



READING



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Reading Newsletter. As a school, we are passionate about reading and want children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. At Bickerstaffe School, we aim to create a whole school culture of a love for reading and to develop independent readers who have a good understanding of texts - both fiction and non-fiction! As always, your support is hugely appreciated!



Reading Target

- To read at home at least four times a week

Each class have selected a focus author. Ask your child about their class Author. Maybe you could find out more together or look for more of their books in the shops or at the library.

Don't forget to check out our school website! Our reading area has lots of great information and lots of photos to share.

When researching for our latest addition of the newsletter I read this and it really stood out. I am sure you will agree.

Advertise the joy of reading!

Our goal is to motivate children to want to read so they will practice reading independently and, thus, become fluent readers. That happens when children enjoy reading. Us as parents can do for reading what fast food chains do for hamburgers? ADVERTISE! And we advertise by reading great stories and poems to children.

We can help our children find the tools they need to succeed in life. Having access to information through the printed word is an absolute necessity. Knowledge is power, and books are full of it. But reading is more than just a practical tool.

Through books we can enrich our minds; we can also relax and enjoy some precious leisure moments.

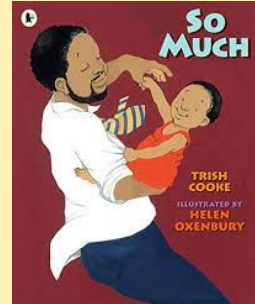
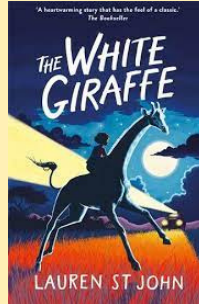
With your help, your children can begin a lifelong relationship with the printed word, so they grow into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge, or pleasure.

WOW!

Thank you for supporting your child with their home reading, we have had lots of filled in reading charts!



Focus Authors



Class 1

Trish Cooke was born in Bradford West Yorkshire. Her parents come from a place called Dominica in the West Indies. When she was little, her Mum, Dad and her older brothers and sisters were always talking about this fun place that she'd never been to and so she grew up imagining what it would be like to be in Dominica. "For me there's nothing better than to escape into another world where you're in charge of all the characters, what they say and what they do". Class 1 chose Trish Cooke as So Much has been a firm favourite and we wanted to know more about the Author. Zoom is another super story of hers that we love.



Class 2

Lauren St John grew up on a farm and game reserve in Zimbabwe, the inspiration for her multi-award winning White Giraffe series and her memoir, Rainbow's End. After studying journalism, she became a sportswriter for The Sunday Times. The books talk about animal preservation and the children have really enjoyed escaping to another world and day dreaming about life in Zimbabwe.



Class 3

Class 3 have chosen Louie Stowell as their focus author as she writes exciting books about magic and adventure. Her characters are all relatable and we can imagine ourselves getting in to the mishaps that they do. Louie lives in London with her wife and her dog Buffy. Buffy likes to dress up and we love to look on her website at the pictures of Buffy in his costumes.



Class 4

We chose Onjali Rauf as our focus author because we have read one of her book before and found it deeply engaging, in fact every single member of Class 4 voted for Onjali Rauf to become our focus author. Onjali is an extremely talented author, originally from Bangladesh.

She is a women's rights activist and has written numerous books such as The Lion above the Door, The Boy at the Back of Class, and The Night Bus Hero. We are currently reading The Lion above the door – about a boy who finds his own name carved into a memorial above the door of a museum. His journey begins on a class visit to the museum and takes him on a great adventure.

