse and buy.



Bed Time Stories/Stories Around The Campfire



Our annual story telling reading events are a great success. This year, we welcomed story tellers from our local library, Stan's Café, Beanstalk, as well as our lovely teachers! Our children had a lovely time!

Spoz - Poet visit

Wow - what an amazing day we had this week with slam poet, Spoz. Over the course of the day, he worked with every class, and then at the end of the day, Y5 and Y6 took part in a mini poetry slam. A great day had by all and a great way to continue with our oracy push!



Coming up...our local library visits are back!

We are so pleased to announce we are getting our local library visits up and running again. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 get the chance to visit Selly Oak Library in the Touchbase Pears Centre. Y2 through to Y6 will pop down to Stirchley library. These visits have been mapped out across the school year and the librarians are as excited as we are to welcome our children - they will get the chance to meet the local librarians, listen to some stories, look around the library and see how it all works.

