

BOOK TALK #theJSway

April 2026

2026 is the YEAR OF READING!

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Own Books

Today in assembly, we launched our new book swap scheme supported by the charity 'Own Books'. Own Books helps put books into the homes of children.

We will be delivered a range of books every term for the children at JS to take home. If your child chooses an 'Own Books' book, they can take it home, read it and then return it to swap for another or they can keep it! These books have a special sticker on the front and are kept in the library.



GIVING ALL CHILDREN THE ENJOYMENT OF BOOKS



CLASS CORNER

Year 3 and 4 have recently used the graphic novel to inspire their writing. Graphic novels are great to capture children's interest in reading!



National Year of Reading 2026

There are lots of things you can do at home to support reading. Visit this website to give you some Top Tips!
<https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>

READING DIARY REMINDERS

BENEFITS OF READING



Boosts Brain Power



Enhances Vocabulary



Reduces Stress



Improves Focus



Increases Empathy



Fosters Creativity

@Littlekidsbiglessons

- 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

In April, it is Earth Day. Here are some books recommendations about are amazing world...



This would be absolutely perfect to read around Earth Day each year, as well as for general learning about climate change, time zones, animals and places of the world. There is some simple and clear information at the back about what climate change is and how we can do something to help. All in all a fascinating book in both story and imagery.



From the author of the BBC's children's book Blue Planet II, this book takes you on a breathtaking tour of our planet - from towering mountaintops, through grasslands, jungles, rivers, deserts, polar wildernesses and into the blue ocean - to discover the incredible variety of life that calls it home. Along the way, read the stories of 35 inspiring Earth Shakers - children and adults, from tree-planters to scientists, from all around the world - who have taken action to protect it.