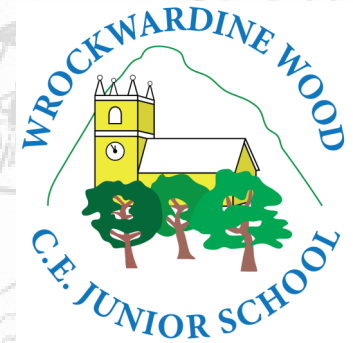


Wrocker's Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Wrockers' Reading Newsletter! We hope you enjoy some of our book suggestions, competitions and reading tips!



We Love Reading at WWJS! Here at WWJS, we love it when families share our passion for reading. Our children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week and their reading record signed.

500 Word Competition

In school this week, we have been writing our 500 word competition entries! 50 finalists from across the Country, along with their parents or carers, will be invited to attend a grand final next February at Buckingham Palace!. Not only will the bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities, but the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with *The One Show*, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

We have been blown away with everyone's stories! They have opened our eyes to the creativity that is so clear across the school. We have stories that involve wizards, magical creatures, forests and so much more. We will be typing up some of the them to send off to the competition in the next few weeks.

Here are some sneak peaks:

As the most powerful wizard on Earth, Oberon and his staff, a living portion of mythological wood, that was neither flammable nor destructible.

"So here is the diagram of..." Miss Cloth points to the board. Rosa listens gleefully, but Ted's mind was on something else....

500 Word Competition Prizes

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All the finalists will receive a £20 National Book Token and their stories will be recorded and published on our website.

The winners in each category will receive an array of prizes. As well as their stories being read out by celebrities, they will all receive a bundle of books.

What happens at WWJS...

Library

Mrs Edwards and the other librarians have been working hard to change the layout of the library. They have set the books out to be forward facing, which means books can be chosen a lot more easily.

Book Club

During Book Club, we explore a range of different authors that children may not have heard of. There will be copies of these particular books in the school for children to borrow if they would like.

This month the authors and books will be:

C – Joseph Coelho



Joseph Coelho, the current children's laureate is a gifted poet and author who creates powerful and emotive stories that resonate with young readers. His books explore complex emotion and important life themes with grace and sensitivity. Coelho's evocative storytelling and captivating use of language transport readers on poignant journeys of self-discovery and resilience. Through his works, he encourages empathy and understanding. Joseph Coelho's words have the power to touch young hearts and inspire a love for poetry and literature.

D – Elys Dolan



Elys Dolan brings joy and laughter to young readers with her imaginative and humorous stories. Her books are filled with vibrant illustrations and quirky characters that captivate the imagination. Dolan's clever storytelling and witty dialogue create an entertaining and engaging reading experience for children that will leave them rolling on the floor with laughter.

Year 3
and 4

C – Alastair Chisholm



Alastair Chisholm, a gifted wordsmith, is a fantastic fantasy author. His ability to capture young readers' imaginations and take them beyond their wildest dreams is truly remarkable. Through his engaging storytelling, Alastair transports children to extraordinary worlds, sparking their curiosity and encouraging a love for learning. Moreover, Chisholm's books often promote problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork, making them not only entertaining but also enriching. For any young reader looking for exciting escapades and thought-provoking narratives, Alastair Chisholm's books are an absolute delight to explore.

D – A.M. Dassu



A.M. Dassu pens inclusive children's and young adult literature. Her powerful storytelling addresses identity, belonging, and resilience, resonating with diverse readers. Dassu's works serve as mirrors for underrepresented communities and windows to foster empathy. With compelling characters and thought-provoking plots, her books inspire and showcase the transformative power of literature.

Year 5
and 6

Remember to try and read at home at least four times a week. This will really help your child to become fluent readers, which is so important!

Top Tips

For Reading with Your Child at Home



As we all know, there is a lot more to reading than just reading! Here are some tips to help during reading sessions with your child at home.

- What is happening? Talk about what is happening in the pictures before you read the text. What can you see?
- Discuss the meaning of words. Use a dictionary to get your child used to exploring words for themselves.
- Discuss alternative words. For example, 'big'. Ask your child to think of another word that means the same, e.g. 'huge' (use a thesaurus).
- Make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?
- Start at the end of the book. What do you think has happened before this point? Why do you think that?
- Discuss feelings. How do you think the characters are feeling? What has made them feel this way?
- Where is the story set? Have you read another story with the same setting? For example, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson are both set in the woods.
- Discuss the problem in the story. What has happened? What went wrong?
- Discuss the resolution. How was the problem solved? Is there another way it could have been resolved?
- Fact or fiction? Is this book a story book or a non-fiction book? How do you know?
- What have you learnt? What do you know now that you didn't know before reading the book?

During Reading

Encourage children to use expression when reading, especially for the voices of different characters.

Discuss the punctuation on the page, for example, exclamation marks. Ask: what are these for? What should you do when you see an exclamation mark?

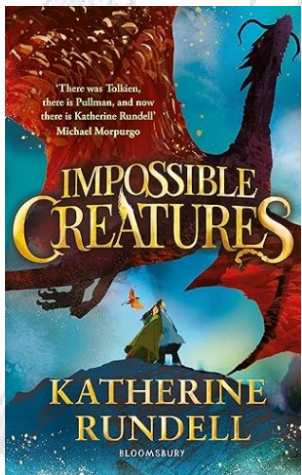
You do not always have to read the entire book every night. Focus on 2 pages and talk about the characters, setting, and plot in a lot of detail. You might want to take it in turns to read so your child can hear how you read.

Newspaper club

From next week, newspaper club will be writing snippets for the Wrockers Newspaper. They will be writing about current events and things that are happening in school.

Our Librarians top picks!

Here are some fantastic books that your fantastic readers might enjoy! They should be available in local book shops like Waterstones or to order from Amazon. Happy reading!



It was a very fine day, until something tried to eat him.

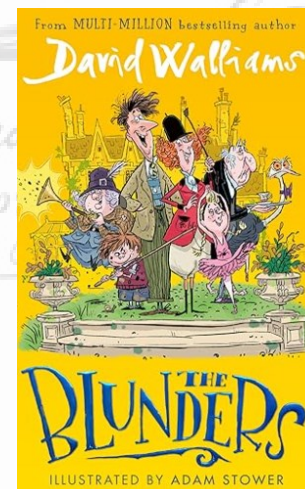
A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin, and creatures are breaking through.



500 Word competition:

We will be entering this competition as a school but have a look at the information and start thinking about some amazing ideas that you could include in your story. If you wanted to submit your own story, then please do :)

[Information page: 500 Words 2023-- BBC Teach](#)



Meet the Blunders: Bertie, Betsy, their children, Brutus and Bunny, along with their beloved grandma Old Lady Blunder, and their pet ostrich, Cedric. An ostrich is not a sensible pet, but then the Blunders are not sensible people.

This family of upper-class twits lives in a crumbling country house named Blunder Hall. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it.