



Reading Newsletter

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Miss P. Hocking (English coordinator)

Welcome back, fellow readers!

Reading is a huge passion of ours at Callowell, both with the staff and the students. Being able to read enables children to unlock not only the curriculum but also the world around them. In addition to this, we strive to create a reading for pleasure environment at our school whereby children openly discuss books with each other. We have invested in a wide variety of reading materials to ensure children are given a varied diet of reading materials so that we can maximise the reading potential of every pupil.

Expectations

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children will receive one phonetically decodable book and one sharing book. The phonetically decodable book has been carefully matched to where children are within their phonics lessons.

Children read the book in school, three times, and then take it home to further build fluency in their reading. Children also take home a 'shared reading book. This is a book selected by the child for an adult at home to read to them, modelling expression, fluency and enjoyment of reading.

In Key Stage 2, each child will be provided with at least one book from our colour banded scheme. This book has been carefully matched to their reading ability (considering their reading accuracy, fluency and reading comprehension). The books are progressive and wide in variety, containing many different genres, however children choose the book themselves, from their level. We are confident in our reading scheme and our assessment process we use to move children up through the levels.

It is expected that the children read with an adult at home, at least three times a week. This should be signed in their reading record. The reading record, along with the book, will get checked and/or changed, weekly, or as needed.

We must ask that books are looked after so that children can enjoy the books for many years to come. We ask parents to replace any lost books or books that are damaged.

*I do believe
something magical
can happen when
you read a book.*

J.K Rowling

Reading Ambassadors

Selected Year 6 children will be chosen to be Reading Ambassadors. This is a very important job as they decide which books we have in school, help with the library and other reading areas in the school.

They have to be passionate readers and be confident in recommending books to other children throughout the school. They will lead reading assemblies and read to other classes. Please keep an eye out for they will be revealed on the next Reading Newsletter! I'm looking forward to working alongside some new children to promote reading across Callowell school.

**THE MORE THAT YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU'LL LEARN,
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.**

Reading highlights of the year 23-24



Meeting the author, Myles McLeod.



choice.

The Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Nailsworth set up shop at Callowell, providing children with a book of their



We redesigned the library and purchased over 300 new books for children to enjoy.

A huge thank you to the Reading Ambassadors of the year 23-24 who helped Miss Hocking promote reading across the school.