# Reading newsletter Autumn 2020



It's a brand new school year at Chapelford Primary and after a crazy 6 months reading is more important now than it has ever been. We want to share with you some important information about the expectations of your child reading at home, our reading resources and how to read at home with your children.

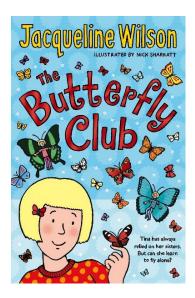
Each child has a reading record that they take home every night, here they can record every time they read at home. In the front of the reading record is a sticker with your child's expectations of reading. Each child is expected to read at home at least 5 times a week

#### **Children's Choice**

**Book Title:** The Butterfly Club **Author:** Jacqueline Wilson **Recommended by:** Olivia

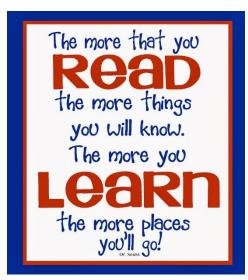
Mcmanus Age: 10

Olivia gave this book a 9 ½ out of 10 because it was almost perfect! She said 'I like this book because it is about a girl who is a triplet and she is the littlest one, it also has very descriptive language!'



## Reading for pleasure

As a school we are trying to encourage children to read for pleasure. Soon children will take home a book from their classrooms reading area, this will be a book for children to keep for the week and read and share with families at home, children will then need to return the book to school and swap it for a new one.



#### Top Tips for Reading at Home!

Check out this article on BBC Bitesize that gives parents tips for supporting their children when reading at home.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesiz
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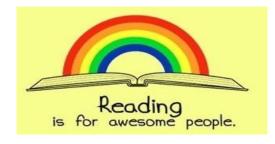


#### Reading raffle!



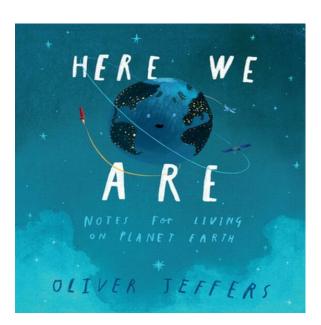
The reading raffle is based upon the reading your child does at home. Each child is expected to read 5 times a week, this could be independently, with an adult or with another child, the expectations for this will be shown at the front of the reading record.

If your child reads 5 times a week or more and has their reading record signed 5 times, then they will be entered into a raffle. The children's names will then be placed in a weekly class raffle to receive a reward. The weekly raffle winners are then put into a half termly draw and the name drawn at the end of the half term, wins a book.



In need of inspiration to find a book your child loves to read?
Here are some of the recommended texts for children between the ages of 6-10:
<a href="http://www.readingrockets.org/b">http://www.readingrockets.org/b</a>
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Here are some websites that may support you with reading at home <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/</a>
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### To put on a smile on your face...

We recommend 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, this book is suitable for all ages and has beautiful illustrations. This heartfelt book helps us understand our world and can act as a guide to help us answer the many questions children may have. As a school, each year group looked at this book in the first week of school. It is a must read for all!



## Reader of the week

Reader of the week is an award given out to children who have worked hard reading at home and in school, shown improvement and impressed their teacher with their reading skills. This award will be given out weekly to a child from each class, their name will then be put in the newsletter for everyone to see! Get reading!

#### Reading Aloud!



Reading aloud is a great way to build a child's confidence with reading. Reading aloud can be between teacher and student, parent/carer and child or even between siblings. It can allow children to access books that they may have struggled to connect with if reading independently. It's also lots of fun for everyone involved. It is proven that as well as improving a child's vocabulary, there are many other benefits for reading aloud. In conversation, we tend to use verbal shorthand, not full sentences. The language in books, by contrast, is very rich and mainly in complete sentences - as a result, reading aloud also increases a child's attention span. Having this set time to read to or with a child may have a positive impact of their engagement with reading.

## Tips for reading at home

If you are unsure when reading at home with your child what you can do to help, check this blog out at Reading Rockets that gives parents and carers some useful tips on reading with their children:

https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanah an-literacy/11-ways-parents-can-help-theirchildren-read.