

Reading Newsletter

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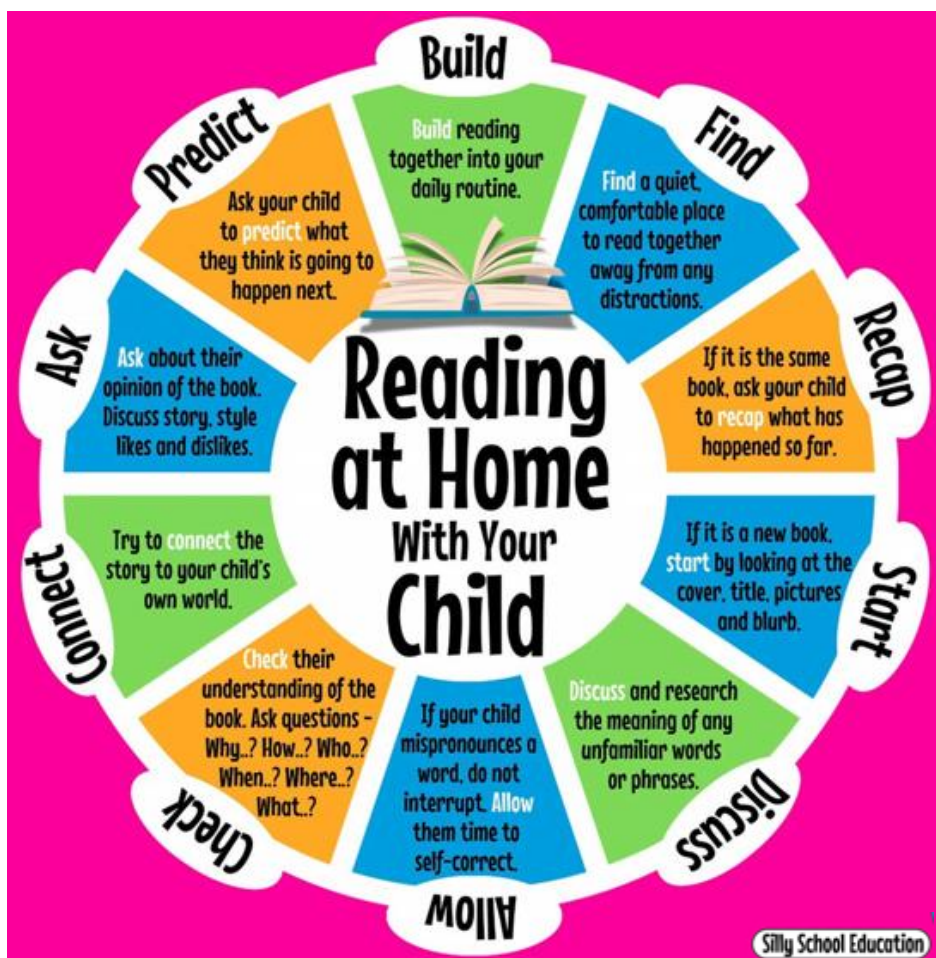


Welcome to Our Reading Newsletter!

I'm excited to share the latest edition of our Reading Newsletter. In this issue, you'll find updates on reading across the school, along with book recommendations and simple ideas for supporting your child's reading at home.

Mrs Minta
Reading Lead

Supporting Reading at Home



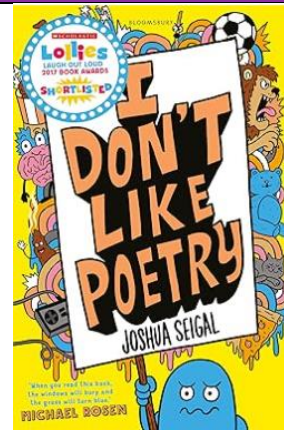
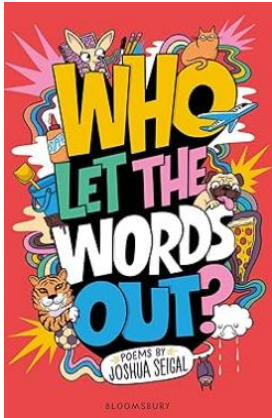
We are often asked at parents' evenings how best to support reading at home. One of the simplest and most effective things you can do is to keep reading with your child and listening to them read.

Once children are able to read independently, it can feel like they no longer need the same level of support. However, continuing to share books, listen to your child read and talk about what they are reading remains incredibly important. This helps develop fluency, understanding and a deeper enjoyment of reading.

The ideas in this guide offer some simple prompts you can use when reading together at home.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home.

Featured Poet Joshua Seigal



A special message from Joshua...

