



Reading newsletter September 2024



Hello,

Welcome to the first of our reading newsletters of the year!

Firstly, I am delighted to confirm that we will again be taking part in the Corinium Trust's Year of Reading programme. After the success of the first year, I am excited to work with passionate reading leaders from other schools and to give our children further fantastic reading opportunities which will stem from it.

I will be approaching some authors over the next few weeks to invite them to join us for our second Ampney Crucis Primary School Literature Festival. Last year's was an incredible experience where we had 4 published authors working with us on the day. The reading ambassadors did an amazing job of running cake stalls, competitions, dressing up and generally helping everyone to get the most out of the day. I will update you with news on our plans for this later in the year.....

Our second library trolley has arrived and will be in action by the end of this week. This will enable Maple and Willow classes to share books aimed at them, whilst KS2 will do the same. There will be a range of genres and challenge in both. These books can be borrowed by the children and shared with you at home. We will lend on a weekly basis. Please remind your child to return their book once they have enjoyed it.

We have a large number of reading ambassadors this year which is a testament to how much we love books and reading in our school. I have recently met with the group and discussed the role and jobs that they would like to carry out this year. I am pleased to inform you that the Reading Buddy Club will return! This is a super opportunity for our ambassadors to spread their love of reading to younger children. Other activities they would like to carry out include book 'show and tells' during worship; setting reading challenges and competitions; a visit to the library so that they can promote it better in school; a visit to a local bookshop to create a wish list (and maybe do some shopping!); sharing recommendations and so much more!

I am grateful for having such a merry band of dedicated reading ambassadors in our school!

Reminder:

It is vital that children are given the opportunity to read as much as possible in order to become fluent, confident and successful readers who go on to be adults that love reading. Reading really is the door to the world, which is why we, as a staff, want all of our pupils to love reading as much as we do.

Alongside the hard work we put into developing this ethos at school, your children need you to help them practise the mechanics of reading at home. Children will bring home school books – Rhino Readers at first, followed by colour-banded books which enable your child to progress. These books are different to the books borrowed from the library, which may not be accessible to your child, yet. Please share the library books with your children. Even children in Oak Class tell me that they still really love stories being read to them, too. Rhino Readers and colour-banded books are for your child to rehearse their reading and should be read 3 times before they are changed. Making a quick note in the reading journals is important communication between you and your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support in this.

Happy reading until next time!

Karen McKay (English Lead)