










### English Updates & Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023

<p><b>Summer Reading Challenge Presentation</b> <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angela Foster from Stockton Libraries to present medals and certificates to all those children who participated &amp; completed the summer reading challenge this year: Ready, Set, Read!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Librarian Interviews</b> <b>Summer Reading Challenge Feedback</b></p> <p><b>Story Time</b> <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.15 – 2.00pm</b> Group Interview of x9 shortlisted librarians by Angela Foster</li> <li><b>2.00-2.30pm</b> Discussion &amp; feedback session of SRC by Angela Foster with current librarians (x7).</li> <li><b>2.30-2.45pm</b> Story Time in Early Years Unit</li> </ul>
<p><b>Libraries Week</b> <b>w/c: 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups of children to visit a library of their choice with class TA to take home a book for pleasure &amp; enjoyment. This can be from any of our x5 libraries: -Wonderland -Hogwarts -Narnia -Non-Fiction -Poet Tree Corner</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Poetry Day</b> <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The theme this year is <b>'Refuge.'</b></li> <li>EYU: <b>'Take a Deep Breath'</b> A poem focussed on breathing &amp; your own imagination</li> <li>YR: <b>'The Grass House'</b> Finding refuge in a place that is special to you</li> <li>KS1: <b>'My Treasures'</b> How we can find refuge in the things we collect</li> <li>Y3 &amp; Y4: <b>'On the Move Again'</b> How it feels to find a new home: Refugee Experience</li> <li>Y5 &amp; Y6: <b>'At the End of the Day'</b> How picking up a pen can help us all let go</li> </ul>
<p><b>Y1 Open Morning</b> <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8.45-9.00am</b> Angela from Stockton Library Service will be promoting our local library &amp; inviting parents/carers to sign their child up with a Library Card in The Reading Retreat based in the Gazebo.</li> <li><b>9.10-10.30am</b> Angela will lead a story themed activity as part of the Y1 Open Morning to promote a love of reading</li> <li><b>11-11.20am</b> Angela will deliver Story Time with Reception.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stockton Children's Book of the Year 2024</b> <b>October awaiting start date</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A group of ten Y5 children will participate in reading from a shortlist of 5 books within class, in their own time, at home and as part of a 'Lunchtime Book Club' weekly with Mrs Osborne.</li> <li>They will vote &amp; write a review of their favourite book.</li> <li>In the spring term all ten children will receive certificates for their participation and two children will be selected to attend the Awards Ceremony for Most Effort and Best Book Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Northern Children's Book Festival</b> <b>November 2023</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November Y4-Y6</b> 'LD Lapinski' author of 'The Strangeworlds Travel Agency' series</li> <li><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November EYU-YR</b> 'Vashti Hardy' author of 'Santa's Marvellous Mechanical Workshop'</li> <li><b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Y1-Y3</b> 'Laura Mucha' author of 'Welcome to Our Table'</li> <li>The above will depend on availability – more details to follow ...</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Non-Fiction November</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>theme</b> this year is <b>'Wonderful Water'</b> inspired by the book 'Sea Change: Save the Ocean' edited by Tobias Hickey. It is a collection of postcards &amp; messages from 50 illustrators across the world, working to celebrate and protect the precious life in our oceans.</li> <li><b>Competition:</b> Create own postcard with picture of their favourite 'watery location' on one side &amp; on the reverse write about why this place is so important to them.</li> <li><b>Competition within school:</b> To officially name our renewed Non-Fiction Library</li> <li>More details to follow ...</li> </ul>
<p><b>Winter Reading Challenge</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Winter Mini Challenge is through The Reading Agency to encourage reading for pleasure during the cold months of Winter.</li> <li>Participation is through their website in which they add books read to their Challenge website profile &amp; leave a short review to unlock a virtual badge &amp; printable certificate once their reading goal is reached.</li> <li>The theme for this year has not been released yet ...</li> </ul>

