

Lunsford Primary Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest Lunsford Reading Newsletter!

It has been another busy term with all the children enjoying their new class texts. Keep reading for some recommendations of what else your child might enjoy. Hopefully the improving weather means your families can enjoy some time reading outside together.

Happy reading everyone! Mrs Lomax

Larkfield Library in Martin Square is our local library and like all other libraries, is completely free to join! If you are not already a member, why not make a trip there over the holidays to get signed up. It is open from 9am – 5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri then from 9am – 2pm on Saturday.

If you join the library, you will also get access to the Kent libraries online services Libby and BorrowBox. These allow you to borrow and download audiobooks – a perfect idea for both reluctant and keen readers! They have so many different titles for both adults and children. I've been enjoying listening to audiobooks on my drive to and from school each day! And the best bit is, just like traditional library books, this service is completely free!



What have we read this term?

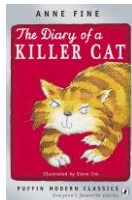
YR – Errol's Garden



Y1 – Man on the Moon



Y2 – Diary of a Killer Cat



Y3 – Oliver and the Seawigs



Y4 – One Plastic Bag



Tiger Class – Stormbreaker



Zebra Class – The Savage



If you liked that book, why not try.....



Covered in
Adventures by
Gillian Hibbs



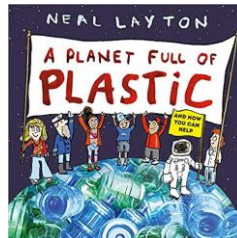
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Ever Friend
by Simon
Bartram



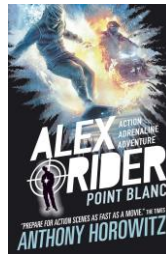
The Return of
the Killer Cat
by Anne Fine



Cakes in Space
by Philip Reeve
and Sarah
McIntyre



A Planet Full of
Plastic by Neal
Layton



Point Blanc by
Anthony
Horowitz



Skellig by David
Almond

Top Reading Tips from Coram Beanstalk

Find out more at <https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/Listing/Category/grow-a-love-of-reading>

Read to your child, regardless of how old they are

Whether consciously or subconsciously, many parents stop reading to their children once they have learnt to read themselves; reading aloud is often considered something you do only with young children who can't yet read.

Listening to a story being read aloud must be an enjoyable experience. In 2017, 5.7 million adults in the UK bought or listened to an audiobook (and we suspect a lot of them can read!).

Listening to your child read, and you reading aloud to them, are two very different activities with two very different outcomes.

Here's why reading to a child of any age is vitally important...

Reading isn't just about deciphering the words on the page. If you aren't extracting any meaning from those words then you aren't reading. Children are still using much of their brain power to decode individual words leaving little brain capacity to process their collective meaning. In short, by hearing the words read aloud, a child has time to picture, imagine and connect to a story. They can focus on what's actually happening.

A child's reading level doesn't catch up with their listening level until around the age of 14. Without any discussion, a child can handle more complex language and content when they hear it read aloud.

Reading aloud to older children has both academic and emotional benefits. They can be exposed to more complex vocabulary, in context, which you can discuss and reinforce. And, you have the opportunity to explore emotive or sensitive subjects in a guided way - helping build empathy.

It gives you a joint interest and the opportunity to stimulate discussion outside of book reading. Making connections is an important part of comprehension; by reading with your child you are able to help them see how what they have read connects to their lives or the lives of others.

You have the power to influence their perception of reading. Reading a story aloud with voices and expression not only helps them to better understand the meaning but it also makes reading exciting. Try to end your reading on a cliffhanger and listen to them beg for more!

You get the sheer pleasure of legitimately reading (or re-reading) some amazing children's books!



**Grow a love of reading:
Tip #1**

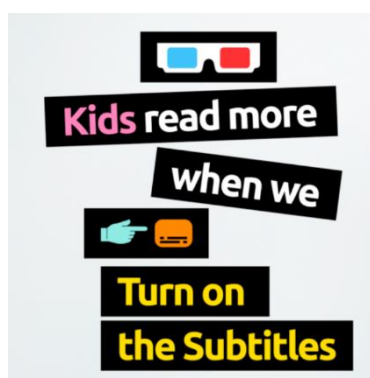
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Books for Topics have some great recommendations for books for every year group. Visit their website for more information <https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/>

You can also find more information about supporting your child with their reading on our school website <https://www.lunsford.kent.sch.uk/english-1/>



Research shows that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time. #turnonthesubtitles

Go to <https://turnonthesubtitles.org> for more information

Just a reminder to please look after school reading books and library books. Lost or damaged books will be charged at £5 as a contribution to go towards replacing them.

Thank you!

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Don't forget to take part in Buster Book Club every Wednesday evening to try and help your class to win. Just get your Buster bookmark signed so your minutes count!

