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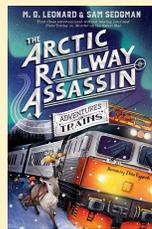
Our Reading Ambassadors



Our wonderful Reading Ambassadors in each class help promote reading for pleasure in our school; one of their main roles is to tell their class about brilliant authors and books they may not have heard of. Reading Ambassadors are also called upon to help with reading events such as World Book Day.

Charlotte, one of our reading ambassadors in Year 6, would like to share a book recommendation. Charlotte has read all the books in this mystery series-

'I highly recommend the 'Adventures on Trains' mystery series by M.G Leonard and Sam Sedgman to anyone between 8-11 years old. These books really set your imagination running wild and also increase your knowledge of different places.'



100 must-read books for every year group can be found here:

<https://peters.co.uk/100-books-for-every-year-group-primary>

What Are The Benefits of Reading?



Supporting children to read has the potential to transform children's life chances and give them the best start in life. Book Trust, the UK's largest reading charity, has grouped the benefits of reading into four core themes setting out how children who read are more likely to:

- Overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities
- Be healthier and happier children with better mental well being and self esteem
- Do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum
- Develop creativity and empathy

You can read more about the benefits of reading here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/news/news-2023/how-does-reading-benefit-children/#:~:text=In%20the%20resource%2C%20BookTrust%20has,mental%20wellbeing%20and%20self%2Desteem>

Why Reading Non Fiction is Important

Last month we celebrated 'Non-fiction November.' Recent research from the National Literacy Trust tells us that children and young people who read non-fiction are more engaged with environmental issues and more likely to want to take care of the environment compared with those who do not read non-fiction. Providing children with the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a vital role in helping them to learn about their world, as well as fostering reading for pleasure. Research shows that the more background knowledge a child brings to their reading, the better their comprehension.

Top Tip: Did you know that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading?



This is such a simple idea that can help make TV time reading time! The research about reading and subtitles can be found at <https://turnonthesubtitles.org>

Winter Reading Challenge

The Mini Winter Reading Challenge, which is to read **three or more** books, begins on Friday 1st December 2023 and ends on 19th February 2024.



To find out more information click on the link below:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2023-nearly-here>

Monster Phonic Guide For Parents

This free online event for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 takes place on Tuesday 12th December 7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/monster-phonics-a-guide-for-parents-tickets-750804395157?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>