



# Reading Newsletter – Issue 1

Welcome to the beginning of a new year and our first reading newsletter.

We hope to keep you informed about what the children are reading in school so you can discuss this with them at home, let you know about some of the fantastic reading opportunities that happen here and offer some top tips for when you are reading with your child at home. During this term the Reading Ambassadors will help to promote books and all things reading and together, we have lots of exciting events planned, including of course, World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 6th March.

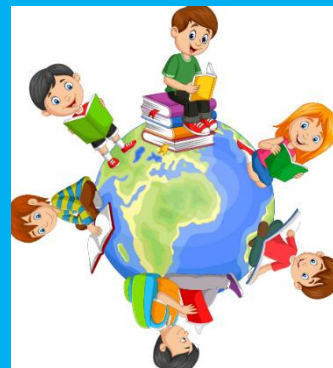
There has been fantastic reading happening all over the school this year and from the amount of gold cards that are being given out, many of you are reading lots at home too!

Mrs. Goodchild

Reading Leader

## National reading days

Did you know, there are many opportunities to celebrate reading? Almost every week there is a national reading day!



### January

**23<sup>rd</sup> – National Handwriting day**

**February – Library lovers' month**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Take your child to the library day**

**9<sup>th</sup> – Read in the bathtub day**

**14<sup>th</sup> – International book giving day**

**March – National reading month**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr Seuss day**

**6<sup>th</sup> – World book day**

**20<sup>th</sup> – World storytelling day**

**April – National Poetry Month**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – International children's book day**

**12<sup>th</sup> – Drop everything and read day**

# How we teach reading

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Bagshot Infant School teaches children to read using the scheme, *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised*. The program is taught alongside our inspiring English topics and follows a structure to allow children to thrive.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

**A reading practice book** - This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. Your child should be able to read this fluently and independently.

**A sharing library book** - Your child may not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

## Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy, that's good and is giving your child the opportunity to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Please listen to your child read the practice book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

## Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you all have fun!

# Gold Cards

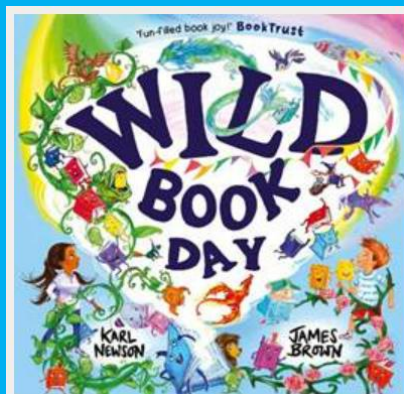
To encourage your child to read as much as possible we have a gold card reward system. If your child reads five times each week for five consecutive weeks, they will receive a gold card in our celebration assembly. The children love receiving these cards and it has proven a great motivator to encourage lots of reading!

To help your child achieve their gold card, please write in their reading record book each time your child reads to you, so we can see their brilliant progress.

It isn't just reading their school reading book that counts, home books, library books even comics count!

# Book Recommendations

Please find below some book recommendations that your child may like to read with you



## Wild Book Day

**Author:** Karl Newson **Illustrator:** James Brown

**Publisher:** Owlet Press

This is a fun-filled, glorious celebration of all that makes books interesting. The illustrations are packed with characters children will recognise – from the Three Little Pigs (and Wilbur the pig and Charlotte the spider) to the fairy godmother, Alice (in Wonderland) and Mowgli, along with wizards, dinosaurs, princesses and many more. The idea that all the characters leap off the pages when you're not looking will enchant young readers, as will the fact that this is a secret to keep.

## We Are All Astronauts!

**Author:** Kate Pankhurst **Publisher:** Bloomsbury



This picture book is packed with information that will inspire any budding astronaut. Kate Pankhurst brilliantly balances fascinating facts with Luna's overarching story and her amazing illustrations. In this slim volume is the perfect amount of detail and quirky pictures for a child in the first few years of school. Inspired by the 'Mercury 13', a group of female astronaut trainees who weren't allowed into space in the 1960s, it shines a light on the women who've either helped the advance of space travel or been into space themselves. This is inspiring STEM content for any child.

## Our Earth is a Poem: poetry about nature.

**Author:** Various **Illustrator:** Annalise Barber; Mariana Roldán; Masha Manapov; Nabila Adani **Publisher:** Little Tige



This stunning collection of 20 poems explores and celebrates nature, from forests and rivers to gorillas, mollusc shells and even mud. As the introduction points out, poetry can spark interest in things simply through interesting phrasing – such as an otter being an 'underwater thunderbolter' or moss 'a blessing on the forest'. These poems pose questions – does the butterfly miss being a caterpillar? Who swirled the whorls of a shell? – that will make the reader consider nature differently and truly engage with the words on the page.