



MARUS BRIDGE'S



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READING NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 Date: December 2024

STORIES AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE:

This half term our Reading Ambassadors came up with the idea to enjoy stories around the Christmas tree, and what a joy this has been. Classes buddied up over the weeks to share stories with one another, in a calm and festive setting. Children loved spotting older / younger siblings and friends from other year groups. Magical!



IGNITING A LOVE OF READING ACROSS SCHOOL.

This term, our Reading Ambassadors have taken on a leadership role to read with our younger children on their lunch times. They have also been giving children the option to come to a story club where they could create their own stories, encouraged by and scribed by our Reading Ambassadors. Our younger children have raced to be involved during lunch times and have really enjoyed the sessions. **PLANS FOR NEXT TERM:** Next term, our Reading Ambassadors will be continuing their leadership role in planning for National storytelling week and World Book Day.



THANK YOU! A massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We managed to earn rewards worth a whopping...**£1173** to spend on books. **AMAZING!!!** A special thank you to our wonderful staff who help to run it throughout the week of Parents' Evening and to Mrs. Bower who arranges each visit.

STORY CLUB: This half term, an after school Story Club has been running for EY and KS1 children. It has been a joy to see some familiar faces, share and talk about our favourite books, as well as enjoy some book based activities too. We had Mr Thomas wondering why there were a group of us racing around school with torches in search of Burglar Bill!

EYFS MYSTERY READER: our mystery reader has been a big hit in Early Years. Thank you so much to our amazing parents, aunties, grandparents etc. who have put themselves forward. Our children have **LOVED** your visits!



FESTIVE RECOMMENDED READS:



BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE:

Children in Early Years have been so excited to talk about their visit from Mrs. Baker in The Gingerbread Man story. Children helped her to search for the mischievous Gingerbread Man and had lots of questions for her.



WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK:

Old MacDonald was out in full force, strutting his guitar, keeping his animals in check, and encouraging some fabulous singing down in Early Years. Children celebrated World Nursery Rhyme week by enjoying the book 'Think Big' and learning Nursery Rhymes. Children dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme characters and performed for their friends. It was AMAZING!



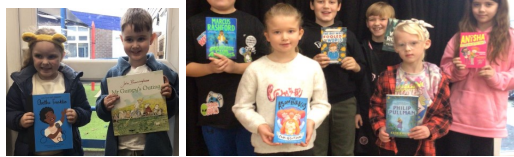
A SPECIAL MENTION:

Mrs Capstick has been so proud of Florence, for using her own initiative to create her own little books. Florence has been making these based on her school reading book and giving them out to teachers



READING RAFFLE WINNERS:

A huge well done to our Reading Raffle winners this term. It has been fantastic to see an increase in home reading this year.



READING ROLE MODELS:

This term I have been inundated with special mentions from class teachers about children who shine with their home reading. Next term, we will be celebrating excellent home readers with a certificate awarded in assembly. A special mention to: Myla, Freya, Oliver E, Annalise, Mollie- Mae, Noah H, Joshua, Reece, and Olivia (Mrs Hurst's class), Evie P (Miss Ferro), Freya K, Mason T, Zachary W (Mrs Carver) and a big well done from Mrs Bower to all children in the below photo:

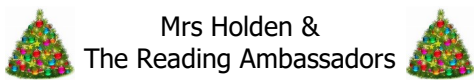


CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE:

READING RAFFLE SPRING DATES:

- Friday 24th January 2025
- Friday 28th February 2025
- Friday 28th March 2025

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS



Winter Reading Challenge
3 in a row

Read a Wintery book with someone	Read a poem	Read a book that makes you laugh
Read in a reading den	Snuggle up and read in bed	Read your favourite book to someone
Read and make a recipe	Read a non-fiction book	Draw or write your own Wintery story

Can you complete 3 challenges in a row over the holidays? Why not try to finish them all!

GOOD LUCK TO ISLA!

Isla A has made it through the first round of the BBC '500 Words' competition with her original story 'The Tiger's Mission to Mars'. **WOW!** They received tens of thousands of entries and only 5000 are selected to go through to the second stage of judging, so she has done so well! We will have a further update from the BBC in January. Good luck, Isla!

