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## April 2023

### Reading Newsletter

Myself and the reading ambassadors are proud to present our latest newsletter which contains links to useful materials, news, offers book recommendations and updates about what is happening in school. As always, your support, advice and suggestions are welcomed and hugely appreciated.

Mrs Brough and HPS Reading Ambassadors.

#### **WBD Competition**

A big thank you to everyone who entered our World Book Day competitions. Our winners are: Sydney, Brooke, Ted, Heidi, Jacob, Imogen, Lena, Harry, Oliver, Izzy, Darcey and Jesse.



#### **Mystery Reader**

Big thank you to James Swain and Nigel Twigg- our Mystery Readers who came to share their love of books with some of our pupils. We would like to invite more parents to come and read a story at the end of the day. Please get in touch if you can help.



#### **They asked, we delivered!**

##### Buddy reading

Our Reading ambassadors asked for all classes to share in the experience of reading the same book together and discussing it. Whole school buddy reading was a clear success and will most certainly be repeated.



### Reading Clubs

#### Year 2 and Year 3 Reading Club

We enjoyed getting together and reading **Star** by Holly Webb every Monday. The book was chosen by the Y2 and Y3 Reading ambassadors and was a clear win with everyone. We took turns to read, read some at home too and just enjoyed a book blether. Finding out at the end that the book was based on real events made us love the book even more!



#### Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Reading Club



**The Switching Hour** by Damaris Young- a bewitchingly beautiful, spine -chilling story of courage, friendship and fears that come alive after dark captivated us all. One of our reading club members said, 'It was a torture not being able to read the whole book in one go but it was all worth it in the end` - I could not agree more! Rarely you find such a book that you REALLY don't want to put down.

## World Book Day



### April Book Recommendations:

Each month, BookTrust review lots of books for children. Here are the ones that they loved in April. They are organised into age ranges with a brief description for each title.

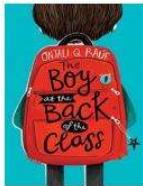
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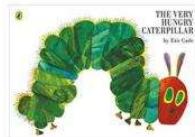
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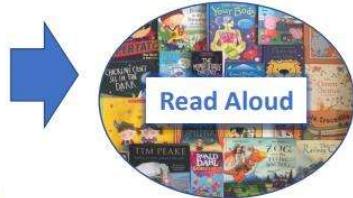
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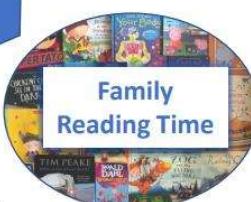
Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



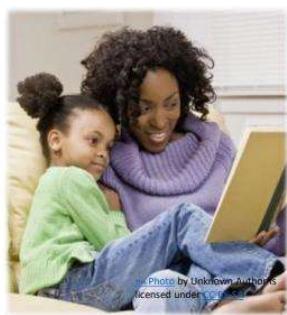
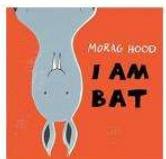
For more ideas see the OU website:  
[www.ourfp.org](http://www.ourfp.org)



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

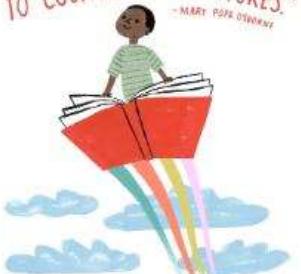


Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Thank you for your support this term- from taking part in competitions, dressing up for World Book Day to coming along and supporting our Scholastic Book Fair initiative last term. Your support with the book fair generated £475 in books for our pupils. Thank you.

"READING IS A PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."  
—MARY POPPINS



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