



Redbourn Reading

Round Up 4 –Summer 2024

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have been reflecting on some of the great progress we have made in reading across the school. This is not just in the achievements your children have made but also in the different opportunities we have provided. As well as those highlighted below, we have also had Book Week, challenged children to read in unusual places and purchased additional Monster Phonics and Literacy Tree texts.

We already have plans in place for how we will continue with this next academic year.

Reading Round Ups are also saved on the website under the 'Our Curriculum' tab– within 'Reading'.



Library:

- Jamie Littler, author of Arkspire, opened the revamped school library.
- Each class has a weekly library session.
- We have a team of Library volunteers who support the weekly class sessions—a huge thank you to them!

Pixie the Reading Dog:

- Over 100 children have read to Pixie this year. The opportunity to read with her has developed confidence and a love of reading for so many.
- Pixie is sadly retiring, we hope to find a replacement. We were delighted that we were able to raise money for Canine Concern as a thank you to her.



Book Club:

In Years 2-5, we successfully set up lunchtime Book Clubs this year. As well as reading and exploring new texts, the children wrote book recommendations and had lots of conversations about what they had read.

We look forward to continuing these next year

Superstar Reader Bookmarks:

Each teacher has nominated a number of children to receive these bookmarks. They acknowledge an increased interest in reading, trying hard with reading in class, choosing to read in Learning through Play or persevering with new phonics sounds.



Reading Champions:

A huge thank you to our group of Reading Champions who have been in school at least once a week to listen to children read. Your time and support has been appreciated.

We look forward to adding to our Champions in September.



This week, staff from Hertfordshire Libraries came to school to tell the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a fun and exciting way for children to continue reading over the holidays. This year, fitting in with the Marvellous Makers theme, there are also creative challenges to take part in. We'd love as many children as possible to take part in this.

How children can take part:

- Sign up for FREE in branch at your library
- Read any six library books. All reading counts including listening to e-audiobooks, and parents or carers reading to younger ones.
- After every two books, return to the library and tell the volunteers something about the books to collect stickers.

Once all six books have been read, children will receive a personalised certificate and a medal.

More information can be found here <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/summer-reading-challenge.aspx#schools> or <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

In September, we will ask anyone who completed the challenge to bring their medal and certificate into a Celebration Assembly. We'd love to see photos of the Y6 Leavers with their medal too.

Why not try these books from the Laugh Out Loud Book Awards (LOLLIES) Shortlist:

