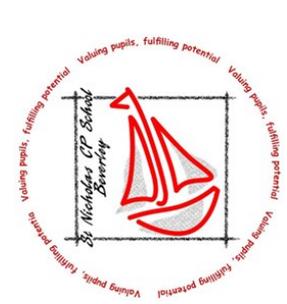


# Reading Newsletter

Autumn 1



**Welcome to the first issue of the Beverley St Nicholas Reading Newsletter.** Every half term we'll be sharing updates about what we are doing to promote Reading for Pleasure across the school. We hope that this newsletter will promote a love of reading within our whole school community.

## Author Visit



This half term it was great to have a visit from the author Tom Palmer. Tom is best known for his 'Football Academy' and 'Foul Play' series of books, but more recently has written many historical based books such as 'After the War' and 'Armistice Runner'.

Tom shared with us his journey from being a reluctant reader as a child to an award winning author.

Before his visit we stocked our library with lots of his books which have been flying off the shelves ever since.

We look forward to working with Tom again later in the year for a writing workshop.

## Classroom Reading corners

All classes have been busy setting up reading corners and class libraries.

What makes a great reading space? Books, Books, Books! We have been working hard to ensure these class libraries

have a great selection of high quality books for the children to access.

It is wonderful to walk round the school and see so many children with their heads in a great book.



## Recommended Reading Lists

This term we have been busy compiling a recommended reading list for each year group. We strongly believe that if a child doesn't enjoy reading then they've just not found the right book!

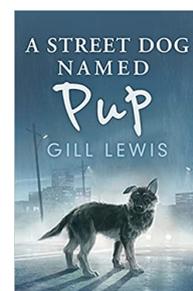
These lists includes a wide range of genres including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels and some of the best recently published books. Hopefully it will include something to appeal to every audience.

Key Stage 2 lists are now complete and will be shared with parents and made available on our school website. They would be a great place to look if you are in need of a recommendation for a birthday or Christmas present!

Our Key Stage 1 and EYFS list are currently 'Work in Progress' but we look forward to sharing these with you once complete.

## Reading Review

My name is Lewis Fisher and I am going to be writing a book review about the Gill Lewis book that I have read called Sky Hawk. To start things off I think that the illustration on the front of the book is amazing and is interesting before you have even started reading. This is a very exciting, action packed book that always leaves you wondering what is going to happen next, As you go through the book you find out more about the different characters in the book, but the main story is about a rare osprey bird called Iris who is on her journey to the other side of the world. Reading this book you get to know about birds and how they migrate to a different country or habitat. This book has some emotional parts in it as when they lost track of Iris' migration or when a girl in Africa was helping them save her. I have really enjoyed reading this book and I am now onto my second Gill Lewis book that is called A Street Dog Named Pup. I have only read about thirty pages but so far but it is very exciting. It is about a dog called Pup who is abandoned in an alley and is now living with a group of dogs. I think I am going to really enjoy this book too. Thank you for reading my review and I hope you have a nice day. Lewis Fisher.



## Gardening Club

Our Reading for Pleasure culture has infiltrated into our school Gardening Club!

Gardening Club built some awesome scarecrows which were delivered recently to Claremont House. The theme for them was 'Reading for Pleasure'. The scarecrows have all been given a book to read to relax with whilst they work. Rest assured that we didn't give them any of our new library stock, just some old books. I don't think they'll notice if the odd page is missing do you?



## Library Fundraising

This year we are continuing to fund raise to support our library improvements and investment in books.

We are most grateful for your continued support with this initiative.

Our recent biscuit sale raised a further £140. Many thanks to our kitchen staff for their wonderful baking efforts.

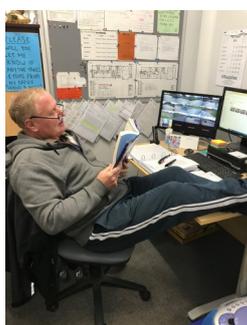
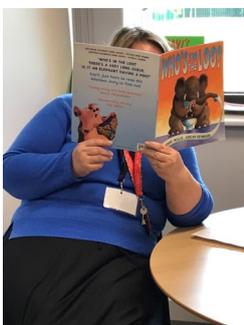
## Word of the Day

Each class have been given a new resource to promote language and vocabulary. This gives a daily word of the day to discuss and understand the meaning. It provides a dose of rich, descriptive vocabulary. Why not ask your child what their word of the day is? Ask them to explain the meaning and put it into a sentence!



## Spotted Reading

A few others members of our school have been spotted reading too.



## MyBookBlog Reminder

All children in Key Stage 2 have access to MyBookBlog.

MyBookBlog is an online resource designed to enhance children's reading journeys through well loved stories. It supports children to choose fantastic books, available in school libraries and bookshops, using blurbs, trailers, reviews, and ratings from other children. Children can then read their chosen book at home or at school and complete the activities on MyBookBlog at any time.

The activities on MyBookBlog encourage children to blog about their thoughts and feelings and explore the subject matter, The activities also support them to fully comprehend the text they are reading and learn new vocabulary.

As children read, their homepage grows, they collect favourite words, facts, cards, maps and timelines, and share their thoughts in their blog, their homepage becomes a record of their reading journey.

## Key Stage 1 Oliver Jeffers

Year 1 and 2 have been loving reading the books by the author Oliver Jeffers such as 'Lost and Found', 'Up and Down', 'Where We Are' and 'The Day the Crayons Quit.'

Octopus Class enjoyed creating their own art work inspired by the book 'Here We Are' to show how wonderful our world is. We have got some super artists, perhaps a future illustrator just like Oliver Jeffers himself!



## Sponsored Read

We have recently launched a sponsored read. This will run from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Representative Sally-Ann Rena, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our newly established classroom libraries. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books to the school.

Please help us to enhance our reading resources by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

We hope you enjoy the challenge, and we will keep you posted on how much reading has been completed and how much money has been raised by each class.