



Reading Together

January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Issue 1 of Marsh Green Primary's Reading Together Newsletter.

Our aims are:

- 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 supporting our expectations over the autumn term by hearing your child read at least three times a week and both, reading your child's teacher comments and writing a comment in their diary to keep communication about their reading progress clear. As a result, many children in KS2 have won a book prize in our 'Reading Raffle'. Their pride and excitement directly linked to the effort that they had put into reading at home, and this was really rewarding for the staff to see. EYFS and KS1 will begin their participation in the reading raffle this term.

Reading together and sharing books for even ten minutes a day contributes to your child's future success.

Useful Reading Websites – EYFS <https://youtu.be/1-wud5ndvuE?t=7> (Ten Tips from Julia Donaldson)

- KS1 [Reading - KS1 Language and Literacy - BBC Bitesize](#)
- KS2 [KS2 English SATs - Paper 2 - Reading - BBC Bitesize](#)

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Winkler



Christmas Reading Homework



Thank you for sending in a photograph of your child reading in an unusual place. It really was a challenge to pick a winner from each class, as all entries were great! Nevertheless, we are pleased to announce that the winning entries belong to

Nursery - Emily

Reception - Bridget

Y1 - Adeshina

Y2 – Eva (2OG) and Tafrina (2VT)

Y3 – Farideh (3MJ) and Jeylin (3GC)

Y4 – Priansh (4TW) and Israa (4FK)

Y5 – Benas (5AC) and Milita (EL)

Y6 – Faizah (6SC) and Annabel (6NB)

All winners will receive a book prize. There was also a fantastic effort made to read and complete the creative activities set to a good standard. Teachers will display some examples of this work in classrooms and around school.

Marsh Green Primary Website

Reading Aloud with Children of All Ages



“The single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud – early, later and as often as possible – with children of all ages,”

- report by the Commission on Reading

If you have not done so already, please visit the reading section on our school website where you will find videos of Marsh Green Staff reading aloud.

A different book or extract will be read aloud each week.

Please encourage your child to access this brilliant resource!

How to find the teacher's read aloud videos

Marsh Green Primary School Website-

[Home - Marsh Green Primary School](#)

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-Yellow star- Read Aloud Teachers at Marsh Green

There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin.

Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:

- **I wonder...**
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- **Bring the book to life...**
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- **That reminds me of...**
Make personal connections.
- **What have you seen there?**
Follow their interests.
- **That's made me feel...**
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- **Oo look at that!**
Let them know what you have noticed.
- **Again, again...**
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children– and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

Important Diary Dates 2023

Reading Together Morning - Wednesday 1st February

This is the return of a past initiative that both parents and pupils have enjoyed! We look forward to welcoming you into classrooms to read alongside your child and play reading games.

More information will be sent out via parentmail closer to the date.

Marsh Green's World Book Day Celebration will be held on - Wednesday 1st March

All pupils and staff will be dressed creatively as **a word** of their choice. Weather permitting, there will be a parade for parents and carers to enjoy as well as a prize for the pupil in each class, with the most creative costume.

More information will be sent out via parentmail closer to the date.

Children's Corner

Chatterbox Challenge

Have you read a book that you cannot stop talking about?
Would you like to share your excitement with others in an assembly?
See Mrs. Winkler or let your teacher know.
We can't wait to hear from you!