

LITERACY NEWSLETTER

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READING

WELCOME!

This is the WGSA Literacy Newsletter that will be published termly. It aims to highlight the importance of reading and give tools to help with improving these skills, for both pupils and those at home.

You will find a mix of handy tips to help encourage more reading at home, information about new books in the library, as well as different competitions you can get involved in!

WHY READ AT HOME?

Research has shown that students who read at home for

20 minutes per day

are exposed to

1.8 million words

per year! This leads to a wider vocabulary which can be used in all subjects at school and beyond. There is also a clear link between reading age and achievement.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Reading is shown to relax us. Perhaps consider reading for 20 minutes before bed and avoid screen time. It will help your literacy skills and have a calming effect! Why not create a new healthy habit?

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TIPS TO ENJOY READING

Try the book version of a film/ TV show you like!

Ask a friend or family member for recommendations.

Choose books about a topic that interests you.

Do a buddy read - choose a book with a friend and both read it!

Read a magazine, newspaper or blog.

Download a book app like Goodreads or The Storygraph.

THE GREAT READING CHALLENGE 2024

This term, the library is hosting a reading challenge to inspire our pupils to read more!

Create some reading goals for spring, head to the library and find a good book to enjoy. Once you have finished it, write a short review using the booklet provided.



HOW DOES SCHOOL HELP?

- Our school library has hundreds of books that you can borrow for free! Visit at break, lunch or after school.
- We have recommended reading lists for all year groups.
- There is a book club hosted in the library after school on a Wednesday to promote a love of literature.
- Reading interventions are running and literacy is embedded across the curriculum.
- We have form time reading and whole class readers in English.
- The school website has a 'Reading' section full of useful information for pupils and those who support at home.