



Oyster Park Primary Academy

Reading Newsletter



Autumn 1: September 2022

Welcome!

We are excited to launch our first ever Reading Newsletter for Oyster Park Primary Academy. We will be releasing an issue each half term to share with our school community all things reading!



Reading at Home!

As you are aware reading is a huge priority for us at Oyster Park and we pride ourselves on our reading culture within school. We place a huge importance on reading within school and at home and nurturing that love of literature and reading for pleasure.

As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development, our partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill. Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child. As you share books you are helping improve your child's reading skills and also showing them how important and enjoyable reading is.

As we shared with you all back at the end of the Summer term this year we are launching some exciting initiatives across school to share with you our love of reading here at Oyster.

Within each class an interactive reading chart helps to track children's reading at home throughout the week. We are ambitious in our drive to encourage children to read at home you daily however we appreciate and acknowledge that this isn't always possible in the busy world we live in.

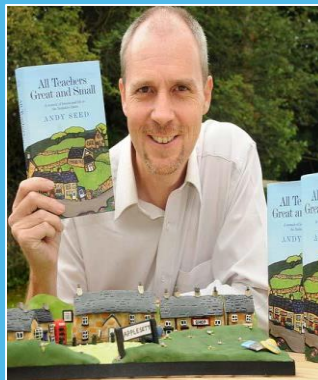
Therefore, the aim is for every child to read their school reading book at home to an adult at least 4 times over the course of the week. We ask parents to sign and date within their child's home reading record when they have heard their child read. Our children are encouraged to work as a team to hit a weekly class target of 80% plus of children reading 4 or more times at home.

The class with the highest percentage across all of the classes for the week will receive a book for their class library from the children's chosen class book wish list. Individual children who read at least 4 times a week across a half term will be invited to the reading rocks celebration held at the end of the half term. This half term's current award chosen is a 'cinema ticket' to enjoy a short film, with popcorn and drink at the end of the half term.



Author Spotlight

Andy Seed

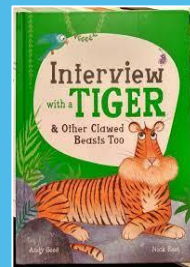
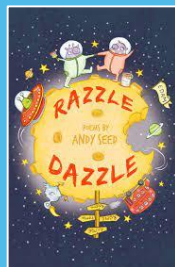
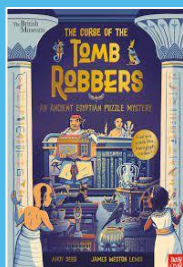


On Friday 7th October we are delighted to welcome famous author and poet Andy Seed to Oyster Park.

Andy is the author of the international bestseller **THE CLUE IS IN THE POO** for kids and **The SILLY BOOK** series published by Bloomsbury which won the Blue Peter Book Award in 2015.

Throughout the day Andy will be working with our pupils from Reception to Year 6 sharing his love of literature, holding a Q and A session and immersing children in his tricks of the trade.

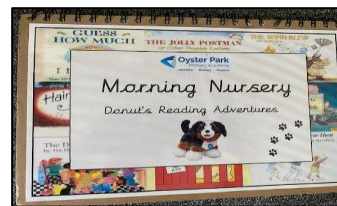
Some of Andy's Works



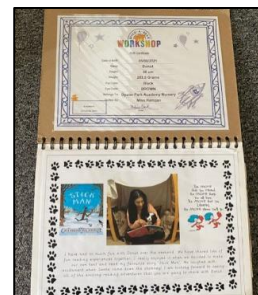
Our Reading Initiatives



Nursery Dodger & Donut Our Oyster Park Reading Mascots



Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity and inspires children's imagination. It also enables children to learn and understand new vocabulary which in turn develops their speech and language skills. Each week a child will be chosen to take our adopted pet reading teddies, Dodger and Donut home to look after over the weekend to share their book with and learning experiences. A learning journal will be sent home with the pet for parents to share pictures of story time and messages of learning experiences they have done, if they wish.



