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Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our first half termly reading newsletter. This newsletter is designed for parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. We hope to keep you up to date with what is happening in regard to reading in our school. Happy Reading!

Reading in School

New Library!



We have been enjoying our newly revamped library. Each class gets the chance to go to the library once a week and take home a book of their choice. Thank you for bringing in your used magazines to add to our collection.

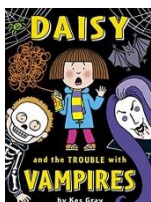
We have a vast range of books in our school library but we are always looking for new books and recommendations. Children or families, if you have any great books you would like the rest of the school to know about, please let Mrs Howie know. We would love to hear your suggestions!

Scholastic Book Fair

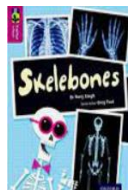
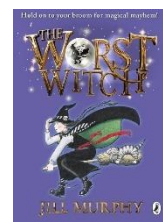
This term we held a pop-up Scholastic Book Fair which featured a range of books, including some of the newest titles. Thank you to the parents and carers who came and purchased some books, we hope the children enjoy them. We raised around £300 which will allow us to get some free books and reading resources for our school.



Autumnal and Spooky Reads!



- Tree by Patricia Hegarty
- Daisy and the Trouble with Vampires by Kes Gray
- The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming
- October, October by Katya Balen
- The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
- Skelebones by Ranj Singh



Book website and App Recommendations

Oxford Owl for home is a brilliant website where you can get free access to a large collection of tablet-friendly e-books. You just have to register for free at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=parents> . There is also lots of advice and support for parents regarding reading and learning.



Wooler Library!

Wooler Library is open - it's free to join and you can borrow 12 books at a time!

We are open: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 10am - 4.30pm, Thursday 10am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm.

We would like to say a Big Well Done to everyone who took part in the **Summer Reading Challenge** this year. Councillor Mark Mather and Karl Booth, Mountain Bike Adventurer, came to present certificates and medals to everyone who had completed the challenge. We are already looking forward to next year's challenge!

Events

Saturday 2nd December 10.30am till 11.30am

Elliot Smith Dance Performance 'The 3 Jolly Ghosts of Christmas'

Following the performance, the cast will invite children and their families to participate in a dance workshop to meet the cast and learn movement from the production. Free! Book your place with Library staff.

November/December

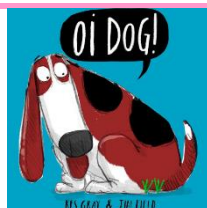
Wooler URC Church is having a Christmas Tree Festival (Friday 15th - Sunday 17th December) and Wooler Library is going to have a tree at the celebration. Why not come to Wooler Library and help decorate the Library tree?

Decorate a bauble to tell everyone your favourite book, why you like reading or what's good about the library. Call in during library opening hours through December and decorate your bauble.



Staff Book Recommendations

Miss Carr- Oak Class



By Kes Gray and Jim Field

This hilarious rhyming story will have you laughing out loud! Helping children to build rhyming skills and phonological development.

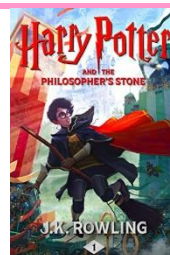
Mrs Howie- Cherry Class



By Fiona Barker

With a little bit of Year 1 Science woven into the story, Fox does everything to stop Autumn! With help from Badger, he is reminded that sharing the seasons with friends makes them special.

Mrs Burn- Beech Class



By J.K. Rowling

A classic read to spark joy and imagination. Harry Potter's life is miserable. But his fortune changes when he receives a letter that tells him the truth about himself: he's a wizard!

REMEMBER you can enjoy books by reading on your own, being read to or listening to audio-books.

New 'Blue Peter' Book Badge

Blue Peter have introduced an exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's Matilda! To earn your badge, you need to share your love of books by answering a few questions. Maybe you could achieve the Book Badge? Visit the Blue Peter website to find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge> . Remember to bring your badge into school for Celebration Assembly if you do achieve it

