



Reading Together

April 2024



Hello everyone,
Welcome to Issue 5 of Marsh Green Primary's Reading Together Newsletter!

Over the spring term Marsh Green pupils and staff have maintained a busy reading schedule and all classes enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day Celebration with pupils and staff dressed creatively as **words**. We were also grateful as always, for parental participation on our 'Reading Together Morning' which we know both pupils and teachers always enjoy. These events continue to ensure communication and partnership between home and school. I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who attend these events as they allow us to maintain a high profile for reading and add a level of excitement, which in turn encourages pupil interest in words, reading and books. I hope that you had an opportunity to browse the reading display on 'Pupil Review Day' and that you have had an opportunity to make use of the reading information leaflets and bookmarks that were available on the day (please ask your child's class teacher for a copy if needed).

I hope that you have all had an egg-cellent Easter consisting of lots of chocolate, relaxing and of course reading! **Class teachers look forward to discussing the 'Easter Holiday Reading' task given to your child at the start of the holiday and to presenting a prize to the winners!**

Our reading aims for the summer term 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.

As always, our Marsh Green staff are willing to support with any obstacles to reading that you or your child may be experiencing at home. So, let's continue our reading journey **together**.

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



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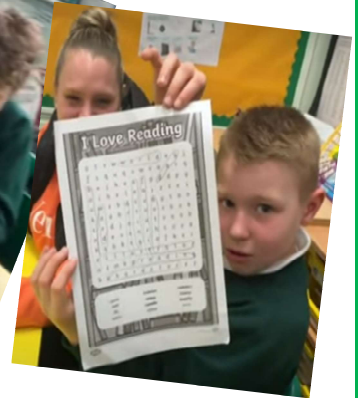
KS2 – 5SC

Marsh Green's World Book Day Winners – March 2024



Winning class decorated doors.

Reading Together – January / March 2024



Children's Corner

Reading Comprehension Strategies

Re-read the Text more information = more understanding	Activate Prior Knowledge what do I already know about this?	Use Context Clues
Infer Meaning read between the lines	Think Aloud talk through it	Summarize the Story Characters → Setting → Problem → Solution

Take a peep at the
amazing websites below!

CREATE A POP-UP BOOK

Follow along with the video to create your own book.

https://youtu.be/hJO_a3jYRII

Awesome Authors - Celebrate BBC's #LovetoRead with CBBC and discover everything awesome about authors, brilliant about books and wicked about words

[Awesome Authors - CBBC - BBC](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Come to Marsh Green's Great Community
Reading Event!

Theme ... Alice in Wonderland



An amazing reading adventure for the whole
family to enjoy!

Reading Together Afternoon – 2:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 19th June 2024

We look forward to welcoming you into classrooms
to read alongside your child and play reading games.

Marsh Green Primary Website

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.



Deaf awareness Week 2024 - 6th to 12th May

During this week, people are encouraged to learn more about **British Sign Language** and enhance their understanding of communication with individuals who are deaf or have hearing loss.

Learn how to sign the word - [read](#)

[How to sign Read in British Sign Language \(BSL\)](#) (brightbsl.co.uk)

[The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson - Signed Stories - British Sign Language](#) | BSL | SSE | Read Aloud
<https://youtu.be/bgtYr9xD8Jg?t=72>

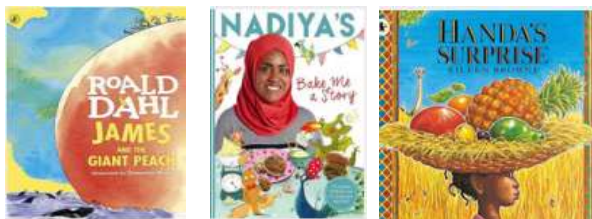
Even more exciting reading in May!

Celebrate National Share a Story Month ... an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing.

This year's theme is **"A Feast of Stories!"**

Many popular books feature food as a staple to the characters and the plot line such as turkish delight in Narnia.

Some food will have your mouth watering while other food and drink may have you shrink or grow ridiculously tall. There is no end to the fun to be had when food and stories connect.



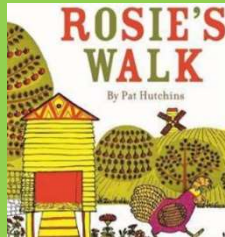
Look out for a parentmail detailing a competition closer to the date.

Reading in May

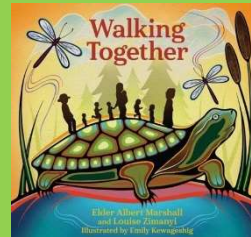
Celebrate National walking Month by borrowing narrative travel books about walking from our school library or your local library.

Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to be active. It can improve your mood and help reduce stress alongside a whole host of other health benefits.

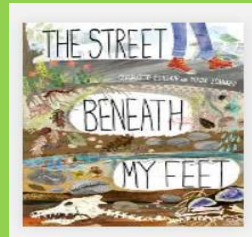
Below are some books about walks to inspire you this May!



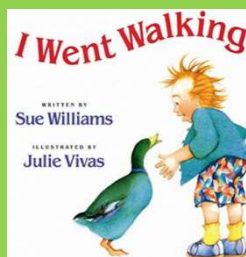
By Pat Hutchins



By Albert D Marshall



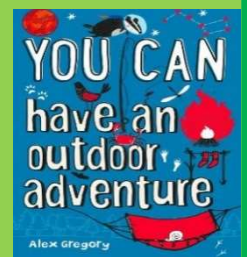
By Charlotte Guillain



By Sue Williams



By Dawn Casey



By Alex Gregory

These books offer engaging stories and insights into the joys of walking.

Reading at Home

Reading with your child or encouraging your child to read independently for just ten minutes each day can make all the difference.

- 1. Take breaks while reading** - Taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.
- 2. Build reading into your child's daily routine**
- 3. Encourage your child to follow their interests** - Following their interests is also the best way to keep them engaged and will make them more likely to want to read more widely going forward.
- 4. Use technology together** - Research has found that, when used appropriately and with an adult, technology can provide an important route into reading for many children ([see Read Aloud Videos - Marsh Green website](#)).
- 5. Encourage your child to be the author**
- 6. Share stories using the pictures in the book instead of the words** - If your child is unsure about reading all the words in the book, they can start by telling a story using the pictures.
- 7. Play with letters, sounds and words** - Engage children in games and activities that help them learn new words. For older children, these could be crossword puzzles, word searches or word hunts.