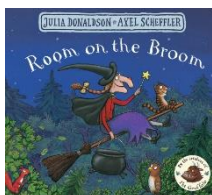




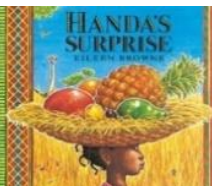
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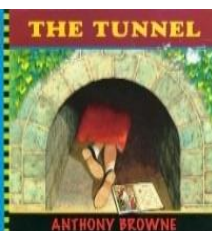
What a wonderful autumn term we are having! I cannot believe we are only a matter of weeks away until we finish for the Christmas holidays. It sure has been a busy term filled with lots of reading and book exploring.



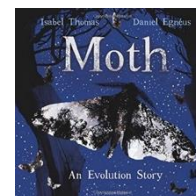
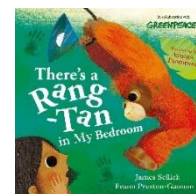
Reception have enjoyed reading multiple texts including **The Rainbow Fish** during their 'I am special' topic and **Room on the Broom!** It has been so lovely to see all of the linked learning happening in Reception and I know the children have enjoyed exploring books in all of their learning areas in their classroom. Diwali was a particular favourite theme! Year 1 have explored books by Shirley Hughes and have particularly enjoyed **We're Going On A Bear Hunt** – a real firm favourite with staff and children!



Year 2 have delved into **Handa's Surprise** during their Safari topic and have immersed themselves into explorer life during their Intrepid Explorers topic! Year 3 can tell you all about **The Tunnel** by Anthony Browne which they enjoyed during their Stone Age learning. Year 4 became Greek God experts during their Ancient Greece learning and enjoyed reading **Who Let The Gods Out** by Maz Evans! They are currently reading **Iron Man** by Ted Hughes – another firm favourite! If you were lucky enough to watch Year 5's class assembly, you will already know how much they enjoyed their 'Under The Canopy' topic whilst exploring **There's A Rang-Tan In My Bedroom** by James Sellick.



Year 5 are currently reading **Beowulf** by Michael Morpurgo. Last but by all means not least, Year 6! They became Charles Darwin experts during their first half term in Year 6 and loved exploring several texts including **Moth** by Isabel Thomas.



Book Fair Success!

I just want to take the time to thank you all again for supporting our recent book fair. It was a HUGE success and this is down to you supporting your child in developing their love for reading. The total money spent was £924.26 which meant we got £462.13 to spend on books for our school. As Beaumont's English leader, this is all I hoped for, and more! In a recent whole school assembly, our Year 6 librarians took the lead and showed the school the new books that have arrived for our library. The children were SO excited to see their favourite books and authors and since, our lunchtime library club has thrived!





Would you be interested in another book fair in the next academic year? If so, ask your child to speak to their class members of parliament so they can feed the idea back in their upcoming meetings.

Take a look at the selection of new books we were able to buy for our whole school library after the book fair success! >>



Library Club/ Whole Class Library Visits

Every half term, each class have a timetabled slot to visit the whole school library. This is a special time where children can listen to a story read by the staff in their class or simply explore the texts in the library and enjoy some quiet time in a comfortable place.

Our Year 6 librarians have been doing a FABULOUS job running our lunchtime library club over 2 lunchtimes a week. The club is extremely popular yet our librarians remain professional and organised at all times. They know exactly who has what books on loan and they are not worried about chasing children up to ensure we get all books returned to the library! 😊 They listen to the children about the books they wish to see in the library which really helps me out when ordering new books. A real team effort! Ask your child if they have visited the library on a Wednesday or Thursday lunchtime yet.

Reading Award – Bed Time Boxes

Our weekly celebration assembly is the perfect way to end our week and of course, my favourite award is the bedtime reading box. This award is for the most dedicated reader in class that week and they are awarded with a hot chocolate, a Beaumont themed bookmark, a dog pencil topper, a dog themed cushion and a book from the whole school library to read. Our school parliament met recently to discuss any changes that could be made to refresh the boxes but the feedback was that they **love** the boxes just as they are however, they would like an edible treat in there too! 😊

From January, each bedtime box is going to have a journal inside. The idea is that after the winner has read their book, they are to create a little book review inside the journal. As we move through the year, and we have more winners in each class, the book reviews will build inside the journal. This way, if anybody is ever stuck on deciding which book to take from the library, they can look back through the book review journal and see which books their friends have enjoyed reading. We cannot wait to see how these journals build and the creative ways in which the children will design their book reviews.





I just would like to take the time to wish you all a very happy and safe half term break. I know there are a couple of weeks left yet however I am starting my maternity leave very soon and will not be here at the end of this term to wish you all well over the holidays.

Miss Mitchell-Yorke is becoming my right-hand woman and taking over all things English.

I have every faith that the English curriculum will continue to thrive and I look forward to seeing lots of updates on Twitter – in between the night feeds!

Thank you again for all of your support.

Stay safe & keep reading! ☺

Mrs Dixon
English Lead

DECEMBER READING CHALLENGE

Play holiday music while you read	Read a holiday themed book	Read in the dark with a flashlight	Read at your public library	Read a book with holiday crafts you can make	Read in your bed
Read after dinner	Read a book about snow or snowmen	Read while wearing a scarf	Read a new book	Read a book next to a holiday decoration	Read in a comfy chair
Read a book while eating a candy cane	Read a book with a red cover	Read snuggled up in your favourite blanket	Read while wearing fuzzy socks	Read while drinking hot chocolate	Read a book about elves
Read in your pjamas	Read on the weekend	Read about how other cultures celebrate holidays	Read in a silly voice	Read on Christmas Day	Read a book while eating cookies
Read a book to a pet or stuffed animal	Read during a sporting match half time	Have a parent read their favourite story	Read in the bath	Read outside	Draw a picture of what you are reading

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