

21st October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As reading is such a valuable aspect of learning we would like you to help us promote reading for pleasure with our Reception children. We are planning on holding the following events throughout the academic year and would love for you to get involved or support us where you can.

Currently, the Reception children have 'reading buddies' in Year5/6 who come and read regularly to the children. The children of both ages find this a valuable experience and are always asking when/if it is happening that day.

Following on from this, we are holding 'come and read' events, one per term, which we would love families to be involved with. The first of these will be held on **Friday 29th November at 2.45pm**. We would love for each child to have a familiar adult come into the Reception classroom and read a favourite, suitable, picture book from home with a group of children. We would like to repeat this special experience on **Tuesday 21st January and Friday 20th June 2025 at 2.45pm**.

On **Thursday 21st November** we are holding a bedtime stories event between **5-6pm**. The children will come back to school in their bedclothes with a torch and teddy, ready to snuggle up and read some lovely stories. We will then go and explore the rest of the school in the dark and hopefully have a story from Mrs. Slack, before returning to the Reception classroom for a hot chocolate and a biscuit. We are using the event to raise money for the PTA and are hoping they will support us to buy some new books to replenish our new Reception library, therefore this event will incur a £3.00 charge. Unfortunately, we can only cater for 30 children for this event and it will be on a first come basis. If you would like your child to take part, please sign up and pay on Arbor.

Reading 'scrap books'. We will be sending home our reading scrap books shortly. They are designed for you and your child / children to read their favourite story and then record what book it is and some information about the story alongside recommendations. When the scrap books are returned to school we will share them with the other children.

Finally, please keep your eyes peeled for details of '**secret reader**' on Tapestry. We would like parents to record two videos of them reading a story where you can only see the pages of the book or you could disguise yourself/put on a mask to hide your identity and a second clip where you reveal who you are and give the children a message eg. Hope you enjoyed the story, thank you for listening. In the past the children have loved trying to guess who the secret reader is.

We look forward to our shared reading adventures!

Kind regards,
Mrs Stewart and Mrs Whitelow

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