

Berkeley Primary School

Spring Two April 2024 Reading Newsletter



The spring term really did fly but we still managed to pack in lots of exciting reading things that we are looking forward to sharing with you.



World Book Day 2024



Here at Berkeley, we love having the opportunity to celebrate all things reading so we are always keen to get stuck in when World Book Day comes around. This year was no different. To celebrate WBD 2024, we decided it would be nice to all study the same book; enabling us all to therefore talk about it with our friends and families — no matter which year group we are in. Nursery children, right through to year 6, spent the day looking at the beautifully illustrated picture book,

‘The Midnight Fair’ by Gideon Sterer and Mariachiara Di Giorgio. The book consisting solely of stunning images meant that whether the children were 3 years old or 11, they were able to enjoy, access and talk about the book. **We were then able to create a whole school celebration of the day, on display in our entrance. Please do have a read of this beautiful book if you can. It really is a delightful and beautiful text.**



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Website of the Week!

School Reading List is a lovely webpage filled with book recommendations for all ages, from EYFS to KS3 and above. If you are looking for some new ideas on what to read next, then look no further.

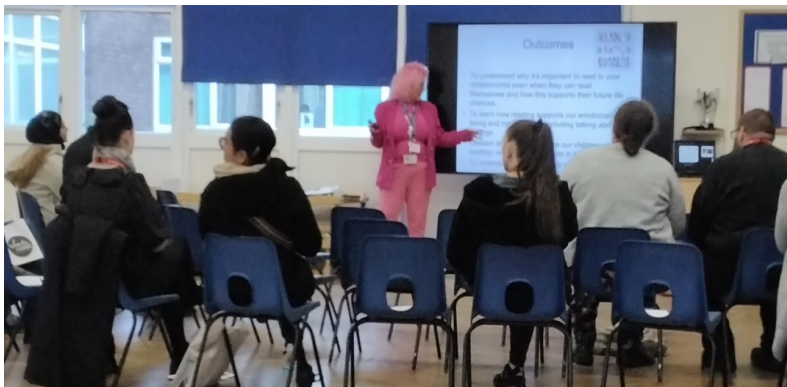
School Reading List

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>



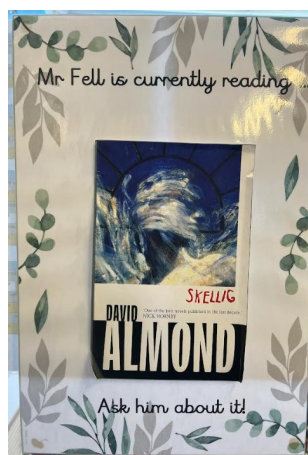
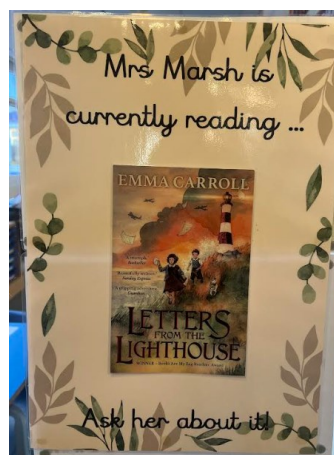
Parent Reading Workshop

We have again been lucky enough to have the wonderful pink lady herself, Sarah Tipler, come in and lead a workshop with our parents all about the importance of instilling a love of reading in our children from a very young age. The messages she shares are always so vital so a big thank you to all of you that were able to come to listen!



What have we been reading?

As a staff, we know and understand the importance of sharing our love of reading with the children, and allowing them every opportunity to see us adults as the readers that we are. That is why it is great to see the ever-changing range of books that the staff are reading being proudly displayed on their classroom doors. Have you read any of these texts? Which do you think you would like to know more about? Ask away!



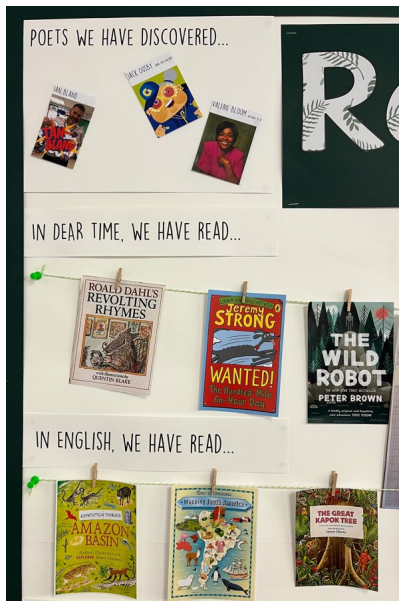
Reading Discussion: What is your favourite picture book and why?

