

Northmead Reading Newsletter

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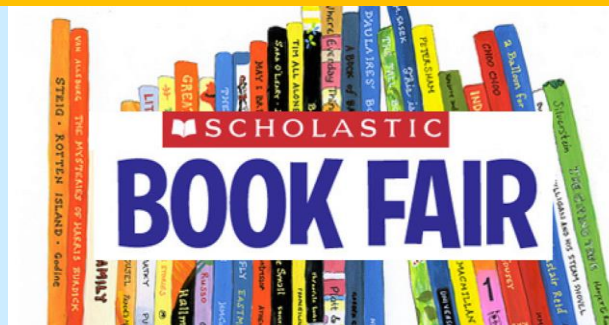
10,416,907

Number of word
millionaires: 3



Reading was a key focus during our recent Ofsted inspection. The Ofsted inspector conducted what is called a 'deep dive' in reading. This was a thorough investigation and analysis of our reading offer at Northmead. To form her opinion, the inspector visited classes during their reading lessons, listened to children reading to their teachers, observed story-time, toured the school, and talked to children, teachers and leaders.

Our children talked with great enthusiasm about their reading and it was evident that we have developed a positive reading culture in the school. We were pleased that this was noted in the final report which stated; *Leaders prioritise the teaching of reading. They want to inspire pupils to love reading and to read well. Teachers use carefully chosen, high-quality texts to teach comprehension and extend pupils' vocabulary.*



Wow! Thank you so much for your purchases at our recent book fair. Parents and guardians spent a record £1084 which has earned us £590 in rewards which we can spend on books. We shall be asking the children for some recommendations for the library.

Do contact Miss Lewis if you are missing any part of your book order.

Poetry

The whole school enjoyed exploring poetry under the theme of 'The Environment' during National Poetry Day



Custodian

I am a custodian.
Custodian of the landscape,
its mysteries and memories.

Custodian of the may blossom
that wakes the hedges
after winter slumbers.

Custodian of languages:
The calling of cattle at first light,
the arguments of foxes,
the complaining of sheep,
the gossip from overhead geese.

Custodian of the berries and sloes,
the rich bounty of hedgerows.
Custodian of the fallen trees,
the scampering of squirrels,
the whirring of pheasants' wings,
the hide and seek deer,
the woodpecker's drum roll.

Custodian of winter's snow and summer's draught,
of sunset and sunrise, of misty hideaways,
the valleys, hills and skies.

I am a custodian.
I have no desire to own these things,
these places, just to know
that on my watch,
and until I relinquish responsibility,
all is as it should be.

Brian Moses

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The Word Bird

In the beginning nothing was heard
All was silent, not a word
'til the word Bird sang
And the world began

She sang the rivers, she sang the streams
She sang the sky and she sang your dreams
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the sunlight, she sang the hours
She sang the rainbows, she sang the flowers
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the meadows, she sang the trees
She sang the hills, she sang the leaves
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang horizons, she sang deep seas
She sang the shore, she sang the breeze
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the evening, she sang twilight
She sang the moonshine, she sang the night
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the wonder, she sang the stars
She sang all creatures in this world of ours
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began

She sang the love and the feeling that starts
Of happiness deep in the well of our hearts

Oh the word bird sang
And the world began
The world began
when the word bird sang.

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If your child is interested in reading poetry, there are some suggestions below of books you could explore. Clicking on the links will provide more details



<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/lower-ks2-poetry//>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/upper-ks2-poetry//>

The current Children's Laureate (2022-24) is Joseph Coelho who is an award-winning performance poet who writes for children of all ages.

The Children's Laureate is a title awarded biannually to a renowned writer or illustrator in recognition of exceptional talent. Managed by Book Trust and sponsored by Waterstones, this role celebrates creativity and storytelling, promotes the vital importance of reading and children's literature, and champions the right of every child to enjoy a lifetime enriched with books and stories.

When given this title Joseph released this statement:

"Poetry is powerful, it is the medium we turn to at weddings, funerals and new births because it goes beyond mere words, poetry translates the soul. I want to use the prestigious platform of the Waterstones Children's Laureate to highlight and celebrate the power of poetry. To invite the nation, young and old, to write poems, to become poets."

I want to ensure that every child has the opportunity to see themselves in books and as bookmakers through the plethora of new and exciting voices we have coming out of the UK - to diversify bookshelves so that every child can imagine themselves as writers, illustrators and poets. And, finally I want to hug every library, these miraculous institutions where new horizons line the shelves, where minds go to grow.

Libraries made me a writer and make communities thrive - I wish to champion the services of these essential launch pads of learning."

If you would like to share some of Joseph's poetry with your child do visit;

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/explore/?key=Joseph+Coelho>



Do you have a couple of spare hours?
Would you like to listen to children read?
Do contact Miss Lewis. We would ask
you to complete a DBS for our
safeguarding records before beginning.

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Questions about reading at Northmead?

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