

Dear Parents and Young Readers,

We're thrilled to launch our first dedicated reading newsletter. Our mission is simple: to inspire, celebrate, and nurture a love of reading across all ages.

Our newsletter will tell you about:

- Our school's latest initiatives to spark reading passion
- Book Recommendations: Curated selections for every reading level
- Reading Trends: Discover how our students are embracing literature

Our Commitment is to every child - whether they are already a passionate bookworm, still searching for that magical book that will ignite their imagination or needing a gentle nudge towards discovering reading's enchantment.

Please join us in Celebrating Reading! \*\*

## We are currently reading...

In Beacon Class (EYFS) we are reading books about pets and animals.

In Watermead Class (Y1/2) we are reading many books by author **Julia Donaldson like Zog** 

In Snibston class (Y3/4) we are reading

The Boy who Biked the World by Alastair Humphreys

In Prestwold class (Y5/6) we are reading

Macbeth by William Shakespeare



#### Exciting news - the library has a new look!

Why is this so important? Because we want to make reading as enjoyable and accessible as possible for everyone. With the updated layout and a fantastic selection of books, we're hoping it becomes an even better space for our children to explore and fall in love with reading.

We are excited to announce that we have updated our reading band colours and expanded the levels to ensure every pupil has access to a high-quality book perfectly matched to their reading ability. Please be assured that no child has moved down a level; this change is designed to provide more precise and engaging reading experiences.

We kindly ask that you help us care for these new books by encouraging your child to handle them gently. Additionally, please keep water bottles out of their school bags to prevent any accidental damage to the books. Thank you!

### Strive for 5

We want every child to be able to read fluently and with practice comes perfection. We ask children to aim to read at least 5 times a week at home to get fluent and expressive! 5 reads can include: reading a banded book, a magazine, newspaper, library book, or any other text that they enjoy! Children who read 5 times will receive a dojo and raffle ticket in their class Strive for 5 jar - each half term a ticket is picked at random and a child can choose any book to be gifted to them.



# Weekly Reading Competition

We have started our weekly reading competition - which class can read the most? Each class will keep a tally of their daily class reading time and the class who reads the most will get 10 minutes of extra play!

## Reading Ninja Focus

Meet our Summariser Ninja. The Summarising Ninja strategy helps children find the main points in a text. This is an important skill - knowing the essence of what you have read and being able to articulate it shows that you have gained knowledge through reading and can go on to use this in other areas!

