



Reading News

17th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting our school with everything related to reading during November and December - your children have been developing and demonstrating some fantastic reading skills! We would like to share and celebrate some **'Reading News'** with you.

Headlines:

- Last week, our second set of poetry themed Phase Assemblies took place and the children performed an array of Christmas themed poems with confidence and style.
- Alongside comments from our Autumn Term Parental Questionnaire, pupils completed a Reading Questionnaire (see overleaf). We have listened to your comments and are making some changes to ensure that our reading provision becomes even better than it already is.
- After an awesome amount of applications (64), 20 Reading Ambassadors from Year 2 to Year 6 have been chosen to promote the love of reading across the school.
- We are delighted to announce the first winners of our new reading reward scheme 'Book Bucks'. Children from each class (who read the most) were entered into a prize draw. 14 children have received a book token as a reward for their commitment to regularly reading over and above the minimum expectation of 3 times per week. Team points and golden tickets have continued to be awarded in their hundreds!
- Recently, we had a visit from Mrs Sanders (Director of English for the Brooke Weston Trust) and she shared some encouraging feedback with regard to English and reading provision at Oakley Vale: 'Engaging learning environments which promote English across the school... A good range of texts are being used across the school... The texts are also challenging and engaging.'

Up and coming:

- After Christmas, Corby Library will be coming into school to work with the children and encourage those who do not yet have a Corby Library Card, to obtain one. (Please contact the office if you need another copy of the application form sent out in the Autumn term)
- Reading Ambassadors will have their first meeting to begin generating ideas to lead new reading related initiatives across the school.
- Children will have the opportunity to attend 'Reading Catch Up Group' weekly if they have been unable to read 3 times at home the previous week. As it is for 10 minutes on a Monday breaktime, attendance is voluntary.
- We are awaiting the arrival of some new books to add to our developing home/school reading scheme.
- Children will be encouraged to retell books they have read at home, to complement the completion of book reviews which enable children to demonstrate their understanding of what they have read at home.

Have a great Christmas and we look forward to continuing our 'Reading Journey' together in the New Year.

Kind regards, Mrs Clarke. (English Lead)

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Reading Pupil Questionnaire December 2018

Discussions about reading have taken place across the school. Children have shared their views.

