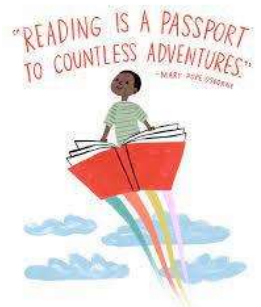


ACE Reading Newsletter

Summer Term 2023



Easter Reading Competition

A huge thank you to all the pupils who entered the Easter 'Reading in unusual places' competition. We had some very imaginative reading places. All entries received a certificate and 1 lucky winner from each year group received a £10 Waterstones gift card. We hope you enjoy choosing some new books! Please share with Miss Cooke the wonderful books you buy! Please see our winners below...



Leeds Book Awards are

back... This year we are excited to announce ACE will be participating in the Leeds Book Awards project which runs from May to October; children will enjoy reading and reviewing the best books of 2022. There are 6 categories from Early Years through to Key Stage 2, bringing children and young people together from across the city.



Teaching reading skills explicitly

Across the school, we use VIPERS to teach the different reading skills. VIPERS look at the different elements of reading—vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and sequence/summarise. Children from Y1-Y6 have daily reading sessions which involves the whole class reading the same text, often linking to their wider curriculum units. We have collated a variety of question stems, which link to the skills taught in VIPERS, and have created book marks which can be used to support your child's reading at home.

Phonics

From EYFS pupils are taught to decode following Read Write Inc. This is a systematic phonics 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.

Pupils receive a home-school reading book exactly matched to their phonic ability.

Reading at home

We expect every child to read their reading book at least 3 times per week. Reading records/planners should be brought in every day for teachers to monitor.

Reading with your child for 15 minutes every day allows your child to hear 1 million words a year!

The Summer Reading Challenge <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme – **Ready, Set, Read!** – has been created in partnership with Youth Sport Trust and illustrated by the brilliant children's writer and illustrator Loretta Schauer. This year's sport and play themed initiative aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others. The Challenge and the accompanying book collection shows that imagination and play can unlock endless possibilities, and that the library is where this starts.

The Challenge will officially begin on the 24th June in Scotland and the 8th July in England and

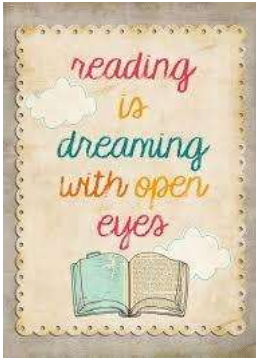
Key dates

10.5.23 – YR 6 SATS
Reading paper

Wk comm 22.5.23 –
Wellbeing library launch

Wk comm 15.5.23 –
Mental health week

Wk com 12.6.23 – YR1
phonics screening check



May is National Share-a – story month

National Share-a-Story Month takes place in May. Engage a loved one in a reading or story-sharing activity today. Every year, the entire month of May is dedicated to creating and celebrating stories in many different ways. The Federation of Children’s Book Groups founded the holiday to nurture the delight of reading in every generation of children and teens. From fairy tales to cookbooks, books are great, and there is a genre for everyone. Encourage a child or friend to pick up a book today while you do a little reading yourself.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Schools will administer the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check the **week beginning 12 June 2023**. This will also include year 2 resits.

The Phonics Screening Check is meant to show how well your child can use the phonics skills they’ve learned up to the end of Year 1, and to identify students who need extra phonics help.

The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words, or pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don’t mean anything – your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them. For further information:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-parents-need-know-about-year-1-phonics-screening-check>

<https://www.phonicsscreeningtest.co.uk/phonics-screening-2023/>

Mystery Readers

We would like to invite any parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, or other special people to surprise your child by being a “Mystery Reader” this term into our classrooms. Pupils LOVE having their family, friends, and relatives visit our classrooms to share in our learning by reading a favourite story aloud to the class.

Mystery Readers will visit us on Friday afternoons each week. Readers are asked to bring a book to read or read a teacher-chosen book from our classroom library. If you can find a date that works for you, please contact your child’s class teacher via the office to arrange a convenient time.

Remember, you are a mystery to the class, so try not to tell your child when you will be coming!

Online Learning Platforms

EYFS & KS1

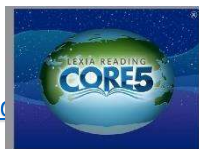
Parent information guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>



KS2

Parent information guide:

<https://go.lexialearning.com/remote-learning-families-Core5-6>



Reading for Pleasure

At ACE we promote a love of reading and create an environment which nurtures this. Every class has daily dedicated time when pupils listen to a story read by the teacher.

Pupils enjoy a weekly session in our school library where they get to choose a book to take home. This is a book to share and enjoy with an adult at home.

We also offer family library sessions in our school library every Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Bedtime Boxes

A bedtime story helps our children to explore new feelings, new experiences and new knowledge about the world we live in. Cuddling together with your parents, grandparents, carers or siblings to share an adventure or talk about a story before happily drifting off to sleep is an idyllic image that should be every child’s reality. We want to inspire families to read more at home, not only to increase literacy levels but also to encourage children to become well-rounded readers with a passion for books. Our bedtime reading boxes are a chance to do this. Each week, a pupil will be chosen from each class to take this home. Each box contains a selection of short stories, a reading robin soft toy, 2 packets of hot chocolate and a reading journal to record

