



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had! Seven weeks of learning, fun and exploring our class 5 famous books! Can your child tell you all about the books they have read as part of their lessons this half term? Don't forget the RSE books too! I am sure you have heard all about them already, but it is a really good idea to re-cap stories, morals of stories and new vocabulary from texts too!

### **Reading Corners/Libraries/Whole School Library**

I hope your child is enjoying spending time in their class reading corner. One of the most exciting things about moving class is exploring the new reading corner and looking at the theme. I know Year 6 are enjoying spending time in their Starbooks reading corner, and it is so lovely to see them choosing a book and getting comfortable.

As you know, we have been working hard on revamping our whole school library, and I am so happy to say that it is very **nearly** finished!

We have had brand-new furniture installed including a boxed reading seat, bookshelves, tables for working at, coloured stools and new laptop storage. We have worked hard to arrange the books into categories, so that it is easier for children to choose the genre of book they would like to read.

After half term during the first week back, a lady from a local library is coming to meet myself and Mrs Postle to discuss the shelf space we have left, and an order of new books will be placed. Poetry, non-fiction and famous people are top of our list, for now! We cannot wait for our shelves to be full.

We are hoping for our wall art to be ready **very** soon and I cannot wait for our children to see it. We have the reading dogs in kennels, a welcome sign and key vocabulary too! It is going to look FABULOUS!

Once the library is up and running, every class will be timetabled a weekly slot to visit it and share a story with their class teacher/teaching assistant. The lucky bedtime box winners from each class will be able to go into the library and choose a book to take home for that weekend. Once read, that book will be put back into the library ready for another lucky person to read. I cannot wait to hear children recommending books from the library to each other. Book recommendations are really powerful and, as we know, today a reader...tomorrow a leader!





### **In-School Visits**

It was so lovely to have Paul Delaney and Shirley May in school this half term to help us celebrate National Poetry Day. I am hoping we will have more visitors in school during the Autumn 2 Term, and hopefully, an author to officially open our whole school library. Watch this space!

### **Half Term**

I hope you have a well-rested yet adventurous and safe half term. I look forward to our Autumn 2 Term filled with reading, reading and more reading!

Why don't you try one of the following activities over the holidays?

- Write a book review ready to share with your teacher/friends
- Visit a library and loan some books
- Watch a film, after reading the book, and see which version you prefer – text or film?
- Make a hot chocolate, get your blanket and slippers and read by the fire
- Write your own story to share with a family member
- Challenge yourself to access Reading Plus/Bug Club every day in the holidays
- Make a bookmark
- Make a den and read by torchlight
- Collect some autumnal items from a walk and create a poem about them
- Share a story with your sibling



Stay safe & keep reading! 😊

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