



READING MATTERS



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".
(Psalm 119:105)

January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year and a new term! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and restful Christmas.

The start of a new term brings new challenges and new things to look forward to. This term we have lots of wonderful reading related events planned to support and encourage our students with their reading.

Every term a Reading Matters newsletter will be sent out via Insight and our Facebook page outlining all of the reading related events taking place in school. We hope you enjoy hearing about all of the activities taking place.

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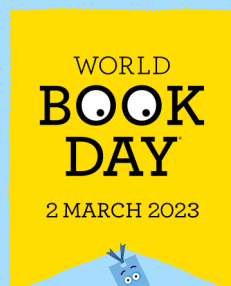
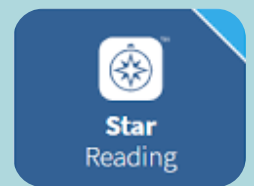
Mrs Lathall Reading Co-ordinator

Year 7 and 8 STAR Reading Tests

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 will be completing their second STAR reading test this half term.

The tests will run from Wednesday 11th January until Thursday 9th February.

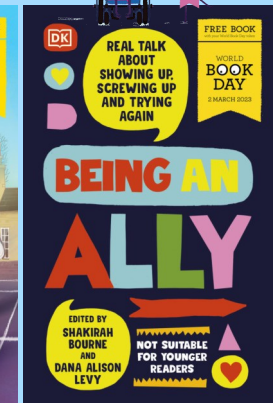
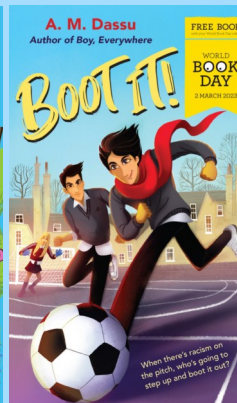
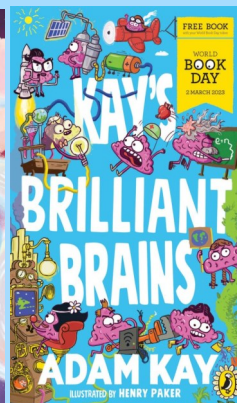
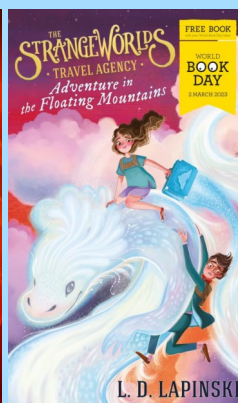
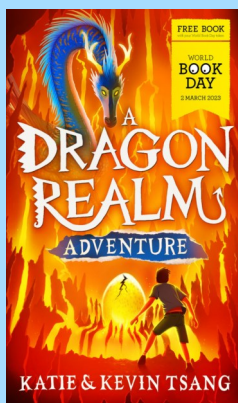
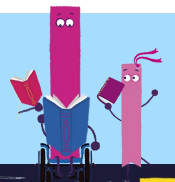
New reading ages and ZPD's will be written in student organizers.



World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. There will be a number of book related activities taking place on WBD for the pupils to enjoy. More details to follow.



2023's £1 books, available soon in bookshops and supermarkets. FREE if purchased with a WBD £1 token!



Book Token for Christmas?

With a remit to explore contentious and provocative themes as well as craft intricate alternate worlds, Young Adult fiction has become established as one of the most exciting areas of new writing. When groundbreaking non-fiction books covering diversity, mental health and teen life are added into the mix, Young Adult books are essential reads.

Below is a list of recommended reads for anyone who received a book token for Christmas and is unsure what to buy!

Best overall young adult book - 'Heartstopper' by Alice Oseman

Best young adult book for contemporary love story - 'Cuts Both Ways' by Candice Brathwaite

Best fairytale revamp young adult book - 'Let Down Your Hair' by Bryony Gordon

Best verse novel young adult book - 'The Silver Chain' by Jion Sheibani

Best fantasy young adult book - 'Blood to Poison' by Mary Watson

Best young adult addictive series - 'The Cruel Prince' (The Folk of the Air series) by Holly Black

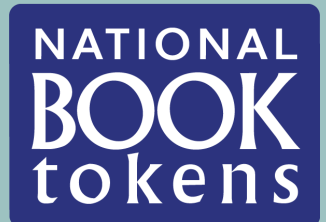
Best novella young adult book - 'Empress & Aniya' by Candice Carty-Williams

Best thriller young adult book - 'Nothing More to Tell' by Karen McManus

Best NA (new adult) book - 'See You Yesterday' by Rachel Lynn Solomon

Best romcom young adult book - 'Hani and Ishu's G

Best dystopian young adult book - 'The Stranded' by Sarah Daniels



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Reading Diet

Students should try to read a wide variety of types of books and not just stick to one author or genre. Encourage your child to experiment with something new.

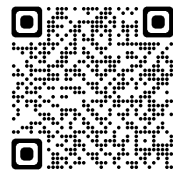
As well as reading books, don't forget that **newspapers and good magazines** are also excellent reading material and will get you child used to a range of reading experiences that will set them up well for GCSE and beyond, as well as broadening their knowledge and understanding of the world in which they live.

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Millionaire Readers

Lots of wonderful reading has taken place during our first term. We have students who have already read a million words. Well done!

Year 7

Bethany C 1,049,121

Jacob B 1,058,417

Tobias J 1,852,707

Year 8

Kira T 1,027,349

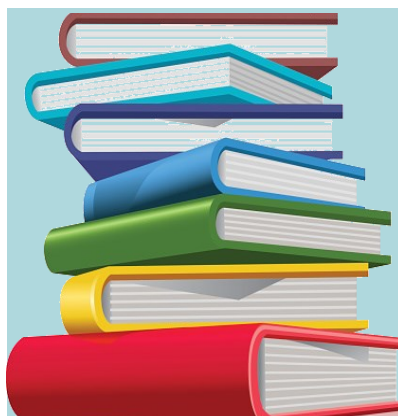
Amelia G 1,184,393



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