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MARUS BRIDGE'S READING NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 Date: December 2023

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR YOUNG BOOK LOVERS

I would like to congratulate Willow-Flame and Evie P on achieving their Blue Peter Reading Badge. Having taught both children, I can vouch for their love of books and excitement for reading, as well as an enthusiasm of learning new stories. They both have a vivid and excitable imagination which enhances their own story telling. Keep shining Willow Flame and Evie. I am so proud of you!



IGNITING A LOVE OF READING ACROSS SCHOOL.

This term, our Reading Ambassadors have taken on a leadership role to run their own 'Story Clubs'. Each week they have chosen a book to share with a small group of children across EYFS and KS1, and prepared activities for our children. These activities have included, making story puppets, recreating a front cover, designing their own super hero and much more. It was admirable to watch our Year 6 children in action and I could see their inner teacher blossoming. Our younger children have raced to be involved during lunch times and have really enjoyed the sessions.

PLANS FOR NEXT TERM:

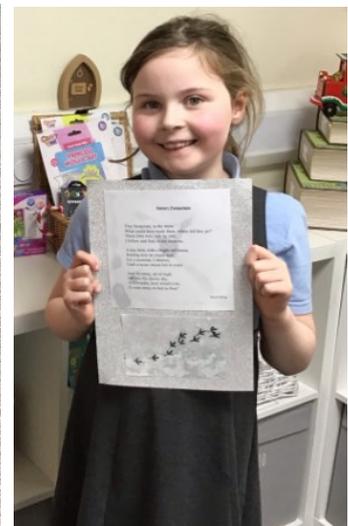
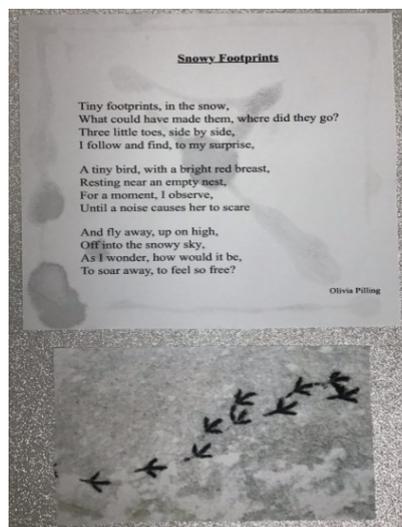
Next term, our Reading Ambassadors will be continuing their leadership role in managing the Key Stage 2 library. They will be dedicating a weekly lunchtime to allow KS2 children to change their library books more accessibly. Thank you!



OUR VERY OWN POET—OLIVIA PILLING

It is always a delight to hear Olivia reading and to hear of her talking so passionately about her favourite books. Her love of reading has been transferred into producing a magnificent poem—Snowy Footprints. Well done, Olivia, you should be so proud of yourself, I certainly am!

Tiny footprints in the snow,
What could have made them, where did they go?
Three little toes side by side,
I follow and find to my surprise,
A tiny bird, with a bright red breast,
Resting near an empty nest,
For a moment, I observe,
Until a noise causes her to scare.
And fly away, up on high,
Off into the snowy sky.
As I wonder, how would it be,
To soar away, to feel so free?



FESTIVE RECOMMENDED READS:



Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with Coram Beanstalk, a charity that recruits and trains volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you will support at least 3 children on a one-to-one basis outside of the classroom environment. You will be sharing and talking about books, helping them to grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of reading. For more information or if you wish to apply, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk/register-now or call 0207 729 4087.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

READING AMBASSADOR VOICE

BOBBY'S RECOMMENDED READ: Book: Max Author: Bob Graham



This is a book about a superbaby. It is fun, it has lots of great pictures which helps to explain what is happening in the story. Max's mum and dad and superheroes. They want Max to be a superhero too but Max needs to learn how to fly—and it's not easy! The story has both sad and happy parts with a fun ending. I think children in Reception up to Year 3 would love it. I give it 10/10.

COMPETITION TIME:

Home Bargains are running a Christmas Art Competition in Aid of Alder Hey Children's hospital. The competition is for the children to design their own Christmas Card on a square piece of paper (please see the image to the right for more details and last year's winners!) The winning entries will be sold as Christmas cards in Home Bargains stores across the UK, with all proceeds going to Alder Hey. School can also win a craft hamper and £100 voucher for resources too!

We are looking for you to use your **IMAGINATION!** Please design your Christmas cards on square paper and make them **BRIGHT** and **COLOURFUL**. Get **CREATIVE**, make it **FUN** and **FESTIVE!**
Use mixed media such as: paints, glitters, felt tip pens, stickers, collage papers, crayons, buttons, googly eyes, string and ribbons.

In aid of Alder Hey Children's Hospital

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Primary School **CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN** COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

School Name: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Please send original artwork, in a square format, with the pupil's name, age and the name of their school on the back of the work to the following address:
Laurie Cannon
27 Morris Ltd
Alder Hey Business Park, East Lancs Road
Gillmoss, Liverpool, L15 5DA

The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 31st January 2024**

I accept the Terms and Conditions below.
 All artwork submitted has been done by children aged between 5 and 11 years of age.

Terms and Conditions:
1. All artwork must be in a square format, with the pupil's name, age and the name of their school on the back of the work.
2. All artwork submitted must be original and produced by children of school age.
3. The artwork can be used by Home Bargains for Christmas cards, which will be sold in Home Bargains and other stores, 100% of the profits raised for the Alder Hey Children's Hospital.
4. I give my permission for the child's name and age to be put on any products made from their artwork.
5. I give my permission for the artwork to be displayed and photographed in the design competition or on the website, and to help to the child's name and age to be promoted and recognised as the artist of the work.
6. If the artwork is chosen as a winner the school will receive a £100 Home Bargains Voucher.
7. Due to the high volume of applications we receive, you will not hear back from us, unless you have been successful.

CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE:

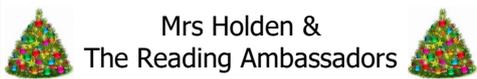
READING RAFFLE SPRING DATES:

Friday 26th January 2024

Friday 1st March 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS



Winter Reading Challenge

3 in a row

Read a Wintery book with someone	Read a poem	Read a book that makes you laugh
Read in a reading den	Snuggle up and read in bed	Read your favourite book to someone
Read and make a recipe	Read a non-fiction book	Draw or write your own Wintery story

Can you complete 3 challenges in a row over the holidays? Why not try to finish them all?

Christmas Reading Challenge

3 in a row

Read a Christmassy book with someone	Read a poem	Read a book that makes you laugh
Read next to your Christmas tree	Snuggle up and read in bed	Read your favourite book to someone
Read the lyrics to your favourite Christmas song	Read a non-fiction book	Draw or write your own Christmas story

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