Reading Newsletter February 2025



There is no friend as loyal as a book.

-ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Reading at St George's

Welcome to the first edition of the reading Newsletter for this school year.

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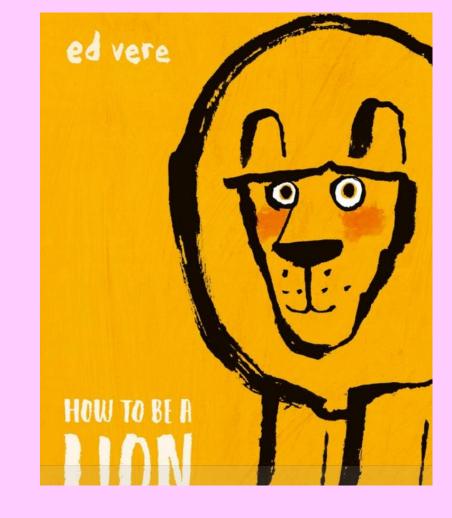
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Reading at school

All of the teachers are super excited for our favourite time of year as we head into book week (WB 3rd March). We will be celebrating this year with a whole school focus on one book and delving into its pages in a variety of ways over the week.

We would like to invite you all to come into school on Friday 7th March to see what we have been doing in class and celebrate our learning.



Some research from the National Literacy Trust

Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood

There is a great article on the National Literacy Trust website about reading with young children and the importance of this.

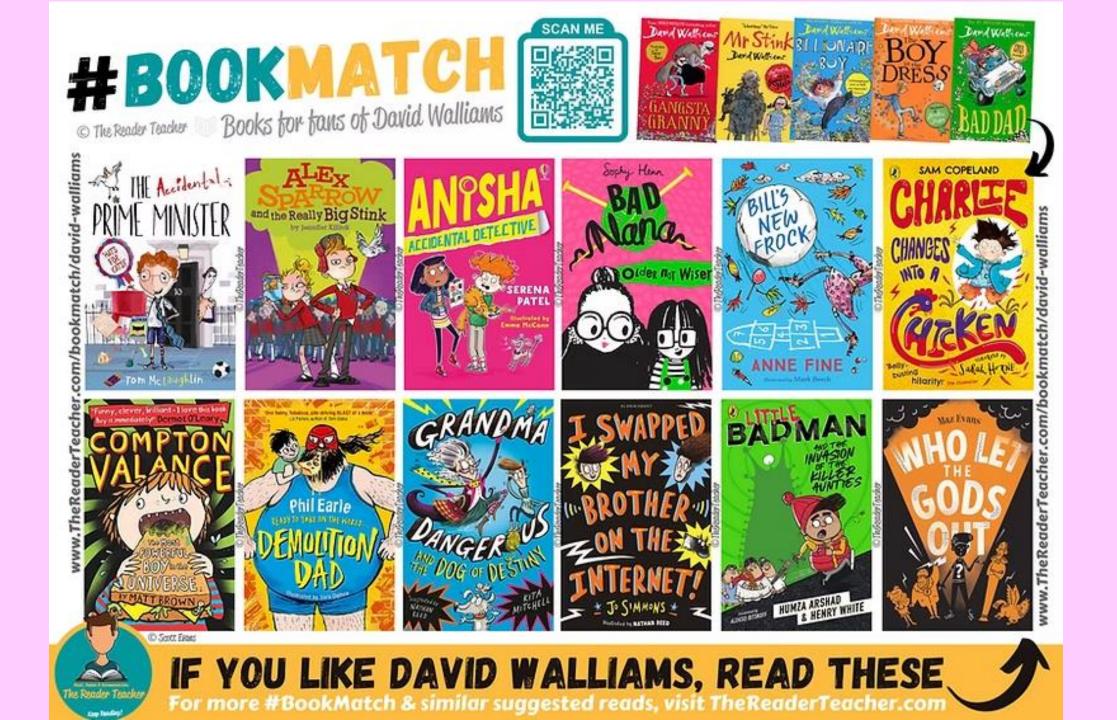
Did you know that in 2020, research has shown only 45% of 0-2 year olds are read to every day? When we know how important reading is for future life success that is a pretty scary statistic. A love for reading grows from those very early years, snuggled up with a book before bedtime.

Here is the link to the full article if you would like to read more: <u>https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/reading-children-so-powerful-so-simple-and-yet-so-misunderstood/</u>



The Reader Teacher is a great website choc-ablock with all of the latest good reads for primary aged children.

I have included some recommended reads on the following pages. https://www.thereaderteacher.com/





Author of the month!

Onjali is a British author and the founder of the two O's Refugee Aid Team, which raises awareness and funds to support refugees and frontline aid organisations.

Onjali is of British Bangladeshi heritage. Her work is informed in part by her experiences of racism in childhood.

Onjali's debut novel "Boy at the Back of the Class" has won numerous awards, her writing is dimply beautiful, tacking tricky subject with humour and love.

If you haven't yet read any of her books, I can't recommend them enough

Onjali Rauf





Book Reviews

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