



Stanton St Quintin Primary School and Nursery

# Reading Roundup

Reading sits at the heart of everything we teach, learn and love at Stanton St Quintin Primary School and Nursery. We hope you enjoy our Reading Roundup of 2022 and oh, what a year of reading it has been!

## Our Library is Open!

After a year of dreaming, planning and fundraising, we were delighted to be able to open our new library to children and parents during Term 5. An array of wonderful books lined the shelves and children's awe filled the room.

Since our grand opening, the library has been alive with storytelling and enthusiastic children exploring their next book to borrow. Our team of librarians have been working hard to take care of the library and welcoming children during our weekly 'Lunchtime Library' sessions.

**Now that children are borrowing books and bringing them home, can we please ask you to encourage children to take great care of our books and return them once finished.**



## Wiltshire Year of Reading

This year we have taken part in the Wiltshire Year of reading, fulfilling a range of initiatives to promote reading for pleasure at Stanton. During Term 5 we were delighted to receive our Bronze award from Nicki Shewring, Wiltshire English Specialist, and this term, we hope to be among a small number of schools awarded Silver. Fingers crossed! When visiting Stanton, Nicki commented on the excitement the children showed for reading and how a passion for reading could be felt throughout our school.

## KS2 Book Club

During the summer term, KS2 Book Club have enjoyed 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Rauf, meeting weekly to discuss our thoughts on the twists and turns of the storyline and pondering long and hard over the title until all was revealed within the final chapters. Book Club would highly recommend this book, commenting, "I couldn't believe how my feelings changed throughout the book" and "I loved the shock ending - now I know why it is called The Night Bus Hero!"

## Reading Buddies

Throughout this year, several children from Rhine Class have completed their 'Reading Buddy Training' with Mrs Anderson to enable them to support our younger children with reading once a week. Our Reading Buddies scheme gives our younger readers confidence with reading, but also gives our older readers a sense of responsibility and pride as they see their little reading buddy progress.

## Summer Reading Challenge

This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back with the theme of 'Gadgeteers', in partnership with The Reading Agency and your local library. The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to continue to enjoy reading over the summer break whilst having lots of fun. Head down to your local library to register and receive your starter pack, whilst choosing some books to enjoy too. There is also lots of fun to be had on the website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

## Delving into new books and recommending reading

We have been so lucky to have a wealth of new books filling our library this term and the children have spent as much time as possible devouring the books on offer. Our new books have also generated lots of wonderful book talk and the children have been making recommendations to each other. Here you will find some of our most recent book recommendations. Also keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular reviews/recommendations from the children themselves.

### **Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o**

"I loved this book because it was about being different and that it doesn't matter if your skin is a different colour, we are just the same. It was a really happy story!"



### **Space Detectives by Dapo Adeola**

"I chose this book because our topic is about space. I thought it was a really cool book and it was funny too! I learnt lots about space as well. I would recommend it to everyone!"



### **Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman**

"I really liked this book because I loved the description of the tiger! If you like animals you will love this book!"



## Looking ahead to next year...

### **What will happen if my child does not read regularly at home?**

Reading is highly valued at Stanton and a great deal of emphasis is placed on the importance of children learning to read from a young age. Once children are able to read more fluently, a whole world of stories, magic and imagination is opened up to them. Children who can read widely and for pleasure, are far more likely to be successful throughout schooling and later life. This is why we ask that you work in partnership with us to listen to your child read at home, at least 5 times per week. We understand that life can be busy but this is a short, yet extremely valuable activity and this is why we ask that you prioritise and protect this valuable time with your child.

If children are not reading regularly at home, we see this as a concern and detriment to their learning. This is why next year we shall be starting a new process to address these concerns with you should they arise.

**Step 1:** Your child's class teacher will discuss concerns with you and offer support.

**Step 2:** If improvements are not seen, your child's class teacher and the English Subject Lead will ask to meet with you.

**Step 3:** If improvements are still not seen, you will be invited to a meeting with all of the above and the Executive Head

### **Stay and read mornings**

Next year we shall be holding termly stay and read mornings when we shall be inviting parents in to class to explore how reading is taught in school and engage in book based activities with your child. Look out for dates next year.

### **Reading and phonics workshops**

Following the success of our first parent phonics and reading workshop, we shall be holding another workshop during Term 1 for our new and existing parents. This is a great way to learn more about the power of reading and how to support your child as an early reader. Look out for our workshop date at the start of next year.

### **Afterschool Open Library**

It was a joy to welcome so many parents into our new library last term. We would like to make this a regular opportunity for parents to bring their children to the library to choose, read and borrow books together. The library will be open after school between 3 and 4pm every Monday.

### **More books!**

Next year we look forward to purchasing even more books for our library, with lots of help from the children. We are so excited to be able to purchase new books as they are published and offer our children these reading opportunities.

### **Celebrating Reading at the Malmesbury Carnival**

When we return in September we shall be entering our 'Celebrating Reading' float into the Malmesbury Carnival procession on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please see the email sent previously to register your child's interest.

**It has been an absolute joy to see our children loving reading now more than ever.**

**Thank you for all your support and wishing you a wonderful summer break filled with reading.**

**Mrs Anderson**