

The Canons CE Primary School

Reading Newsletter– Autumn 1 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

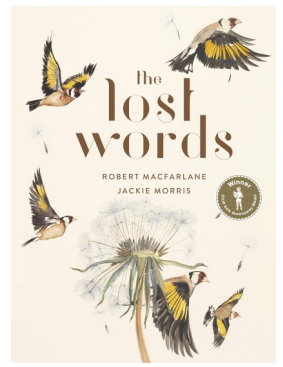
Welcome to our first half-termly reading newsletter. At the Canons, we aim to create a whole school culture of 'a love for reading' and to develop independent readers who have a good understanding of texts - both fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We wanted to be able to share some hints and tips with you (because we love reading too) and show you what we have been doing in school to promote reading. It's been a busy start to the year and I'm sure your children will already be enjoying their class texts and persevering with their independent reading books. We hope to hear more about some of these in the next reading newsletter!

Black History Month

During the month of October, we dedicate time to celebrate black lives and explore black history both in the UK and around the world. Each class will be studying a significant figure in black history. We hope that your children will be able to share with you an insight into the amazing lives and achievements of the people they studied. Here are some books you may be interested in:



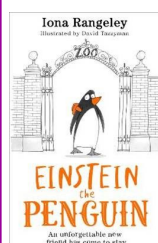
We celebrated National Poetry Day in School on the 6th October; this year's theme was the Environment. The staff shared their favourite poems with their class and we also introduced an exciting competition for the children in Year 2–6 to enter, based on the fantastic book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.



Canons staff reads:

KS1 Miss Day– Yr 6 Teacher

One day, Einstein the penguin turns up at the house of the Stewart family and they discover he is on a rescue mission. Funny, intriguing and utterly heart-warming, this wonderful chapter book will delight newly confident junior readers. I loved this funny and enjoyable story.

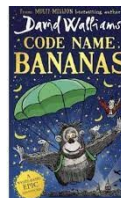


A magical adventure, especially for those who love penguins. I can't wait to hear what Einstein does in the next book; it's out on the 13th October!

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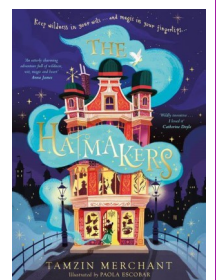
Miss Clarke– Yr3 Teacher

The main character, Eric, is an 11 year old boy who adores animals. So much so, he often sneaks in to London Zoo at night. Set in the 1940s, during the war, Eric is trying to keep his favourite animal calm. Gertrude the Gorilla is not a fan of the bombs that continuously fall at night. To save her they go on the run... I enjoyed this story and decided to share it with my class because it is a story of courage, kindness and bravery but with plenty of humour too. I am a huge fan of David Walliams!



UKS2 Mrs Leach– Yr 6 JtA

Cordelia Hatmaker comes from a family of magical hatmakers and she cannot wait until she gets the opportunity to make her own hat. Her priorities change when her father goes missing... Cordelia needs to find a way of saving the makers who are threatened with war. I loved this book as it is full of courage, friendship and love for family and friends (and a silly King)! It is part of an upcoming series by the same author.





The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting from **3rd November to the 8th November**. The children will get a chance to browse the books during school and parents/carers will then be able to visit the **Upper School Hall from 3:15-4pm**. You can pay in cash or use the QR codes provided at the fair to pay via credit or debit card. Please do support it as we receive points for every purchase – these allow us to invest in more books for school!



Where can I find books?

- * Bedworth Library is open 9:30-5pm on Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri. On Saturdays it is open 9:30-2:30pm.
- * Borrowbox– download the app to download free eBooks and audiobooks. You will still need your library card number.
- * Oxford Owl has a free e-book library for children aged 3-11. You just need to register first.
- * Astley Book Farm is open every day from 10am-5pm. It has a great selection of second hand books and the cakes are lovely too!



We are now using the Word Aware scheme in school to promote the vocabulary development of all children. You may have noticed our new Word of the Week

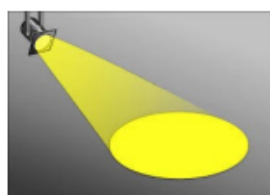


section on our school newsletter. The idea is to get your child engaged in word learning! As adults, we need to know at least 30,000 words. Most of these words are learnt in childhood, which means children need to learn 7 new words every day. Reading to your child is one way to expose your child to more words. If you come across an interesting word in a book, try and use it again in a conversation with your child.

We will be having a 'Dress Like A Word Day' on 4th November, where children can come to school dressed as their favourite word. We can't wait to see some amazing vocabulary!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests



Spotlight on...

Retrieval

Each half-term we will include some questions that you could ask your child, focussing on one area of reading comprehension.

Retrieval is a reading skill and often one of the first skills to be developed by a child in school. Children have to pick out information from a text in order to answer questions about it.

- Who is/are the main character/s in the story?
- Where/when is the story set?
- What happened when_____?
- Find 3 words that describe your favourite character.
- What does the word _____suggest about _____?
- Find a word or phrase which tells us how the character was feeling.
- What does the word _____ mean?