

Northmead Reading Newsletter

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Thanks to those of you who attended the recent parent workshop. We explored how background knowledge and vocabulary impacts reading development and comprehension.

If you missed it; here is the link
<https://youtu.be/ScdPYhxGYwY>

Or you can find it on our website (under Parents, Curriculum, English, Parent Reading Workshops)

There are many different opportunities for reading. The grid below gives you some ideas. Become reading detectives, hunting out advertising, messages, comics and much more. You may well be surprised how much reading surrounds you.

 TREASURE HUNT	Comics/ Magazines 1	 Reading that is hidden 9	Fiction books 16	
 Reading to organise things 5	Games 2	 Reading to make you laugh 8	Songs and Rhymes Baby Shark Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Baby shark! 12	 Cards/ Messages 11
Take away menus Noodles Chow Mein £5.50 Mix Vegetable Chow Mein £5.50 King Prawn Chow Mein £5.50 Beef Chow Mein £5.50 House special in gravy + crispy noodles £6.50 Vegetarian Singapore Rice Noodles £7.50 Vegetable Pad Thai Noodles £7.50 Chicken Pad Thai Noodles £7.50 10	 Reading that gives advice 7	Food packaging 15	 Reading that is precious to you 4	Catalogues/ Adverts 13
Non-fiction books 6	Recipes 14	 An item with a slogan or logo 17	News 3	

We would like to say a big thank you to the NST who provided a book for every child at Christmas.



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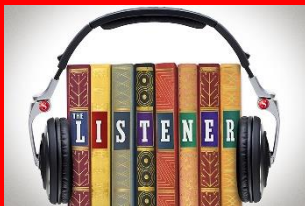
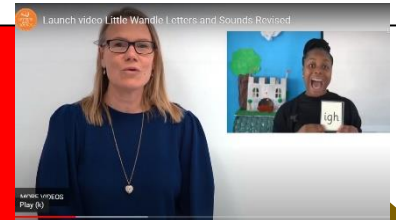
Toppsta.com was set up by Mum of two, Georgina Atwell to help children recommend books to each other. With no photos, no forums and no real names, it provides a space where children can give their opinion. It has over 100,000 reviews from young reviewers, parents and teachers.

Parents can set up a free profile and enter book giveaways on behalf of their children. There are usually more than 10 copies of each book to win.

Phonics

During our recent INSET, staff spent the day being trained to deliver the new Little Wandle Synthetic Phonics Programme.

Our next step is to determine the entry point into this new programme for those children requiring phonic intervention.



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Changing life stories

Sharing audiobooks as a family

Audiobooks can be the key to unlocking your child's love of reading, with exciting voices and sound effects bringing stories to life.

One of the best things about audiobooks is that you can listen to them almost anytime and anywhere as a family – whether you're in the car or the kitchen, during bath time or bedtime. In the days of tablets, smartphones and smart speakers, listening to digital stories is easier than ever before.

The benefits of sharing audiobooks at home

Audiobooks can give children access to a wider range of stories than they can read for themselves. This can help them learn new words or how to pronounce unfamiliar words.

Many audiobooks are read by well-known actors and celebrities, which can be really exciting for kids!

Audiobooks can be particularly good for less keen or confident readers, giving them the chance to get more absorbed in a story than they might when struggling to read a text.

Audiobooks can be a great way to share stories together as a family, particularly for parents who are less confident reading aloud to their kids.

Research shows that listening to audiobooks can boost children's reading skills, reading enjoyment, mental wellbeing and emotional intelligence.