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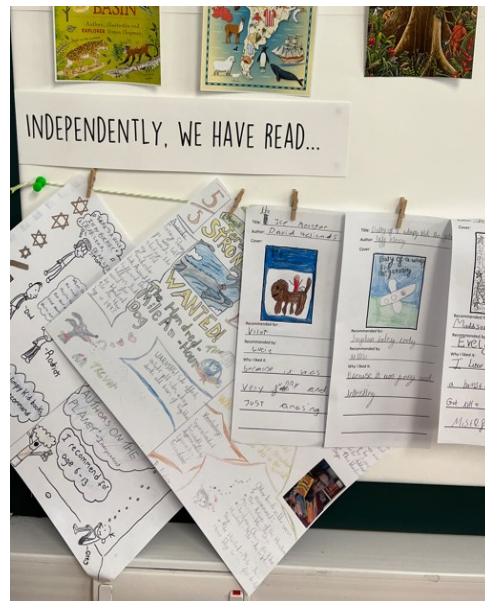
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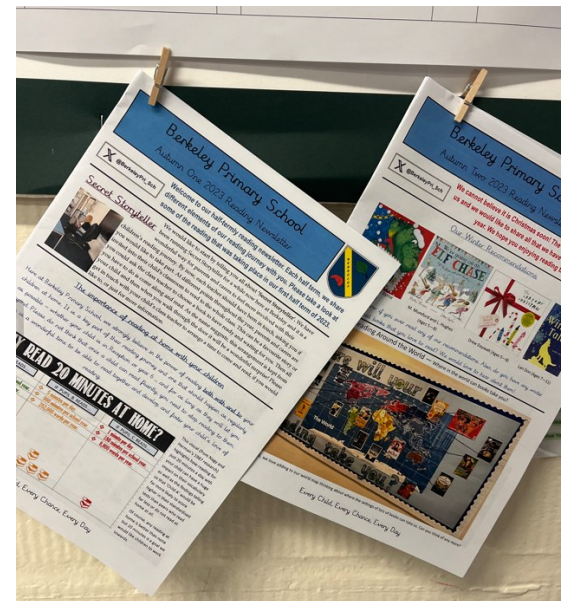
In every one of our classrooms here at Berkeley, reading is celebrated and this makes me truly happy! In this edition of the newsletter, we are going to focus on all the wonderful goings on in 4 Beech. It is great to see all that the children have been reading, as well as what the staff have been enjoying! Thank you, 4 Beech. You are an inspiration!



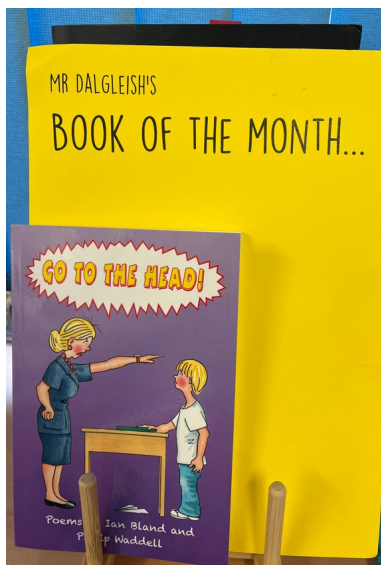
Displays tell us all about poets discovered and books read.



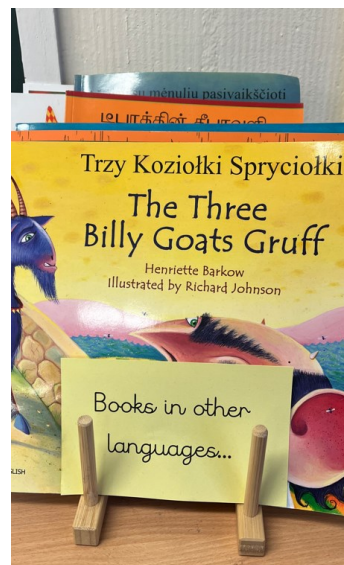
Book reviews tell us what the children have been enjoying themselves.



Our reading newsletters are on display and available for everyone to read and share.



Mr Dalglish shares his 'Book of the Month' (A great choice!)



Books in other languages are on display for all to read and enjoy.



The teacher and TAs share their love of reading through their own recommendations.

Summer Reading Challenge!

Each year, we encourage children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this year will be no different. The theme for this year is 'Marvellous Makers'. We shall share more information with the children but if you would like to sign up, please Google 'Summer Reading Challenge 2024' to find out more.

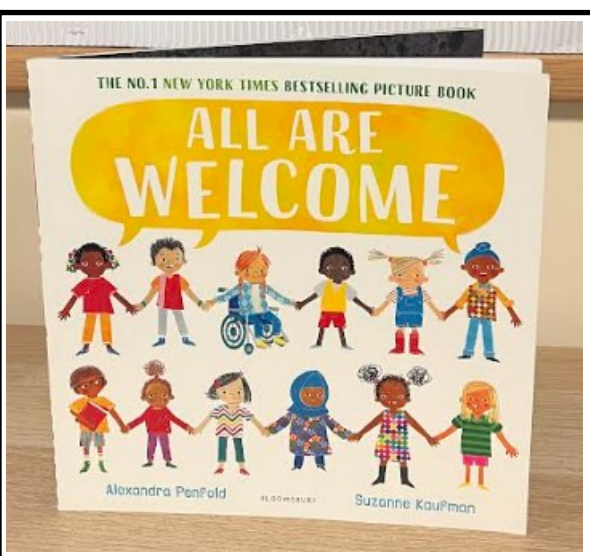


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We Are All Welcome Here!

One of the beautiful books that the children have been listening to in classes and assemblies recently is the wonderful 'All Are Welcome', written by Alexandra Penfold and illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman. It is a lovely book all about celebrating cultural diversities and belonging. Every child then completed art work linked to the text which created two wonderful displays in both entrances. Please do come and take a closer look when you are in and around school.



We are seeing so many more children who have gained their Blue Peter reading badge. I really enjoy it when children come to see me, proudly displaying their treasured badge. Please do keep them coming!

Remember, if you would like to send off your application for a badge, please follow the instructions on the dedicated webpage, and please do not hesitate to speak to your teacher, or Mrs Marsh, for any help you may need in completing it.

What will you read next?