



Stanton St Quintin Primary School and Nursery

Reading Roundup, Term 1

Reading sits at the heart of everything we teach, learn and love at Stanton St Quintin Primary School and Nursery. We hope you enjoy our Reading Roundup of Term 1 2022.

Making ourselves at home in our new library

Since opening in June and after the summer break, the library has welcomed many keen readers back through its doors during Term 1. The library is being visited once a week by each class and books are now being borrowed by all children on a weekly basis. Our team of librarians have been working together to think of ways to utilise our library space and encourage everyone to visit our library as much as possible. Each week they hold an open library lunch, inviting children into the library to explore the books, making recommendations and reading to younger children. They have also been busy organising book themed craft for children to take part in during the open library lunch. They have organised our library door sign competition and are busy making plans for Term 2.

Meet your Librarians!



Here to help you:

Choose your next book to read

Develop a love for reading!

Help you with reading your favourite books

Find your way around the library



Celebrating Reading at the Malmesbury Carnival

We had the most wonderful time on our 'Celebrating Reading' carnival float. It was a delight to see so many happy children celebrating and promoting reading with everyone who attended the special event. We have applied for further funding from the Malmesbury Carnival Fund this year to purchase new books for the library (chosen by the children) and author visits. **After submitting a grant application, it has just been announced that we have been awarded £800 for English/Library themed projects. Hurray!** Thank you so much to everyone for their support at carnival and we look forward to taking part in next year's carnival fun!

Wiltshire Year of Reading- our silver award has arrived!

Last year we were proud to take part in the Wiltshire Year of reading, fulfilling a range of initiatives to promote reading for pleasure at Stanton. Last year we were delighted to receive our Bronze award and have now received our Silver award, proudly displayed in the library. This year we will of course be aiming for Gold! There are currently no other schools in Wiltshire that have achieved this award, which highlights the challenge this will be.



Summer Reading Challenge

Huge congratulations to all children who took part and completed the summer reading challenge in partnership with the Wiltshire Libraries during the summer break. It was wonderful to celebrate these children's achievements at the start of this term. As promised, children who took part received sweet treats from Mrs Anderson!



Reading Buddies

This year we hope to continue our Reading Buddies scheme, supporting older children to read with our younger readers. Mrs Anderson will be talking to children about this opportunity during this term, but if your child is interested in being a Reading Buddy this year, please encourage them to speak to Mrs Anderson.

Can you recommend a book on our 'Recommended Reading Tree'?

Our library recommending reading tree is crying out for new book recommendations. Can you help? Have you read a great book recently that you think others would enjoy? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Fill in the book recommendation slip on the final page and give to Mrs Anderson. Thank you so much!



National Poetry Week 2022

Our Michael Rosen poetry week was a big hit this term and we were so impressed with the number of children who took part in our 'Poetry Off By Heart' competition. The performance, expression and enthusiasm we saw was outstanding and I would like to congratulate every child that took part. A particular well done to our winner and runners up.

Each class took part in exploring poetry, learning a chosen class poem and writing poetry. A fantastic poetic week!

SSQ Reading Spine

Our Reading Spine is a collection of 108 books that we encourage every child to read during their time at Stanton. These books are accessible in our library and at the end of term a Reading Spine booklet was sent home with every child. Please do let us know if your child did not receive a copy.

Please check your books at home for a Stanton stamp and return when you have finished!

Stay and read mornings

We are delighted to share the dates for our first Stay and Read events. We would love to invite parents and family in to class to explore how reading is taught in school and engage in book based activities with your child, at 2pm on;

Darling Class- 1st December
Amazon Class- 14th November
Rhine Class- 24th November

A further email containing information shall be sent out.

Reading and phonics workshops

It was wonderful to invite many of you to our first Reading Workshop for this year. I plan to deliver further workshops linked to English throughout this academic year. If there is anything in particular that you would appreciate finding out more about at a workshop, please do let me know. This really helps me to plan to the demand and interest. Thank you.

Afterschool Open Library

Starting in Term 2, the library will be open after school between 3 and 4pm every Monday. We welcome you to visit the library with your children to enjoy the space, read and borrow books.



What will happen if my child does not read regularly at home?

Reading is highly valued at Stanton and a great deal of emphasis is placed on the importance of children learning to read from a young age. Once children are able to read more fluently, a whole world of stories, magic and imagination is opened up to them. Children who can read widely and for pleasure, are far more likely to be successful throughout schooling and later life. This is why we ask that you work in partnership with us to listen to your child read at home, at least 5 times per week. We understand that life can be busy but this is a short, yet extremely valuable activity and this is why we ask that you prioritise and protect this valuable time with your child. If children are not reading regularly at home, we see this as a concern and detriment to their learning. **As we enter Term 2, a reminder of the steps we follow as we begin to raise concerns should they arise.**

Step 1: Your child's class teacher will discuss concerns with you and offer support.

Step 2: If improvements are not seen, your child's class teacher and the English Subject Lead will ask to meet with you.

Step 3: If improvements are still not seen, you will be invited to a meeting with all of the above and the Head Teacher

Looking forward to another term of reading wonders!

motivate, educate, nurture

I would recommend this book...

Title		A drawing of the front cover	
Author			
I give this book _____/10			
because...			
Recommended by			