



Northmead Reading Newsletter

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We would love you to support our book fair if you are able. The commission from sales at the fair allows us to purchase new books for the library and class reading lessons, so every book you buy helps us.

Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during school time and you can visit the fair to browse the selection on Tuesday 26th or Wednesday 27th from 3.15-3.45. The book fair will be situated in the library.

All payments will be taken online by visiting travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

Before the Easter break we held our Accelerated Reader prize draw. Children are awarded a raffle ticket for every quiz passed. These were put into the draw and ten lucky children received a prize.

The next prize draw will take place at the end of the summer term.

Well done to George in Year 6 who won the library quiz. The children were challenged to answer a series of questions about children's literature.



COME TO THE Book Fair

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £6.4M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

FILL OUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR*

FIND HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99!

OUR TOP PICKS

<p>NEW</p> <p>David Walliams</p> <p>THE WORLDS WORST PETS</p> <p>Hardback only £8.99</p> <p>£14.99 £8.99</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Julia Donaldson</p> <p>SUPERWORM</p> <p>As seen on TV</p> <p>£4.99</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>CAT KID COMIC CLUB</p> <p>DAV PILKEY</p> <p>Hardback only £7.99</p> <p>£10.99 £7.99</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>CHALI Q. RAUF</p> <p>LION DOOR</p> <p>Author of The Boy at the Back of the Class</p> <p>£7.99</p>
<p>NEW</p> <p>Blucy</p> <p>As seen on TV</p> <p>GRANNIES</p> <p>£6.99</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Ibtihaj Muhammad</p> <p>S.K. Ali</p> <p>THE PROUDEST BLUE</p> <p>£6.99</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>LISA THOMPSON</p> <p>THE ROLLER COASTER BOY</p> <p>£6.99</p>	

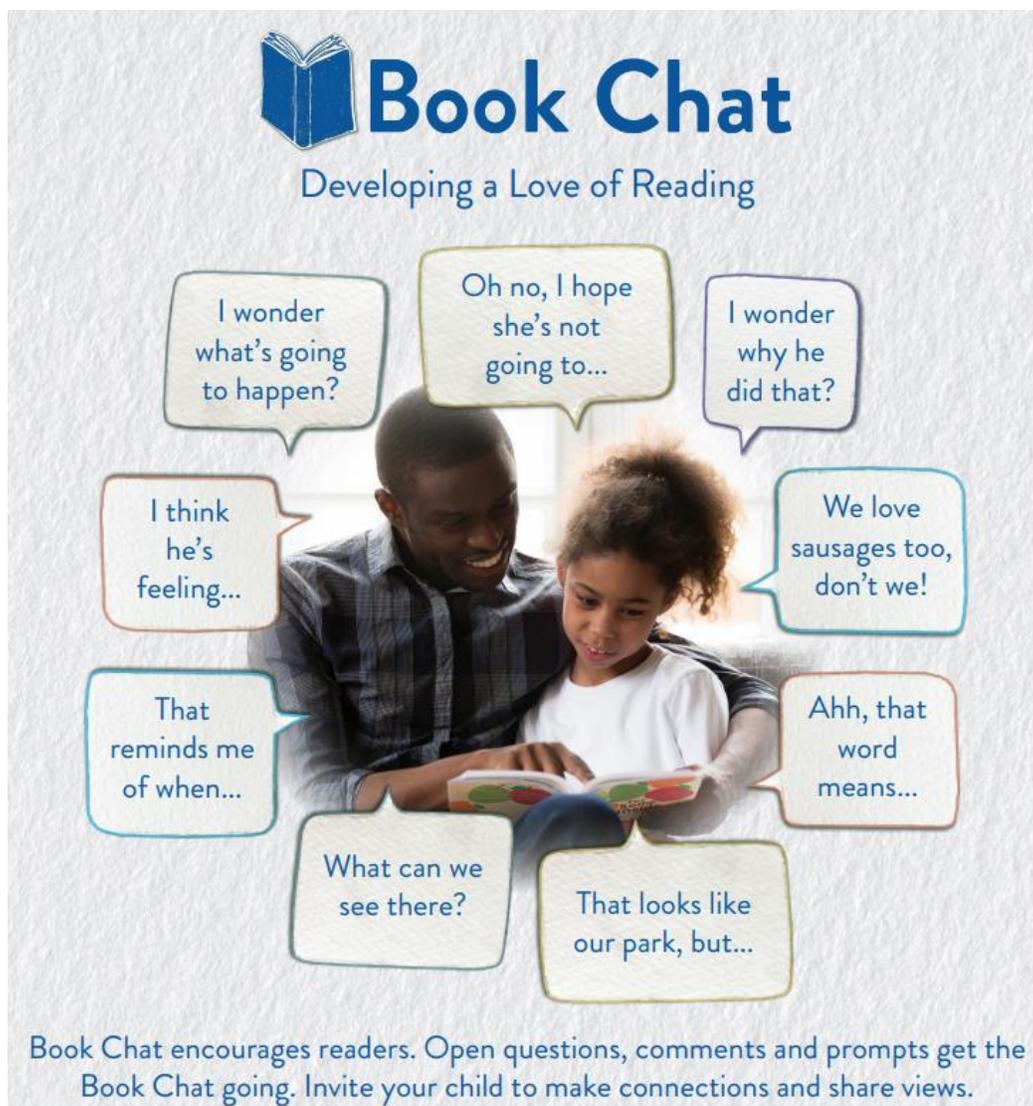
OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

'Reading and writing float on a sea of talk' Britton

We are grateful to all of you who listen to your children read on a regular basis. Just as important are the discussions which run alongside the actual reading. Through talking about texts, you think aloud, formulate views and opinions, share interests and feelings, relate new experiences to previous knowledge and refine and develop understanding.

It is our job as parents to consciously read *with* our children by encouraging children's active involvement in the story. Informal book chat following the reading of a text helps children participate as meaning makers; developing children's language and comprehension, whilst at the same time nurturing a love of reading.

The following 'Book Chat' sentence stems might help you to structure these conversations.



Book Chat
Developing a Love of Reading

I wonder what's going to happen?

Oh no, I hope she's not going to...

I wonder why he did that?

I think he's feeling...

We love sausages too, don't we!

That reminds me of when...

Ahh, that word means...

What can we see there?

That looks like our park, but...

Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views.

New Releases This Spring

Written by some favourite authors, these new releases are on my list of books to read...



Hedgewitch

Author: Skye McKenna

When Cassie escapes her dreary boarding school, she's astonished to discover a magical world of witches - and what might be the secret to her long-lost mother's disappearance...



Rigatoni the Pasta Cat

Author: Michael Rosen **Illustrator:** Tony Ross

Rigatoni the cat adores pasta and even has a special pasta called "miaow". One day, Rigatoni has no choice but to leave the comfort of his home to venture outside and get his pasta-fix. This amusing chapter book by former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen is an engaging read.



The Light in Everything

Author: Katya Balen **Illustrator:** Sydney Smith

Shy Tom and determined Zofia couldn't be more different. But when their parents fall for one another, they are united in a common struggle- to navigate the complex challenge of building a new family together.



David McKee.

Sadly, this month children's author and illustrator David McKee died at the age of 87.

David was best known as the creator of iconic characters like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant and Mr Benn. My favourite of his books is the timeless *Not Now, Bernard*. It begins with

Bernard trying to warn his parents there is a monster that wants to eat him. Preoccupied with their chores, they ignore him. The monster duly eats Bernard and tries to terrorise the parents, but they simply respond with their usual catchphrase: "Not now, Bernard."

