

Bleak Hill Primary Reading Newsletter



Spring A Edition

Welcome!

Welcome to the first Bleak Hill Primary School Reading Newsletter. In this newsletter and on our school website you will discover what your children are reading in class and lots of other Reading information. We will be sharing our Golden Thread of Reading with you, plus keeping you updated on events, both in and outside of school, relating to all things books! We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.

Mr Dagnall (Deputy Headteacher and Reading Leader)

Reading Competition!

Throughout February, we are running a Reading competition at Bleak Hill. We are looking for our most enthusiastic readers in each class, we will judge this by looking in reading diaries, taking part in book blithers and you could even send in some pictures of children reading out and about in the most unusual places. There will be one winner in each class, who will receive a **£5 voucher** towards a Scholastic book of their choice.



Golden Thread of Reading

The Golden Thread of Reading is the way we constantly develop our children through high quality texts. It is important to not set a limit on what we think our children can do. At Bleak Hill, we want all children to REACH their full potential and we want them to succeed. We have high aspirations for our pupils and we expect children to have high expectations of themselves as well. Reading high quality texts provides children with a wealth of wider knowledge and understanding of the world, it develops vocabulary and improves writing. We want to enable all children to find authors they love and provide children with the necessary life-long skills they need to ensure they can read confidently with a secure understanding.



Reading for practice



Reading for pleasure



Reading for meaning

Scan the QR code to read more about our Golden Thread of Reading.



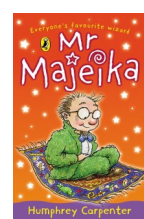
What have we read in class this half term?



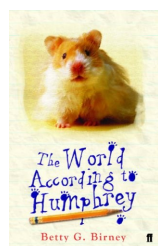
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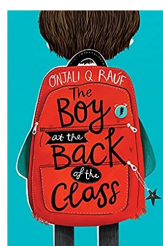
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Accelerated Reader Milestones

Three Word Millionaire

- Grace (6D)

Word Millionaires

- Chloe (6C)

- Evie (6C)

- Isabelle (6D)

- Charlotte (6D)

- Elizabeth (6D)

- Thomas (6M)

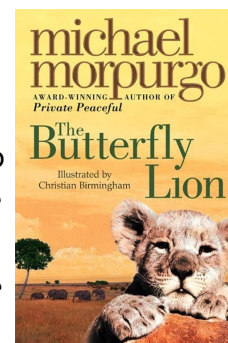
- Juliana (5RW)

- Sam (5RW)

- Imogen (5RW)

Mrs Lawrenson recommends...

Mrs Lawrenson Recommends... 'The Butterfly Lion', a lyrical and moving tale (make sure you have some tissues ready). The Butterfly Lion recounts the lifelong bond between a young boy and the white lion cub he rescues from the African veld. Bertie and the lion are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.



World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023.

Children will be able to come into school in their pyjamas bringing in their favourite book to share a story with their friends in class.

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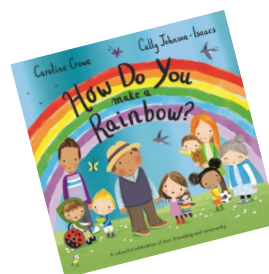
Scholastic Book Fair! The book fair will be in school from Monday 27th February to Wednesday 1st March. Books will be on sale before school at 8.30am and straight after school until 3.45pm.

'Reading Buddies' have been developed between children in Reception and Year 3. Year 3 children will have the opportunity to read to children in Reception, fostering a love of books.

We are really pleased to announce that parents will have the opportunity to attend some free training next half term to help support children in Reception and Key Stage 1 with the English and Phonics curriculum. Adult and Community Learning will deliver the training and the dates will be announced in due course.

Collective Worship

During Collective Worship, stories are shared with children linked to our Bleak Hill Values and our weekly merits. Please see a selection of the books we have shared this half term.

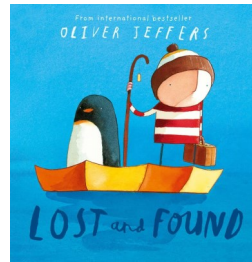


Books used as Writing Drivers this half term

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



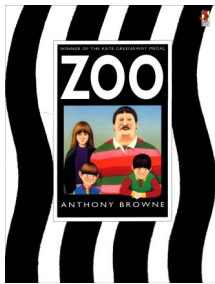
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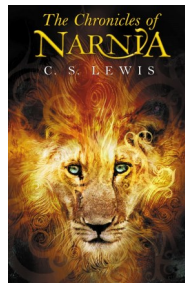
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Read Write Inc Phonics at Bleak Hill

What is Read Write Inc?

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics complete literacy programme which helps all children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. The programme is designed for children aged 4-7. However, at Bleak Hill we begin the programme in Reception and will continue teaching RWI to children beyond the age of 7, as we use a stage not age approach. RWI was developed by Ruth Miskin and more information on this can be found on our school website or at <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>.

How will RWI be taught?

All children are assessed regularly by our RWI lead teacher. From these assessments children are grouped to stages, where they work with peers on the same stage.



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Phonics