

READING FOR PLEASURE



newsletter

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Welcome

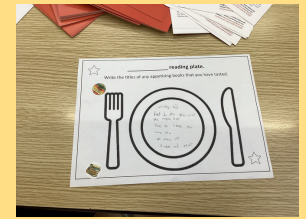
Welcome to our school reading for pleasure newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to share with you the reading events that have taken place in school and provide ideas and useful links to support reading at home.

Reading is more than a skill. Our aim is that the children at Springfield develop a real enthusiasm and love for books, so that they can become confident, independent readers and develop a lifelong love of reading.

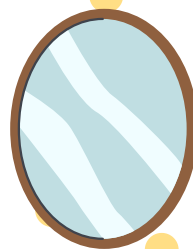
Recent studies have shown that children who read regularly, experience a wide range of benefits. These include improved speech and language skills, higher academic achievement, better mental well-being, enhanced social skills, and stronger relationships. Reading also fosters imagination, empathy, and creativity.

Happy reading,
Mrs Hardy & the Springfield Team

Year 3 Reading Cafe



Year 3 had a wonderful time, along with their grown ups, exploring a range of texts at their Reading Cafe. It was lovely to see them so excited about the different types of books available to read. I really enjoyed talking to many of you about the joys of reading, sharing suggestions for books and listening to your ideas on how you encourage reading for pleasure at home. Have a read of some top tips from the Year 3 parents, on the final page of this newsletter.



Every reader deserves to feel represented in the books that they read. We are continuously adding to our wide range of books in our school library to ensure that children can 'see themselves in a book'. Thank you Mrs Seale for selecting some fabulous books.



Every class has a weekly slot in order to visit the school library. Children, please help to keep our school library a comfortable and tidy space in our school by:

- *placing the books back on the correct shelves
- *making sure the spine of the book faces outwards
- *returning your borrowed books to the library using your return box in your class and use your borrow number to take out each book

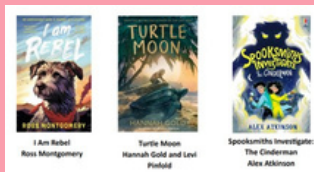


As a school, we have been a member of the Ipswich Federation of Children's Book Group for the past five years and lots of pupils have been lucky to read and review many newly published books.

Throughout April, children in Years 3 and 4 listened to four picture books and cast their votes for which one they thought should win in the youngest reader category.

The members of Springfield Book Club have been busy reading the other finalist books in the award. Their task was to read all three books and vote for their favourite.

We look forward to finding out if our school votes match those of the nation. Copies of the books will be shared in assembly and added to the school library soon.



The Life Changing Magic of Drumming

Some of our older drumming students visited Ipswich School to meet Nandi Bushell, a world-renowned young drummer from Ipswich. Nandi talked about the book she has written called 'The Life Changing Magic of Drumming', all about her rise to fame and then showed off her drumming skills. After question time, she invited Dexter and Dominik to play for her and both bravely performed in front of the audience.

Nandi was really impressed! Amazing! 🎵
The event was organised by Ipswich Children's Book Group and we are very thankful for the opportunity.



Suffolk Libraries

Suffolk libraries advertise the new books that they have in their catalogue on their website. You can search and make reservations for childrens and adult books via the website and borrow up to 20 books for free! <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/book-lists/new-childrens-books-for-may-2025>

Dates for the diary!

Springfield Booknic

Monday 2nd June 3:30-4:30

Book a family slot via the link in the email (to be sent shortly)



Scholastic Book Fair Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th June

3:20-4:00 (main hall)

Here are some useful top tips from the Year 3 parents to help your children read for pleasure at home.



Use stickers and treat as rewards for reading.

Set an evening routine. After a shower, our daughter then gets her book and reads before bed.



Visit the local library - lots of free books!

Read for 10 minutes before bed.

Restrict internet time, read instead.



Let them choose books that interest them.

Screen time only at the weekends.

No screen time until after she has read or no TV before bed, instead reading time.