



Reading Together

July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 3 of Marsh Green Primary's Reading Together Newsletter.

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 your continued support with reading over the school year.

Below is some information about a great 'Summer Holiday Reading Challenge' that will support your child's engagement with books and reading all summer long!

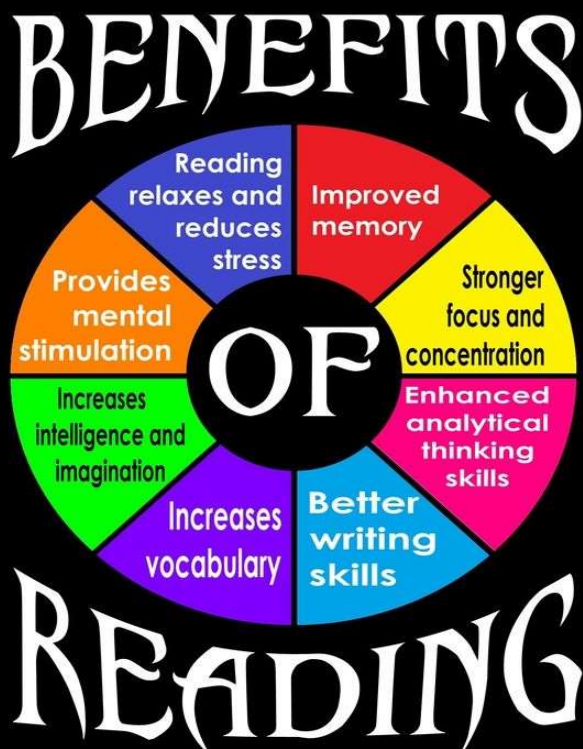
Please could you also spend a few minutes to complete the 'Parent Reading Survey' sent. It will be extremely helpful as we continue to improve the standard of reading at Marsh Green Primary.

'There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.'

-Jacqueline Kennedy



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



Reading Ambassadors / Library Monitors

A huge 'THANK YOU' to our reading ambassadors who have shown commitment to help others and our library monitors who have helped to maintain a tidy, organized library environment.

Reading Ambassadors (Y6)

Team A - Mondays (Y3)
Sam, Deborah, Charlotte, Faizah

Team B - Tuesdays (Y5)
Othniel, Ikeoluwa, Kevin, Amaan

Team C - Wednesdays (Y4)
Urwa, Joshua, Rugile, Mihran, Lewis

Library Monitors

SEL

Gabrielle, Aliza, Mohamed, Precious, Abimbola, Maryam, Samuel

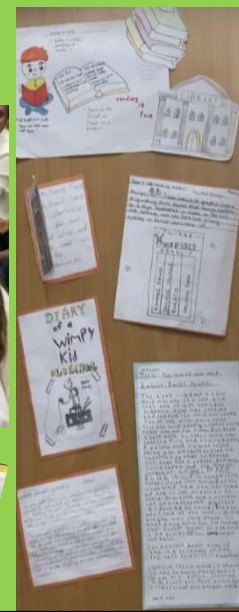
SAL

Rahma, Sorina, Haseeb, Nabiha, Alessia, Benas, Sana, Rahela, Amaan

As our Y6 reading ambassadors have now left Marsh Green, we will be accepting volunteers and offering training for new ambassadors and library monitors in September 2023.

Marsh Green's First Community Reading Event

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our 'Community Reading Event'. It was rewarding for our staff to have the opportunity to speak with so many of you. Thank you for your positive comments!



This event is perfect. Lots of different things and good to join – Jun Yu He



I liked making a bookmark for my book.



I really enjoyed the children's interactions with the books and there were lots of different activities for them to choose from. Very enjoyable event.



It's been a really nice atmosphere here today. There were so many books and so many things to learn.



What I liked was everything! Marsh Green did an amazing job and I love this school so much!



Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here is a great way in which you can support and encourage your child to maintain their reading skills over the summer holiday!



The Summer Reading Challenge has been running since 1999 and helps to prevent the summer reading 'dip' that many young people experience during their summer holidays while schools are closed. With the help of local libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge is accessible to all and provides a fun, free activity for children.

This year's theme – Ready, Set, Read! – is all about games and sports and has been developed in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust. **It encourages 4- to 11-year-olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.**

Children will join a fictional team – and their animal mascots! – as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. **The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them.**

Ready, Set, Read! will showcase how reading can be active and engaged, and can itself involve teamwork and community.

On completion of the challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate for reading all six books.

How to take part

To take part in Ready, Set, Read! – all you need to do is register at your nearest library – or [you can register online](#) to take part. This year's Summer Reading Challenge runs until 9 September 2023.

Sign up today to take part in the Ready, Set, Read! challenge.

Pupil Voice - Reading Questionnaire

Analysis of a reading questionnaire carried out at the end of term (with Y1- Y6 pupils) revealed the following...

-most children said that reading at home helps to build confidence for reading in school, but that **parents need to ask more questions about the book being read.**

-most children felt that **parents/carers encouraged them to read at home.**

-some children did not feel confident when asked to read out loud in class (KS2 children felt that **more practice reading out loud at home** would help them).

-most children felt that their **reading had improved** over the year, and they were proud of their reading.

- most children usually have a book on loan from the school library.

Children's Corner

Competition | Summer Reading Challenge

Click on the link above to join in with several simple, sporty challenges!

Watch / listen to authors and illustrators discuss their books and their involvement in the Summer Reading Challenge.

You can even learn a few tips for drawing book characters!

<https://youtu.be/PTSlwE1xIRo>

Go on an adventure with a celebrity book presenter and bring a book to life! You can listen as they tell you all about their favourite book.

<https://youtu.be/-WPZT22hE1g>