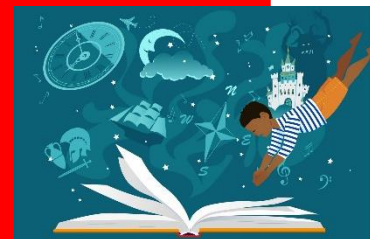


Northmead Reading Newsletter

June
2023



Earlier this term we took part in the Awesome Book Awards. This involved children reading five newly released books before deciding which was their favourite.



Well done to the following children who read all of the books and received a badge in recognition of their hard work.

Lucas B
Amelia T
Chloe D
Lily C
Matilda
Fraser



Our school's favourite was 'Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths'

'The Astonishing Future of Alex Nobody' was the overall winner across all the schools taking part.

Copies of the books have been put in the school library for all children to enjoy. Please note that currently they are too new to have an associated accelerated reader quiz.



Librarian

The **Smarter** Way to Manage Your Library

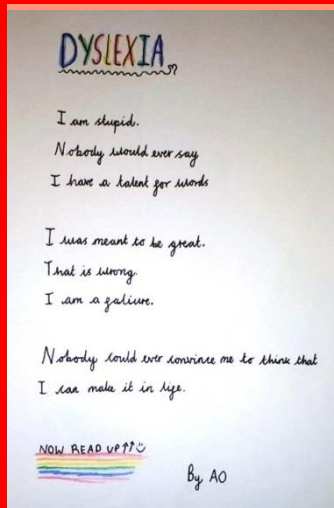
Libresoft

We have taken the decision to change our library operating system to Libresoft. This system will allow us to scan books in and out and keep track of stock more easily. The change will occur in mid-July. I am busy sorting out the books in the library as

I am keen to use this opportunity to clear out any old or tatty books or those which are unsuitable for this age range so we only take across to the new system titles which are modern and appropriate. In addition, I will be asking all children to return all library books by 7th July. I appreciate this is a little earlier than usual but this will help facilitate a smooth transition to the new system. Children are still able to read books from home or the class book corners between this date and the end of term. Teachers will not worry if the books are not from the correct book banded colour.

I will put all unwanted books under the outside classroom please help yourself if you would like these books for home. Some of them are in good condition but are just the wrong age range for our children whereas some more tatty titles might be useful for craft activities. I will keep adding more books as soon as I sort them. Towards the end of term, I shall recycle any unwanted books. Thanks- Miss Lewis

If you are having a sort out at home, we are happy to receive any modern children's books in good condition. Do send them in to the office for the attention of Miss Lewis.



Staff CPD

As part of our recent INSET day all staff received training from the Helen Arkell Dyslexia charity. This was a really useful morning where we were introduced to the characteristic features of dyslexia, the difficulties children with dyslexia may encounter and the strengths they often demonstrate; before discussing teaching strategies and the use of multi-sensory approaches.

It is almost time once again for the summer reading challenge.

The theme of the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 is "Ready, Set, Read" and has been developed in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust. The challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to continue reading throughout the summer holidays, trying to prevent the reading "dip". The aim of the challenge is to read 6 books, collecting special stickers and rewards along the way.

At the end of June we will be visited by one of the librarians at Guildford library who will explain the challenge to the children.

There are two ways you can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge:

You can join the Challenge at your local library and take part in person. The library will give you a special collector folder, stickers, and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, take part in the Challenge online by signing up here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

