



Perry Hall's Reading Newsletter

Spring | 2023



Welcome to Perry Hall's first Reading newsletter.
We hope you are finding time to enjoy reading at home.

National Storytelling Week

Perry Hall is celebrating National Storytelling Week which is taking place from 30th January to 5th February 2023.

National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.



Top Tips for Reading at Home

Here are our Top Tips for supporting your child with Reading at home.

- Regular reading times that children can become used to (before bed is a popular time).
- Variety of reading ranging from pictures books, chapter books, magazines, comics, web research and audio books.
- Lead by example—let them see you reading!
- Reading talk—talk to them about what they enjoy reading and get them to explain why. This can help with future book choices.
- Create a reading challenge at home—bit of competition for siblings, a way to motivate. An idea could be, if you read for four nights, I will read on the 5th night. Or how many pages can we read in a week?

More information, guidance and resources can be found here:
<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/supporting-rah>

Most importantly do what you can, and enjoy reading!



Reading Journals

As part of our celebrations for National Storytelling Week, we are launching whole class reading journals for each class in Years 1 – 6. The children will have the opportunity to bring home their classes' Reading Journal Treasure Box which inside will include the reading journal, along with a variety of different crafts and stationery for the children to use. Inside the journal, the children will have one double page where they can create a piece of art work, a book review, or any fantastic creation showing their feelings towards a book they have read, or are currently reading! The teachers are going to launch this in their own classes during Storytelling Week, creating a piece of work of their own, before the opportunity will be passed onto our children!

We look forward to seeing each classes' amazingly creative and innovative reading journals, demonstrating their love and enjoyment for reading!



Recommended Reads for Spring 1

Preschool

Let's Play,
Little Rabbit
by Jorg
Muhle.



Reception

Hey, Water!
By Antoinette
Portis



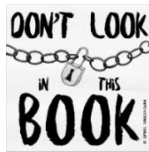
Year 1

Oof Makes
an Ouch! By
Duncan
Beedle



Year 2

Don't look in
this book by
Samuel
Langley-
Swain



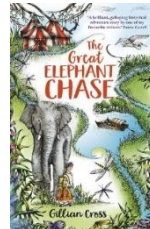
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The Boy
Who Grew
Dragons by
Andy
Shepherd



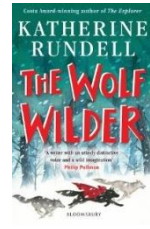
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The Great
Elephant
Chase by
Gillian Cross



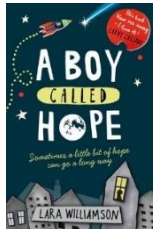
Year 5

The Wolf
Wilder by
Katherine
Rundell



Year 6

A boy called
Hope by
Lara
Williamson



What have we been reading this half term?

Here's a small selection of what we have been reading in each year group this half term...

Twos- Dear Zoo

Nursery- The Great Race

Reception- Stickman

Year 1- The Snail and the Whale

Year 2- James and the Giant Peach

Year 3- The Iron Man

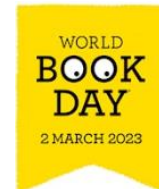
Year 4- Beowulf

Year 5- Oliver Twist

Year 6- Holes

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on 2nd March 2023. The children of Perry Hall will be celebrating and joining in with different activities across school. We will keep you posted with more updates soon!



An Interview with Mrs Gibbins...

What is your favourite children's book and why?

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson is one of my favourite children's books. The rhymes and repetitive structure make it a really fun book to read aloud and accompanying the text are fantastic illustrations created by Axel Scheffler which help to bring the exciting characters and story to life.

Where do you like to read?

I love to read and can get my nose stuck into a book almost anywhere! I love to share stories each night with my children, snuggled up before bedtime. I also enjoy getting lost in a book whilst relaxing on holiday.

What are you currently reading?

I am currently reading The Magic Faraway Tree by the world's best loved children's author, Enid Blyton. I am enjoying sharing this enchanting story with my daughter.

Why is reading important to you?

Reading is one of the most important skills that a person can have. Most importantly, when I read, I am transported to different worlds where my imagination is stimulated and I can explore new things: books can take you anywhere you want to go!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss