

Welcome to our second Reading Newsletter of the year! As a school, we are passionate about reading and want children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. So much has been happening in school related to reading during this last term that we will find it difficult to fit it all in! We hope this is continuing to have a positive impact on your children's love of reading. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you support your child's reading at home and in school.

Don't forget to read with your child 4 or more times a week and sign your child's reading record so that they can achieve their 'Star Stamp'!

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Favourite reading in school

Early Years

Charlie and the chocolate factory

Year One

You're called what?

Little Red Reading Hood

Spyder

There was once an old giant who swallowed a clock

Katie and the British Artists

Year Two

Scaredy Squirrel

George's Marvellous Medicine

How to train your dragon

Actual Size

Interview—Mrs Syms

What is your favourite children's book and why?

'The Gruffalo' because I love reading it to my grandchildren.

What book are you currently reading?

'Wonder' by R.J Palacio—it's about being different and being accepted.

Why is reading so important to you?

It's a way of having new adventures and following your dreams. It's a lovely way to end the day sharing a book with someone who is cuddling into you.



READING EVERY DAY....CREATES lifelong readers **TEACHES** children to find adventure, answers, ideas through books **STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity **OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves **AWAKENS** children to the world around them **ALLOWS** a child's imagination to blossom **GIVES** children the tools to be a successful writer **HELPS** children make connections **BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary **OFFERS** comfort and escape during times of trouble

Year 6 visit Year 2 to share their favourite books



Back in November both Year 6 classes at Crofton Hammond Junior School came to visit Year 2. They brought their favourite picture books and shared them with the children. Our Year 2 children were so excited to have the 'big' children and the Year 6's were really impressed by our children's reading and loved seeing their old classrooms! One boy said "I wish we could do this every week!"



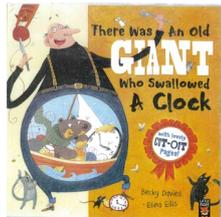
Author Visit

We were delighted to have local Hampshire author Anne Wan visit our school in March. She spent time in each class from Year R through to Year 2 enthusing and exciting the children about reading and writing. In Year 1 they experienced real snow and ice and Year 2 heard how Anne develops her ideas by planning and editing her writing. So many of the children are now coming into school and telling us how much they are enjoying her books. Visit anne-wan.com if you'd like to order more.

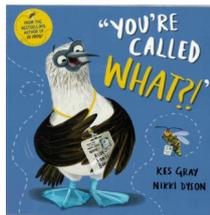
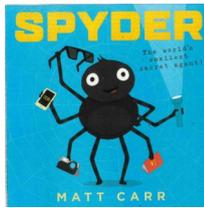


Hampshire Picture Book Award

Every year in Year 1 the children are asked to vote on their favourite picture book from a set of four finalists. The Year 1 children spend lots of time getting to know each book and absorbing themselves in the stories. They also use the books as a stimulus for various writing activities. This year they voted overwhelmingly for the book "You're called what?!" which is a hilarious book about the weird and wonderful names of real animals in our world.



The overall winner in Hampshire was the same book! So we have great taste at Crofton Hammond Infant School!



Year R had a wonderful trip to see 'Room on the Broom' at Winchester Theatre Royal. We all loved it!



When we got back to school, the children were inspired to create performances and writing in our continuous provision.



Bug Club

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Don't forget to visit your child's e-book Bug Club account where they will find a fantastic range of books to read at their level. Your child's username and password is in their Reading Record. <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Don't forget—our library is open on a Tuesday and Thursday after school between 3.20 and 3.45pm if you would like to choose books with your child or just have a read of some new books together.

Review Corner

(by Niamh S, Year 1)

Book Title Rapunzel

Age Range 4—8

Review:

My favourite book is Rapunzel. The story is about a little girl with very long hair. She used to live in a castle but the witch took her and locked her in a tower. The prince rescued her. I like this story because Rapunzel has long hair. I like that the story has a happy ending. Everyone should read this book.



World Book Day Events

Dressing Up!

We loved dressing up for World Book Day as our favourite book characters. Many children talked about why they had chosen their particular character and why it was their favourite.



Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)

During the school day Mrs Hughes would ring a bell and all the children had to stop what they were doing and pick up a book to read. We all loved having some quiet time to absorb all our favourite books.



Share a book with somebody special

Thank you to all the parents and family members who came in to share a book after drop-off with the children and their friends. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying their books with a special person.

Cooking and visits!

In Year 2 the children made yummy Harry Potter wizard wands.

Year 1 visited Stubbington Library and shared a story there amongst all the books!

