



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Reading Curriculum Celebration 2021

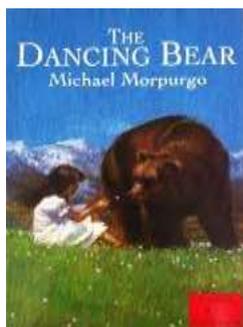
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Love of reading

At St Anne's Primary School we are keenly aware of the importance of instilling a love of reading in our pupils. This starts before they can read themselves, with the joy of sharing texts read by others and continues as they gain more confidence in the skill of reading to themselves.

Children have the opportunity to read individually, in small groups and as a class throughout their time in our school. Every class has a dedicated time when the teacher reads to the class. These texts can be linked to the current topic work or chosen for their quality or entertainment value. Teachers will read a range of genres including non-fiction and poetry. Sometimes these novels are used to inspire work in class, such as the Year 4 book, *The Egyptian Cinderella*, which led to some fabulous drama work. In Y6, one of the novels read was *The Dancing Bear*, which sparked some very lively debate on the ethics of keeping animals in captivity



The School Library



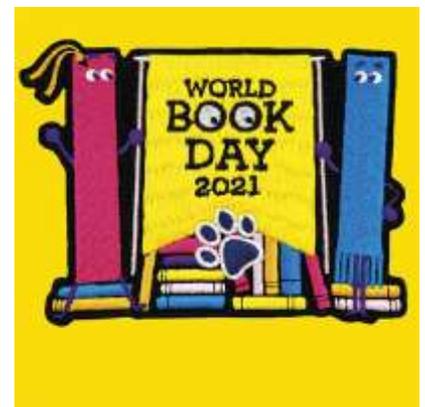
The library is stocked with a great range of rich reading material for the pupils to access. At present, due to Covid restrictions, children cannot go to the library to choose books so we have decided to bring the library to them! Each class has its own selection of reading material and the children were very excited to receive a stock of new books this term, amounting to one new book per child across the whole school.

World Book Day

As World Book Day fell within the lockdown period this year, we had to change our usual approach of having a whole-school themed event. In the past these have included a bedtime story day – with everyone coming to school in their pyjamas, a 'create a story in a jar' event and a day when the whole school responded to the same

picture book and then shared their work across the year groups.

The World Book Day website offered a wealth of inspiring resources so we focussed our activities around this (thus ensuring that all pupils could take part). We enjoyed talks by a variety of popular authors and illustrators and completed a range of tasks including writing stories, creating models and making our own illustrations.



Reading Well for Children

We are delighted that our bid to receive a pack of high-quality books to promote children's mental health and well-being has been approved. These books have been carefully chosen by the Lancashire Libraries team and will be used across the school to support our children through difficult times.