

BOOK TALK #theJSway

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"A BOOK IS A GIFT YOU CAN OPEN AGAIN AND AGAIN."
— GARRISON KEILLOR

READING AMBASSADORS

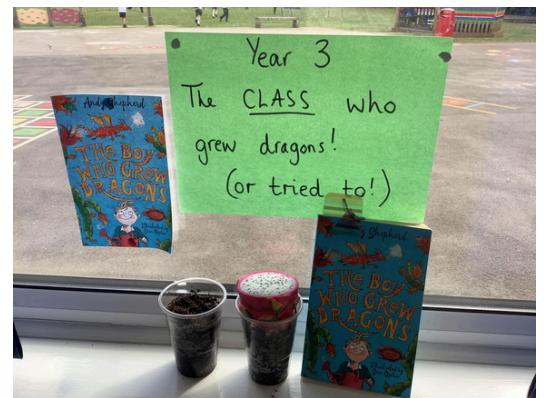
Our JS Reading Ambassadors have started their year well with 'shopping' for new books for the classrooms. They have visited all of the classes to find out what new books they would like adding to their book corners.

With the commission from our most recent Scholastic Book Fair, we will be able to ensure all classes have some new books. Thank you for your support!



CLASS CORNER

Year 3 are really enjoying 'The Boy who grew Dragons'. We even tried to grow our own dragon by planting a dragon fruit!



CALLING ALL WIZARDS!

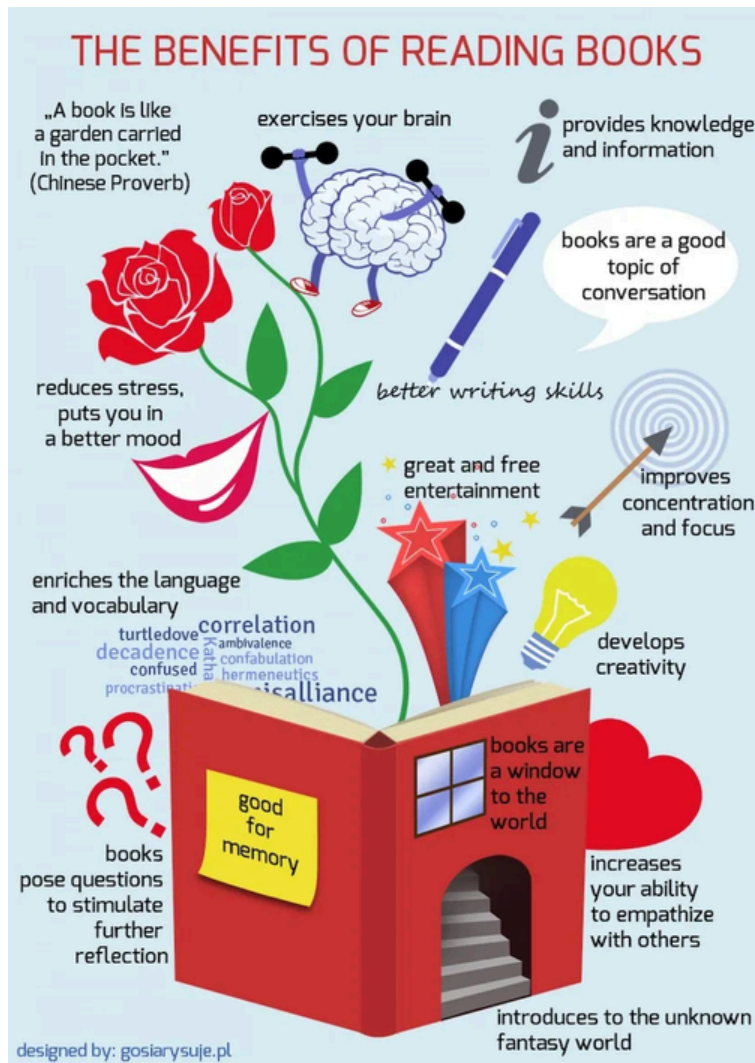
It is Harry Potter Book Day on the 9th of October 2025. Grab a copy to celebrate this very popular book!

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/discover/harry-potter/harry-potter-book-day/>



READING DIARY REMINDERS

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

October is Black History Month. Here are some recommendations of books to share at home...



Baroness Floella Benjamin offers her own story of the 6000-mile journey from Trinidad to England, told for the youngest children in a picture book called *Coming to England - An Inspiring True Story About the Windrush Generation*.

The story explores and celebrates what it means to be a British person with Black Caribbean heritage, as well as opening doors to learning about the impact of Operation Windrush and experiences of racism.



Set in eighteenth-century London, this is a fun middle-grade mystery series inspired by real Black British historical figures. This is a fantastic mystery series for Years 4-6 and one that could lead to wider discussions about race, art history, slavery and family history.