

Reading For Pleasure Newsletter 2

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(Photo by Benji Hamilton-Watson)

Hope you all had opportunities to read lots of lovely things over the Christmas Holidays. Let me know if you got to read anything that you could recommend to others.

I know that the staff all did plenty of reading over the holiday too!

If you have any surplus books please bring them into school to add to our Book Swap Box in the foyer.

Did any of you take part in the Library Reading Challenge? Let your teacher know how you got on.

New Books In School:

Teaching staff spent part of the day at Norfolk's Children's Book Centre on Monday 6th Jan. They selected some great books for their classrooms:

Lots of classes chose poetry collections including Bananas In My Ears-Michael Rosen

Some great comic strip versions of Grimm's Fairy Tales

A variety of non-fiction texts

Books by Oliver Jeffers

Here are some of the children getting stuck in straight away on Tuesday morning:



Look out for more photos around school and find out what books other classes chose.

Reading Strategies: What do we do when we face a challenge?

There are several ways to deal with a challenge when reading.

- ✓ Use phonic knowledge to segment/blend
- ✓ Use the picture cues to gain an understanding of what the storyline is telling you.
- ✓ Use context cues...what would make sense?
- ✓ Think about any repetition that might be in the text. Have you seen that word shape before?

Can you spot words within words to help you?

Please remember that our Reading Policy and Guidelines for Home are on our school website:

www.recreationroad.com

Remember ...words are all around you....Many thanks to Benji who photographed all the examples of text around our school. See what you can notice when you're out and about.

We aim to share all of these strategies with the children and enable them to understand what strategies they are using. If you can also talk to your child about these that would help.

On our website we have added a link to Oxford Owl. This link has a video about using synthetic phonics and what the letters sound like. Have a look:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-owl/expert-help/phonics-made-easy>

Our Foyer Display this Half Term will feature books with dual language texts. It is a great way to introduce your children to different scripts and build an awareness of languages. Some of you probably can read from both the texts too!

Please feel free to borrow any books.

