

READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Autumn reading newsletter. At St. Joseph's, reading is very important to us and it is at the heart of our curriculum. As well as children being able to read, we want the children to enjoy reading for pleasure. This newsletter will update you on reading in school.

Miss Thomas



Library and librarians

As we are in a new school year, we have some new Year 6 librarians. They are very enthusiastic and are working hard to keep the library tidy, scan books and regularly change the books on display.

Just a reminder that the library is open every Monday from 3pm for parents to visit the library with their child and choose a new book together.



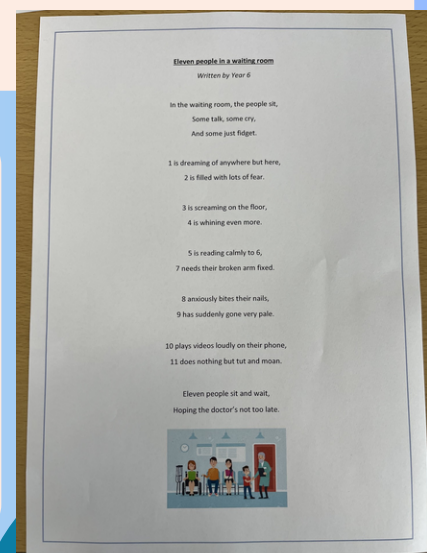
Reading parents

Parents are the most important role models for their children. If they see you reading and enjoying it, they are more likely to do the same. It is so important that you read with your children, whether they are in Ducklings or Year 6.

In the office foyer, we have a staff and parent book swap. Please come and borrow a book and if you can, pop a book in the box for someone else to enjoy.

World Poetry Day

World Poetry Day was on Thursday 3rd October. Teachers immersed the children in poetry for the day and the children all enjoyed writing some fantastic poems. Years 3, 5 and 6 took part in the Guinness World Record attempt for the largest online poetry lesson. When we find out if the children are record breakers, I will let you know.



Amazon wishlist

We want to keep giving our children high quality texts. We have put together an Amazon wish list of books that we would love in school to keep encouraging the children to read. If you, or someone that you know, would like to buy a book for school, we would very much appreciate it. Please share the link below.

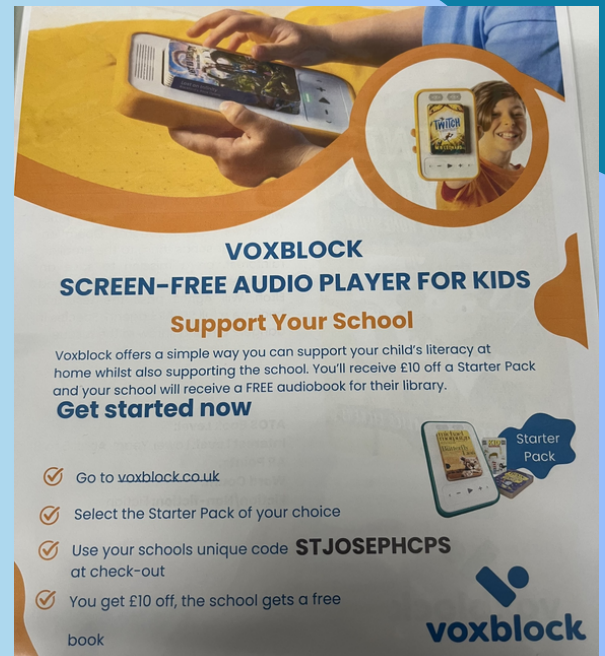
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Audiobooks

Children listening to stories is extremely valuable. One way children might do this is through audiobooks.

Have you considered buying one of these for your child for Christmas?

Voxblock are offering £10 off a starter kit for families at St. Joseph's. Please use the code on the picture.



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Borrow Box

If your child likes listening to audiobooks, you can use your library cards and listen to books for free from the Borrowbox app. It's very easy to use and another effective way to get the children reading.



Blue Peter reading badge

Did you know there is now a Blue Peter badge for reading? It is really simple to complete to get a badge - an application will need to be completed online using the link below and do the following.

- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Please let me know if you get a Blue Peter reading badge.

Reading diaries

It is vital that children are reading at home. In KS1, children bring home their phonics book, 'love to read' book and library book. Please ensure you are reading to your child every day.

In KS2, children have reading diaries. Children should be reading for 20 minutes every day. They need to record their reading in their diaries and we ask parents to sign the diaries at the end of each week. Reading diaries are collected in every Monday to monitor how much the children are reading. The children will receive bronze, silver and gold badges and certificates when they have read a certain amount of times.

Bronze - 50 reads

Silver - 100 reads

Gold - 200 reads



What can my child read?

There are so many genres that children can be reading and recording in their diaries. It is really important that the children read a wide range of genres and authors. The children can read the following:

- fiction book
- non-fiction book
- comic
- graphic novel
- magazine
- recipe
- poetry
- newspaper
- leaflet



Reading recommendations

Here are some new books that have just been published, which you might enjoy.



KS1

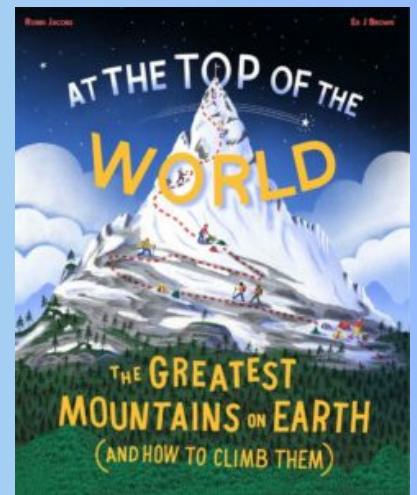
There's a new girl in my class. She never wants to play. The cleverest people I know say that the new girl is sad because she had to leave her home, her family, her school, her toys, her books and all her friends too.

But I've got a plan! There's something I can do to make her feel better when she's missing everything she's left behind ...

Non-fiction

This book is packed with information for budding mountaineers or fans of Geography.

A fact-filled, round the world tour of the greatest mountains on Earth that is the perfect read for children and adults alike.



KS2

For fans of The Last Bear and Finding Bear comes a new book from the same author - Turtle Moon.

Silver Trevelon's parents aren't happy. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs.

Under the hot tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn.

