

Reading Together

December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 4 of Marsh Green Primary's Reading Together Newsletter! It is truly amazing to see how quickly a term can fly by. At Marsh Green we have been busy reading as always and all classes enjoyed parental support on our 'Reading Together Afternoon'. A big thank you to all of you who attended! We look forward to seeing you at the next 'Reading Together Afternoon' on 10th January 2024.

Our aims continue to be:

- to raise a community focus on the importance of reading for information and pleasure
- to encourage pupils to view reading as a valuable experience, develop their skills as independent readers and be motivated to read on their own
- to keep parents and carers updated with school initiatives and supportive reading tips that encourages and supports reading at home.

Thank you for reading at home with your child over the autumn term. It has been a great start to reading for many, with excellent communication and partnership between home and school. There is still a lot of reading work to be done for some, so let's continue this reading journey together. Class teachers are always happy to support with any obstacles to reading that you or your child may be experiencing at home.

Information about our fun 'Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge' – to encourage engagement with books and reading over the Christmas break - will be sent home by the end of term!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Winkler
English Lead

Introducing our 2023-2024 Reading and Library Ambassadors

Our new Y6 Reading Ambassadors and Y5 Library Ambassadors have been working in their role since September 2023. Both groups have already shown a commitment to help others and their work is appreciated by us all.

Y6 Reading Ambassadors

Rahma Sorina George
Freshta Eliza Lucas
Maksym Paris Nabiha
Arham Alice Adil
Mohamed Aliza
Muhammad Abi
Madison Gabby
Maryum Elli
Elisa Layla
Anita Precious



Y 5 Library Ambassadors

Ivy
Priansh
Presley
Laylah
Mide
Olivia
Anastasia
Silvia
Rizwan
Lily-Mae
Anabia

Bethany
Mia
Samiha
Grace
Crystal
Zain
Mikun
Clayton
Arafaht
Elijah

Our First Reading Together Afternoon of the School Year

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended. It was exciting for the children and helpful for our staff to have the opportunity to speak with so many of you.



Marsh Green Adults Read Aloud!

Click on the link below to visit our school website. You are invited to relax and enjoy listening to some interesting **non-fiction** information.

[Adults in School Reading Aloud - Marsh Green Primary School](#)

If you haven't already done so, try reading aloud to or with your child even if they can read. This offers them more practice and will extend their range of new vocabulary and phrases.

Listen Jo Frost's Quick Reading advice for parents

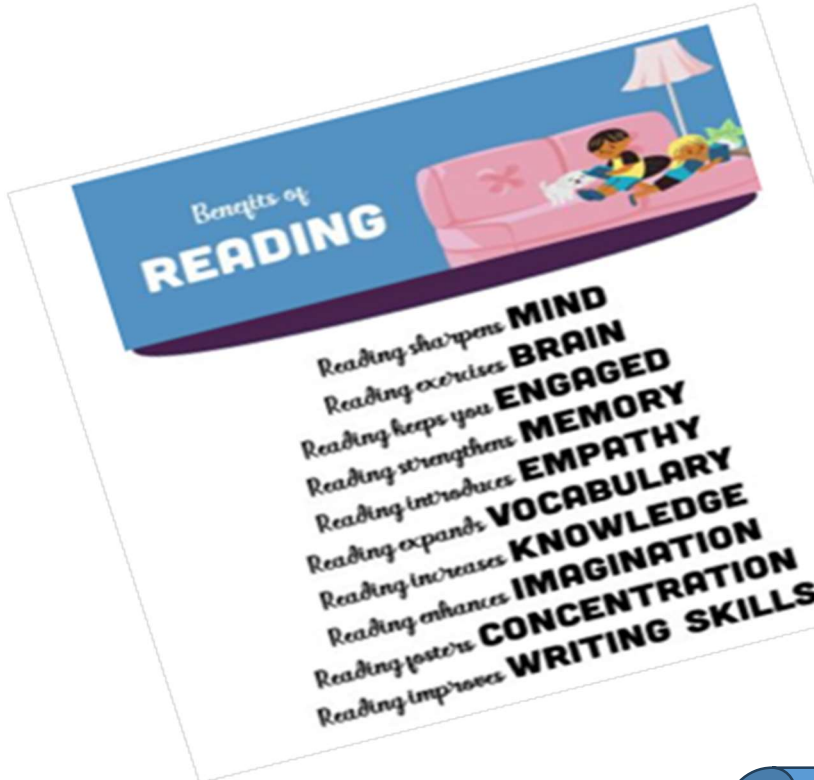
<https://youtu.be/RXzJMMrm-1c?t=10>

As we know, practice really does make perfect!



Why Reading at Home Matters...

When you read with your child at home, you are supplementing what they learn in the classroom as well as giving them the additional one to one support that class teachers cannot always give as often as they would like to.



Top Tips

- Make reading part of your **daily routine**. Enjoy it as a regular shared event that both you and your child can look forward to. It is a fact that reading does reduce stress and can support wellbeing.
- **Vary the books** read to broaden your child's imagination. Allow them to delve into different cities, different worlds, different cultures and different characters. Through reading books your child will develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.
- **Be patient** (it is very easy to take reading for granted and as adults we may forget what learning to read and comprehend was like).

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



Children's Corner

Reading is free entertainment over the holidays!

Look out for the Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge Homework!

A copy will be given to your child **and** it will also be sent as a parent mail in the last week of term.

Ready to practice reading aloud for something different?

World Read Aloud Day will be celebrated on 7th February 2024. It is about celebrating the power of reading aloud. It encourages children and adults to grab a book, find an audience and read aloud! This event is celebrated in over 173 countries around the world. The aim is to bring people and communities together through the power of words.

Listen to the author Peter H. Reynolds read his amazing book called *'The Word Collector'*

<https://youtu.be/9caTyzlZwws?t=2>

There is an exciting surprise at the end!