Reception Reading Adventures

Throughout the year, the children will be bringing home each of the six nominated books in the Waterstones Children's Book Awards - Illustrated Books Category. Each day the staff in Reception will send the books home in a book pack with a different child. Within the pack will be the book, a list of questions and prompts that someone at home may wish to ask the child or discuss along with a book review notebook. Within the notebook, adults can support the children in writing a comment about the book. Children are encouraged to give the book a star rating! At the end of the project, the class will have a vote to see which book was their favourite and compare this to the actual winner.



Year 1 to 4 Book Trunk

The children in Years 1 to 4 will be part of Oyster Park's 'Book Trunk'. This will allow our children to take it in turns to bring the Oyster Park 'Book Trunk' home for the weekend. The 'Book Trunk' will include an exciting book, a sachet of hot chocolate, a 'Book Trunk' mascot and a reading journal for the children to write a small book review and share their reading experience. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to spend reading time together to foster a love of literature and reading. The children are encouraged to share fun reading experiences.



Year 5 & Year 6

We understand some of our older children thrive on the responsibility of being role models to our younger pupils. Therefore we are looking to recruit 'Reading Buddies' for our children lower down school. The role of the buddies will be to share books, play literacy games, read stories to and listen to their little buddy read. We would like our reading buddies to support us with writing some of our termly newsletter content for you all. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and are interested in this opportunity then Miss Golding and Mrs Lindsay are waiting to hear from them.



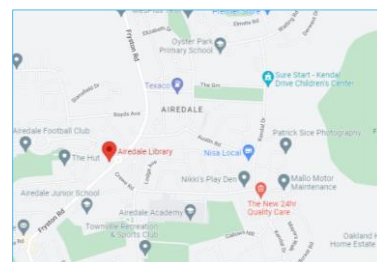
Reading Café

Last year we launched our after school Reading Café. Once again due to the success of last year's café we are offering our children in Years 2 to Year 6 to attend again. Mrs Palmer our Year 3 teacher will be running reading café every Thursday after school from 3:05pm to 4:00pm. Whilst at the 'café' children can choose their own books, listen to books being read, take part in fun, engaging activities and over all foster a love of books whilst enjoying a drink and biscuit.

Airedale Library Visits

This half term our children will be visiting the local library to explore what the library has to offer and to choose a book to read back at school during their reading for pleasure session. Whilst at the library the children will listen to a story session led by the local librarian.

With thousands of books to choose from, free internet access, events, activities, learning opportunities, local history resources, the local library is a place to explore. Membership is free so why not get signed up today. More details can be found in school or by contacting airedalelibrary@wakefield.gov.uk



Opening hours:		Location
Monday	9:30am - 5pm	The Airedale Centre
Tuesday	9:30am - 5pm	The Square
Wednesday	9:30am - 7pm	Airedale
Thursday	Closed	Castleford
Friday	9:30am - 5pm	WF10 3JJ
Saturday	9:30am - 1pm	01977 724040
Sunday	Closed	



Parent Book Swap

We have set up a parent book swap in the main entrance of the school. We want to extend the work we are completing around the love of reading beyond the children of Oyster Park and to reach out to the parents of our school to encourage a wider reading community.

We have had some kind donations for our book swap and wish to encourage our parents and staff to visit the main entrance to swap any old books that may be lying around at home, which have been read to swap with a different one from our book crate.

We look forward to seeing which titles and authors are swapped amongst our parent and staff reading community.



Parent Support

We value our parental partnership at Oyster Park, our open door policy is to ensure our parents feel fully supported in all aspects of their child's both academic and social journey.

If you have any queries, require any support, advice or guidance in relation to reading we have created an email address purely for parents to contact our reading team. We will endeavour to answer your queries.



reading@oysterpark.co.uk

Parental support leaflets can also be found on our website under our reading tab.

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