



Reading Newsletter

Summer
2022

Welcome to the summer edition of our Mortimer Primary School Reading Newsletter!

If you have been into our school office recently, you will have seen that we have installed a new bookshelf. Please feel free to browse the selection and take a book to share with your child at home.

As always, we welcome and appreciate all donations of good quality, used books.

Takeover Terry Kelly **POETRY PRIZE 2022**

Last half term, some of our Year 6 children participated in an extra-curricular poetry club. Their poems were submitted to a north-east poetry competition in honour of the late South Shields news reporter, Terry Kelly.

All of the children who entered the competition were invited to an awards ceremony at the Customs House, which took place during the half term holidays. We are delighted to say that the evening was a triumph!



One of our pupils, from 6KM, won the poetry prize for the age 11 and under category.

Another of our pupils, from 6FH, won the people's choice prize, which was selected as the winner out of all the age groups.

The judges of the competition said the standard of poetry from all of the children at Mortimer was exceptional. An enormous well done to all of our budding poets!

Reading Champions

Congratulations to our Summer Reading Champions. A child from each Key Stage 2 class was nominated by their teacher for exceptional effort in their reading last half term, and one lucky child in Y6KM went home with a £10 book voucher. Keep up the excellent effort in your reading!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The theme for this year's national Summer Reading Challenge is 'Gadgeteers'. The reading challenge has teamed up with local libraries and Science Museum Group to offer a 'science and innovation' twist to the annual competition. This is an excellent way to keep your young ones occupied over the summer and get them excited about books. Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> for more information.



DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF SECRET THE GARDEN

Visit The Word on Saturday 25th June to take part in a fun, interactive creative writing workshop, ahead of a performance of *The Secret Garden* on Sunday 26 June. You'll have an opportunity to create your own poetry, meet new people and explore the themes of the show.

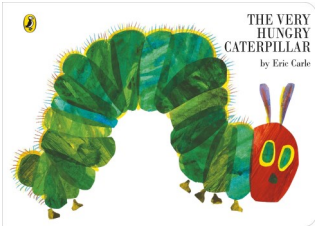
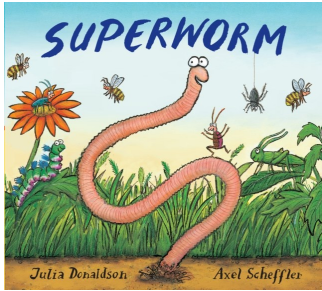

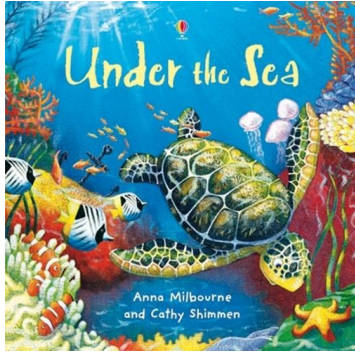

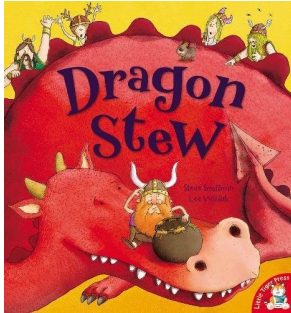
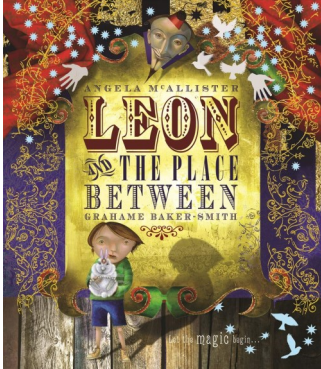
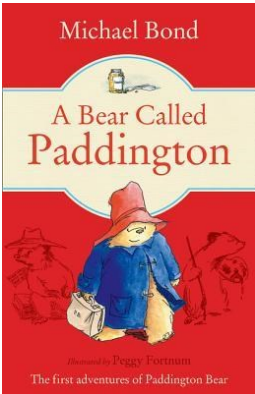
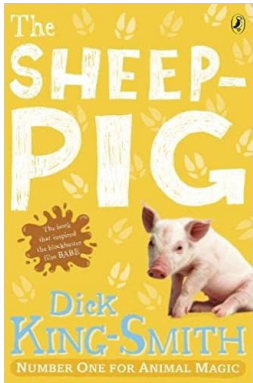
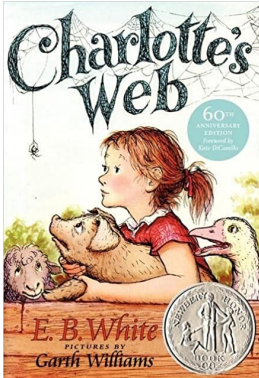
The workshop is available for children aged between 7 and 11 and tickets are available online.

Visit <https://theworduk.org/whats-on/the-secret-garden-writing-workshop/> for more information.

What we are reading at school...

In English this half term, each year group will be studying core themes or texts. If your child already has this text at home or you want to take the opportunity to build their book collection, we welcome children in Y2—Y6 bringing in their own copies. All we ask is that books have your child’s name and class written on the inside cover, and children resist the temptation to read ahead at home! We don’t want to spoil any surprises! Books can remain in school for the duration of the topic.

In EYFS and KS1, we encourage children to bring in similar books or texts linked to the theme they are learning about or have found particularly enjoyable at home.

<p>Nursery Minibeasts</p>  	<p>Reception The Beach / Pirates</p>  
<p>Year 1 Dragons</p>  	<p>Year 2 Leon and the Place Between— Angela McAllister</p> 
<p>Year 3 A Bear Called Paddington— Michael Bond</p> 	<p>Year 4 The Sheep Pig— Dick King Smith</p> 
<p>Year 5 Charlotte’s Web— E. B. White</p> 	<p>Year 6 Goodnight Mister Tom— Michelle Magorian</p> 