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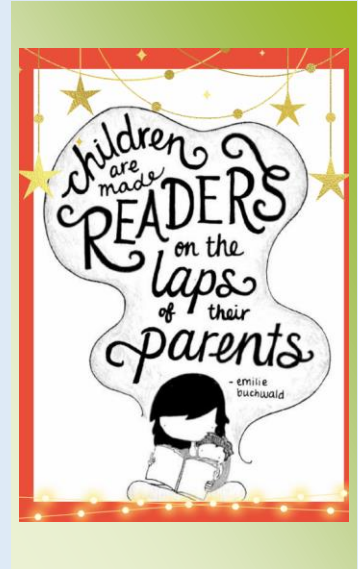
READING: THE NEWS

Springfield Primary Reading news!



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Local Reading events: 'Chatterbooks'

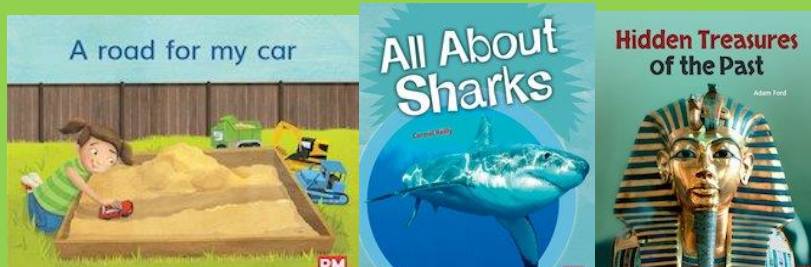
Sheffield Children's library are running 'Chatterbooks' sessions. This is a book club for 8-11 year olds. These groups are free and they are all about having fun and encouraging reading for pleasure. The next 'Chatterbooks' sessions at the Children's central library are on Saturday 22nd February and Saturday 22nd March from 11am-12 noon.

For more information call the library on 0114 273 4734.

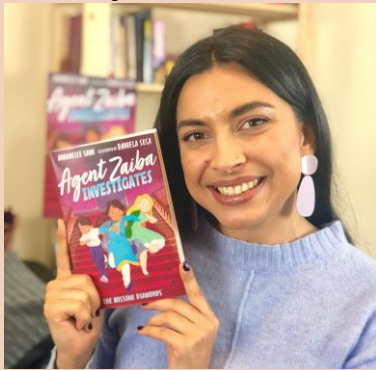
The 'Chatterbooks' sessions are also running at other libraries across the city on other dates. Please enquire with your local library if you are interested in these reading groups.

Book Amnesty

Please have a good search around at home for any school Reading and Library books. Our books are kept in sets of 6 and several of our sets have missing copies. It will be very expensive to replace them, so please search high and low for any books you may have at home and return them to the school office. Many thanks!



Author of the Term



This term's recommended Author is Annabelle Sami!

Annabelle Sami is a writer and performer. She grew up next to the sea on the South coast of the UK and then moved to London, where she now lives. Annabelle studied English Literature and Drama. When Annabelle isn't writing, she enjoys playing the saxophone in a band with her friends, performing live art and swimming in the sea.

Annabelle's favourite book as a child was River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. Writing is the only job she ever wanted to do. Her Mum encouraged and inspired her to do this, so she says she owes all her success to her Mum. Annabelle Sami has two books series published at the moment: Agent Zaiba Investigates and Llama Out Loud. Agent Zaiba is about a girl whose biggest dream it is to be a secret agent. In each book she finds a different mystery to solve with the help of her best friend and little brother. 'Llama Out Loud' is about a shy girl called Yasmin who wants to learn to stand up for herself more. Unfortunately, the thing that comes to help her do that is a talking Llama called Levi. He is very sassy and VERY loud!

Listen to Annabelle Sami read a chapter of one of her books [here](#), to decide if you would like to borrow a book from school and read more!



The importance of Nursery rhymes and songs in developing language

They develop language and phonological awareness. The rhythm of the rhymes support speech and language development and introduces new vocabulary to your child.

They are a good bonding experience between you and your child.



Hearing words which rhyme is an important building block in developing phonological awareness and learning to read.

Why learn Nursery Rhymes?

Songs and rhymes can also support other curriculum areas- understanding about the world and Mathematical development, for example '1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish...

Action rhymes support gross and fine motor development (strengthen the muscles in shoulders, arms, wrists, hands and fingers) which then supports the process of beginning early writing.

For more information, please see: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zdsyf82>

Sheffield City Children's Library Trips

Year 4 visited the Sheffield Children's library at the end of the Autumn term. They were treated to listening to a very funny story about three bad wildebeests. These Wildebeests always made fool out of themselves which made the story entertaining. The class had a rotation of activities as well as being able to choose a book to borrow. The children are really looking forward to their next trip to the library.



My favourite part of the trip was getting to choose a book. I chose an adventurous book called 'Stick boy'. We did other activities such as building lego. I made a landscape of a house.

I chose a book called 'The drowned one'. It is a mystery book. I went to return it to the library with my family.



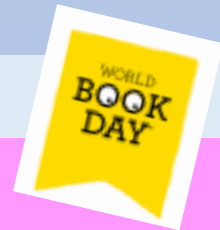
I LOVE all kinds of books!

I chose a book all about Maths. It was about perimeter and area. I have returned my book with my family and have chosen 3 more books about Art and Craft, The Human body and the Solar system.

Key Stage 1 Story World Event

As promised, we have scheduled a repeat of the Story Worlds event which we planned with the FACES team (Family Adult Community Education Service) for KS1 families in December. The event in December was oversubscribed so we were keen to plan this again to reach more interested families.

The next event will be on Wednesday 23rd April. If you are interested in attending, please look out for the letter to sign up for this. As always, there are a limited number of places, so please return your letter to the school office in good time and only attend the event if you have confirmation that you have a place.



Upcoming READING events..

World Book day is Thursday 6th March 2025.

During the week of World Book day, we will be holding reading events in school. No costumes will be required as part of our events in school.

Children will either receive a World Book Day book or a Book token during Book week.

World Book day week: Parents as storytellers.

If you would be interested in reading or telling a story to a group or a class of children in school, please let us know. We would love it if parents or carers of children in school would come into class and share a story during week beginning Monday 3rd March 2025.

Parents could either read or tell a story in English or in their home language.

If you would like to be involved in this, please contact enquiries@springfield.sheffield.sch.uk to give us more information on the story you would like to share, which year group it would be suitable for and when you would be available to share your story during week beginning 3rd March 2025. **Please let us know by Monday 24th February 2025.**

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Pycroft & Miss. Button