Hello everyone at West Bridgford Juniors! My name is Joshua Seigal and I am a poet. I am writing to say hello and share a brand new poem with you. In February, I have a new book coming out. I always tell people that it's important to write about things you care about, and one of those things is my cat. Her name is Bluebell. She isn't very clever, but she is very sweet. Here is a poem from my new book, which I am happy to share exclusively with you:

Catting Around

*I'm catting around
Just catting around*

Might sleep through day
On a soft settee
Have a stretch, have a yawn
Lick my bum, scratch a flea
Might stare at a bird
Might lunge at a mouse
Might drink from the sink
As I slink round the house

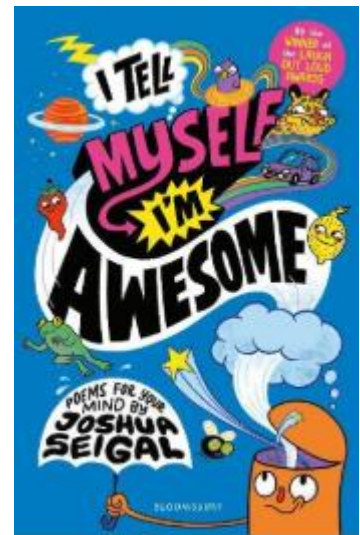
*Cos I'm catting around
Yeah catting around*

I'll climb on your head
When you're trying to sleep
I'll lounge on your bed
In a furry heap
Might sit on your book
Get hair on the couch
Might act like a clown
Might sulk like a grouch

*Cos I'm catting around
Just catting around*

See I'm a good little kitt
When I wanna be nice
But I have a few words
So I'll be precise:
Might bat your face
Might sit on your chest –
It's *my* place now
So be a good guest

*While I'm catting around
Yeah while I'm catting around...*



Please visit my website, where you will find lots of fun, FREE poems: www.joshuaseigal.co.uk

I wish you all the very best. Keep reading! Keep writing!

Scholastic Book Fair Update

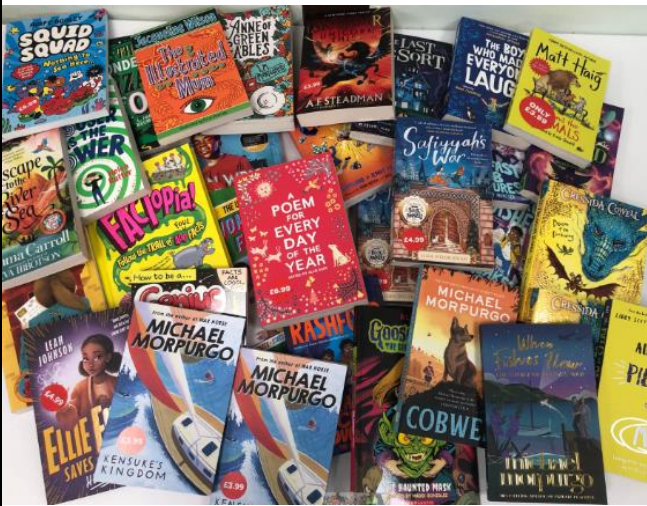


We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and families for supporting our recent Scholastic Book Fair by buying books at the fair. Thanks to your support, we sold more than we ever have at a book fair before.

We are delighted to share that we have earned **£692** in rewards, which will be used to buy new books for our school. Here are just some of the books that will be added to our classrooms, with many more being ordered in the new year to further enrich our children's reading experiences.

A special thank you to our fantastic Reading Champions, who supported us during the evenings and helped everything to run so smoothly.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



Extreme Reading – Half-Term Challenge



Over half term, our Reading Champions ran a competition all about being caught reading in unusual places!

There were lots of amazing entries, with children really thinking outside the box and showing just how creative they can be when it comes to reading. It certainly made choosing winners a tricky task!

After much discussion, the Reading Champions chose the following winners:

Year 3: June reading on a camel

Year 4: Theo reading in a toboggan

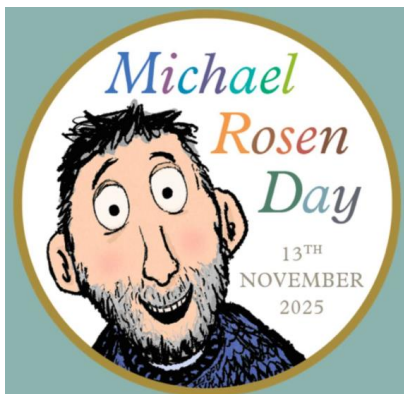
Year 5: Khivi reading in the fridge

Year 6: Imogen reading on a rollercoaster

Well done to all our winners, and thank you again to everyone who entered. Keep an eye out for more reading challenges coming soon!



Michael Rosen Day



On 13th November, our school celebrated Michael Rosen Day! The day began with a special live online event, where the children had the delight of listening to Michael Rosen perform some of his famous food poems.

Following the event, each class practised performing one of Michael Rosen's poems together. Year 3 took a slightly different approach and created their own poems inspired by emotions such as hunger, anger, and happiness, which they then performed to the class.

It was a wonderful day full of creativity, fun and a love of reading and poetry!



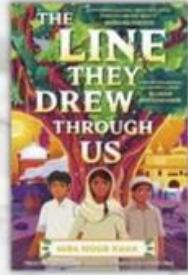
Favourites of 2025

I wanted to share the following books, which have been highlighted through the #8BrilliantBooks hashtag as some of the best children's books published in 2025. There are some fantastic choices across picture books, poetry, middle grade fiction, and non-fiction, offering something for every type of reader.

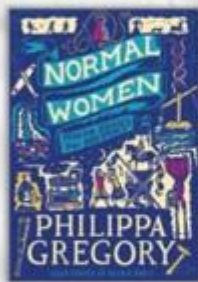
Why not borrow one from the library or add it to your Christmas list? They would make wonderful reads to enjoy at home.

Class 9 are currently reading *Crookhaven*, which has already sparked lots of enthusiasm and discussion.





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