



# Reading Newsletter



Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St Robert Southwell's first Reading Newsletter. As part of our reading focus in school, we are excited to share with you the wonderful reading experiences and texts your children have explored over the last half term.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all those children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and submitted such fantastic entries. Thank you to Miss Malone for creating this lovely display for some of the children's work.

## Half Term Reading Challenge (optional)

We would love to see what and where you are reading over the half term holidays. You can choose one of the challenges below:

1. Find an interesting place to read and take a photo. This may be somewhere in your house, on a day out or on holiday.
2. Create a bookmark based on your favourite book or character.

Any photo entries can be emailed to [homelearning@robsouth.org](mailto:homelearning@robsouth.org) with 'Half Term Reading Challenge' as the subject. Please put your child's name and class in the contents of the email.



## Black History Month

The children have enjoyed browsing through the great selection of books on display in the school reception area over the past few weeks. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths for this wonderful display!



## Travelling Book Fair

A massive thank you to all those who supported us at the Book Fair last week. It was fantastic to see the children so excited to get their hands on some brand new reading material. Your purchases have helped the school to receive £900 worth of books!

## Reading Journals

Well done to the following children who have really impressed their teachers with their dedication to reading shown through their fantastic reading journals which have been completed everyday to a very high standard. These children were able to select a book from Miss Beck's own collection.

- 3R Neha Kerai
- 3S Holly Linskey
- 4R Joshua Deftu
- 4S Maya Cirstean
- 5R Shaan Patel
- 5S Lisa Connolly
- 6R Alana Wall
- 6S Izabela Cirstean

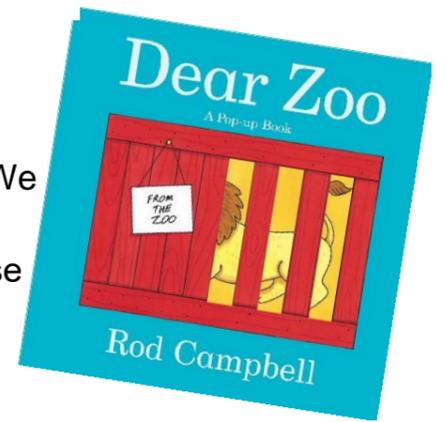




# What We Have Been Reading....

## Year 1

We have been engrossed in a series of books connected to our Autumn Term theme 'Wild'. We dipped into the book 'Dear Zoo' just before our thrilling trip to London Zoo. We expressed our desires for a favourite animal in our letters to the wildlife park. Then we plunged into 'Wild' and 'Where the Wild Things Are' to write accounts of our trips to these forests. Finally, we wrote a jungle poem based on 'Walking in the Jungle.'

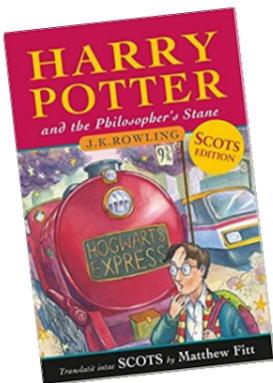
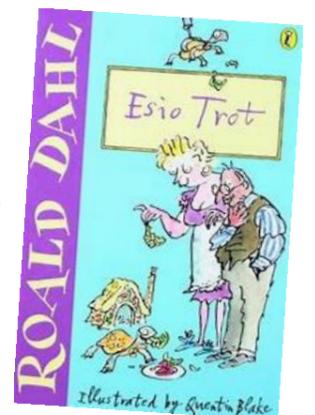


## Year 2

Year 2 have been deep in the world of traditional tales and have been enthusiastically listening to a range of tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs, using actions and drama to help plan and re-tell the stories. We then used our story-telling skills and knowledge to help re-tell a story with a comical twist on a traditional tale called 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig', where we could really explore and describe a villain in true traditional- tale style.

## Year 3

Inspired by our pet tortoise, Shelby, we have chosen Esio Trot by Roald Dahl as our class text. We loved going on a journey with the characters exploring the theme of friendships. This book has been a great stimulus for our very own stories which we have loved writing.

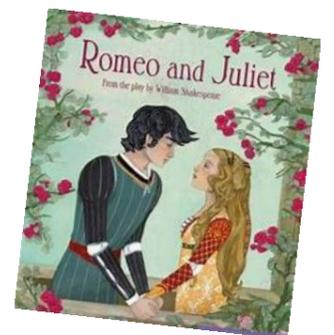


## Year 4

Year 4 have been enthralled by the adventures of Harry Potter in the first book of the series. We have all been invited to join Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and have written formal letters accepting our places. In addition, we have composed informal letters to our families informing them of our delight, wonder and awe about attending. Finally, we wrote diary entries about our initial meeting with Hagrid (Keeper of Keys) and the information he imparted to us.

## Year 5

Year 5 have been captivated by the world of Shakespeare, studying one of his most famous plays 'Romeo and Juliet'. We have written in role as Romeo, expressing his adoration for Juliet the moment he set eyes upon her, and reported on the deaths of two characters after exploring the deep-rooted hatred between the Montagues and Capulets. Over the next half term, the children will be given further opportunities to read another of Shakespeare's classics and complete a project based on this.



## Year 6

We have been immersed in Bram Stoker's 'Dracula', in the story of when brave young friends battle against evil to take on the world's vilest vampire. Keeping us on the edge of our seats, we have been inspired to write newspaper reports and even our own thrilling story endings. In keeping with our 'horror' genre, our Reading for Pleasure texts have been 'Freeze' and 'Still Water' by Chris Priestley.