



Northmead Reading Newsletter

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THERE IS ONLY
ONE THING
THAT COULD
REPLACE A BOOK:
THE NEXT BOOK.

Accelerated reader;

As a school- since the beginning of the year – we have read 66,588,171 words!



So far this year we have celebrated 16 children becoming Millionaire Readers. To become a word millionaire, pupils have to read one million words and pass the relevant accelerated reader quizzes.



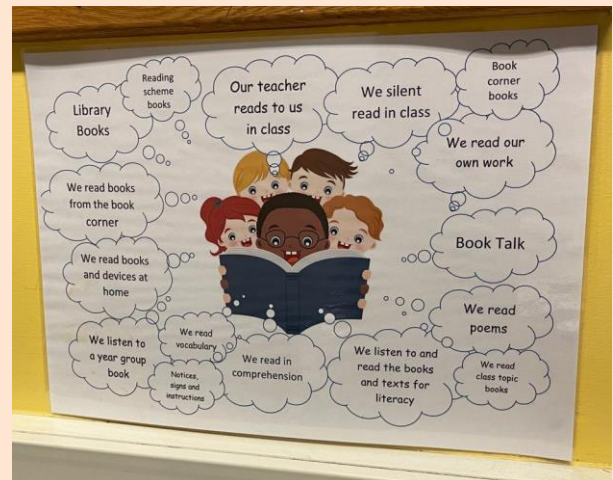
We now have four children who are multi-millionaires. Which means they have read over two million words since the start of the academic year.

We are so impressed with the children's home reading efforts. Thank you for your support with this.

Is that it?

Home reading and the accelerated reader system is not the only reading your child takes part in during their week at Northmead. Reading is the backbone of our curriculum.

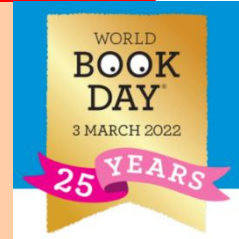
Mrs Backhurst's class tried to create a poster of all the different reading activities they experience during a week.



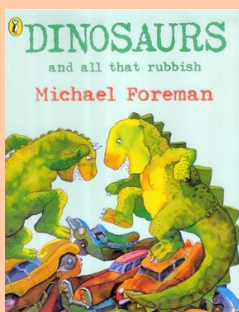
Spring Cleaning?

We will happily accept any good quality used/new books for our library/book corners.

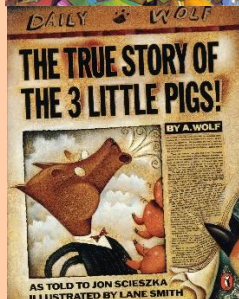
Don't forget to spend your book token
– they run out on Sunday.



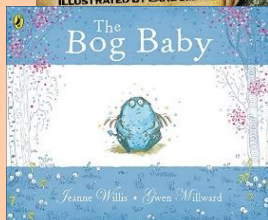
We didn't just celebrate World Book Day- we celebrated all week!
Each year group chose one book to look at in depth. All sorts of learning activities took place during the week from letter writing, creating water rockets to making incredible art pieces. Ask your child about their learning.



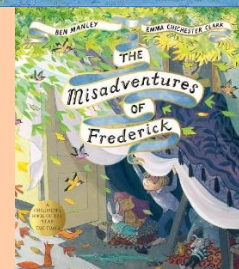
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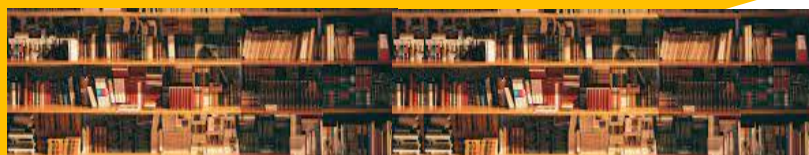
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Year 3



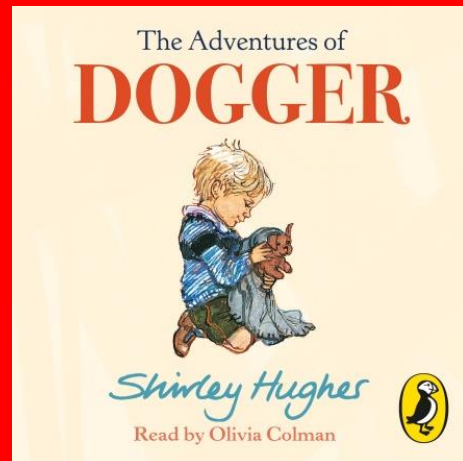
Shirley Hughes

6 July 1927 - 25 February 2022

Shirley Hughes, sole creator of over fifty picture books sadly passed away last month at the age of 94. She excelled at creating infant characters which resonated with children and adults alike.

The youngest of three sisters, Shirley grew up in the suburbs of Liverpool. Shirley experienced what she later described as a 'rather buttoned-down childhood', with much time spent reading, drawing and playing imaginative games with her sisters.

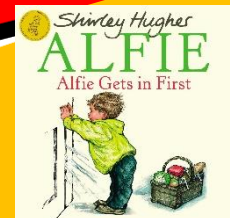
In 1946 she attended the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art in Oxford, where she briefly lived next door to J R R Tolkien.



Shirley became an author-illustrator giving herself the ability to tell the story through both words and pictures. The appeal of many of her books are the illustrations which picture ordinary domestic scenes to which children can easily relate.

Shirley's biggest success came with Dogger (1977) winning her the Kate Greenaway Medal for the outstanding picture book of the year.

Another great success was Alfie Gets in First (1981).



"At the core of Shirley's work is a child's feeling, a child's emotions. She spent her whole life taking this as seriously as many adult's feelings and emotions. This is part of what made her so special and so important," said Michael Rosen.

Her legacy will live on through her wonderful books which I'm sure many of you have enjoyed with your children.

