



Stanton St Quintin Primary School and Nursery

# Reading Roundup, Term 2

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 2 2022 and wish you a very happy, reading-filled New Year!

## We love our library!

We continue to utilise and enjoy our library space and the growing number of wonderful books that live there. During Term 2, the librarians have done a fantastic job of welcoming children across the school into the library for library lunch hour on a Wednesday. It has been lovely to see our librarians sharing books with our younger children and helping library visitors to enjoy the book themed activities they have planned. The children have enjoyed bookmark making, book cover artwork, book character word searches and a Christmas party complete with Christmas story readings and craft. A huge thank you to our wonderful librarians for being super advocates of reading.



## Christmas book magic

At the start of Term 2 we created a wish list of Christmas books, asking for two copies of each book- one copy for our school library and one copy to donate to the Bristol Children's Hospital. We were blown away by the kindness of our lovely school community, filling our library with an array of gorgeous festive books for our children to enjoy. Mrs Anderson and Rufus were honoured to visit the Bristol Children's Hospital, taking a box of 30 Christmas books to be distributed on the wards and enjoyed by poorly children throughout December. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. A true gift of reading at Christmas time.

## Reading with our buddies – Darling and Rhine

Buddies in Rhine and Darling Class enjoyed a magical time sharing story books in our school library this term, many of which were the gorgeous new Christmas and Winter themed books kindly donated by you. Spending time with our buddies is definitely a special time and the children, both younger and older, were excited to engage in the stories together.



## A refresh for our library door

During Term 1 we ran a competition to design a new sign for our library door. We were overwhelmed by the number of wonderful entries and our librarians had a difficult task selecting the winning entry. This term we received our printed sign and Ella was extremely excited to see her design unveiled!

## A gift from us to our children- A Reading Tree of Life

During this festive time of year, the staff of Stanton thought about an everlasting gift they could give to the children that could be enjoyed for many years to come. Animals are characters in so many wonderful books and our reading tree was looking a little bare, so we decided to bring the tree to life by each crafting a very special animal to hang on the reading tree. The children have enjoyed marvelling at the little felted creatures, deciding which book each animal could be from.



## What our children say about our library...

It was lovely to speak to the children last term about their library. Here I share some of their comments:



"I like coming to the library to read all of the books and I like being a librarian and making sure everyone has something to read and enjoy." **Finn**

"I love the library because the books are very entertaining and they take me on adventures." **Malachi**

"I like the library because it's a quiet place to come and pick any book because we have so many. I think our library is a lovely place. As a librarian I enjoy helping people find new books." **Bonnie**

"I love reading all the books with my friends and my buddy!" **Matilda**

"I love to read books under the reading tree because it is calm and quiet." **Lola**

"So many people love the library and the books! The library is a quiet space and soft and colourful. The sculptures remind me of making them with my friends" **Patrick**



## Book gifts from Santa and Paddington Bear

During the last week of term we had some very unexpected visitors! Father Christmas, together with Mrs Christmas and Paddington Bear, surprised each class with a very special visit to talk to the children and deliver some very special book gifts. It was so wonderful to see the excitement of every child. We hope the children enjoyed their books.

## SSQ Reading Spine

Our Reading Spine is a collection of 108 books that we encourage every child to read during their time at Stanton, accessible in our library. A Reading Spine booklet was sent home with every child at the start of the year. Please do let us know if your child did not receive a copy or they have lost it their booklet.

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

## Stay and read mornings

Please find the dates for our Term 4 Stay and Read events. We welcome you to arrive from 1:30pm to explore reading in class with your child/ren.

**Darling Class- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Amazon Class- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Rhine Class- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

A further email containing information shall be sent out closer to the events.

## Reading and phonics workshops

Following feedback, I shall be recording the reading and phonics workshop that was delivered at the start of the academic year, making this available online for you to watch at your convenience. When this is available, I shall share the link accordingly. As always, if there are further workshops you wish to see in order to better support your child, please do let Mrs Anderson know. Thank you.

## Afterschool Open Library

It has been lovely to welcome families into our library after school on a Monday between 3 and 4pm. Open library Monday shall continue this term and we welcome you to enjoy our library space, read and borrow books with your children.



## Research reveals the impact of school libraries

I wanted to take this opportunity to share this interesting article with you about the significant impact of inspiring library spaces within schools as part of a pilot called, 'Life-Changing Libraries'. It's a very interesting read that fills me with pride about the space and reading opportunities we are now able to offer our children.

Find the article here: [Waterstones Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell MBE reveals transformative 'Life-changing Libraries' research | BookTrust](#)

### The Travelling Book Fair- A big thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who visited our travelling book fair, purchasing books and helping us to raise a phenomenal £320 to spend on books from Scholastic. Our librarians and staff did a fantastic job setting up the fair and packing away the book boxes. We hope to hold our next book fair in Term 6.



### 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, 4-5 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 3, 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

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**Looking forward to another term of reading wonders!**

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