



READING NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a busy yet fun-filled Autumn Two term we have had at school. I cannot believe I am putting together the December newsletter already, and I am so excited to tell you all about the amazing reading that has been happening throughout school.



Our whole school Monday morning assemblies are my favourite way to start each week as I get to see who has won the bed box in each class. Although we have had to slightly adapt the bed box, with our reading dogs remaining in quarantine, it is so lovely to see the children super excited about receiving a book, bookmark, reading dog pencil topper, pencil and a sachet of hot chocolate. Please do continue to tweet @Beaumontprimary so we can see your child enjoying their story in a comfy area with their hot chocolate.

With reading being a real high priority at Beaumont, it has been really easy, despite not being able to visit each class, to stay informed about the class texts that are being enjoyed throughout school thanks to our up to date class twitter pages.

It has been lovely to see Reception enjoying **The Little Red Hen by Jonathan Allen** – super bread making skills too, Reception! Year One have been reading **Dogger by Shirley Hughes** as this text links with their recent topic about toys – old and new! Year Two have been reading **Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne** and they have such a gorgeous display outside of their classroom to showcase this book! Year Three have been enjoying the book **Everest by Alexandra Stewart and Joe Todd-Stanton**. Year 3 have spent time in the computing suite researching all about Sir Edmund Hillary, the first person to climb Mount Everest, in order to complete their biographies; great writing to inform, Year 3!

I am sure you have seen via twitter that Year 4 have been reading **Iron Man by Ted Hughes**. I really enjoyed hearing the children reading part of this book which was posted on the Year 4 (@BeaumontYear4) twitter page. I would highly recommend listening if you haven't already. This half term, Year 5 have been reading **There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom** and they have produced some fabulous pieces of work around this text. I particularly enjoyed their poems – super work, Year 5! Last but not least, Year 6 have been enjoying **Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence** which links so well to their topic of Tudors. Very recently, Year 6 received a tweet back from Patrice Lawrence who said she was SO happy to hear from a class reading her story – this made Year 6 very happy!

As well as reading lots of books in class, all children throughout school are now changing their home reading books every week, which is just fabulous! I stood out on the playground to welcome the children into school a few days ago and it just so happened to be a Wednesday – the day that reading books are to be brought back into school so they can stay quarantined and are then ready to change on Friday. It was SO lovely to see near enough every child holding their reading books and reading journals in their hands,





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ready to pop into their class baskets on entry to their classrooms – reading really is **everywhere** at Beaumont!

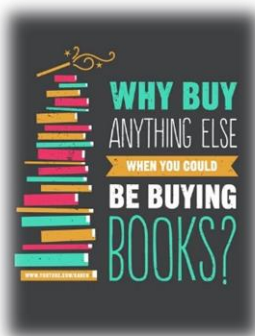
Despite promoting a love for reading 'actual' reading books at Beaumont, we are also promoting the use of **Bug Club** and **Reading Plus**; two fantastic online platforms that really do help develop children's reading and comprehension skills. Both reading programmes help children progress through numerous reading levels, expand their vocabulary banks, improve their phonic understanding, increase their reading speed and most importantly of all, provide the children with a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, which in turn develops their love for reading. There have been so many success stories since September including children moving up 3+ reading levels, and children making links between the texts they have read on Reading Plus and the learning they are doing in their class. A child in **Year 5** accesses Reading Plus so frequently, that not only is his reading fluency increasing but his general knowledge is expanding too – so much so that in near enough every History/Science/Geography lesson, he is able to make links and share information that he has found out whilst reading on Reading Plus.

This shows how **powerful** reading can be!

All staff throughout school keep a close eye on the usage of their class specific online platform, and dojo points are awarded to those who read at least 5x a week! It really does show that the children who are accessing Bug Club and Reading Plus frequently are the ones who are showing huge amounts of progress! Please encourage your child to use these online platforms – little and often is a great way to approach their reading journey.

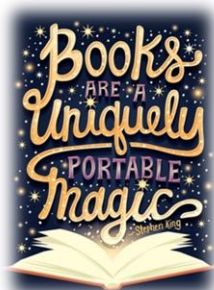
At the end of my newsletter, I have listed the topics your child has missed due to COVID-19. Although your child will be accessing this missed learning during some of their reading lessons, I thought it would be a good idea to share some book recommendations for you which directly address these topics, in case you were thinking of treating your little one to a book or two over the festive period.

What a great way to keep the love of reading alive whilst developing your child's knowledge about a topic they have missed.



I hope you all have a fabulous half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all return on Tuesday 5th January. Stay safe & keep reading! ☺

Miss Marren
Year 6 Teacher
English Lead



I do believe something magical can happen when you read a book.

J.K Rowling





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Missed topics for the current Year One class:

Lifecycles (Science) – chicks & butterflies

Pushes & Pulls (Science)

Floating & Sinking (Science)

Transport (Geography)

Book recommendations:

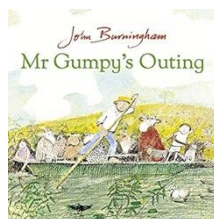
What The Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Chicken Licken (various authors depending which version you want to get)

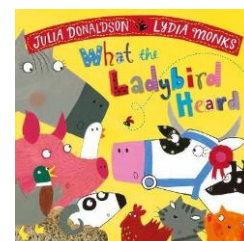
Mr Grumpy's Outing by John Birmingham

Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy



THE VERY
HUNGRY
CATERPILLAR

by Eric Carle



Missed topics for the current Year Two class:

Changing Seasons (Science) Spring → Summer

Contrasting Localities (Geography)

Castles (History)

Book recommendations:

Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett

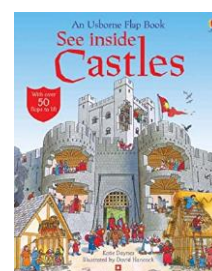
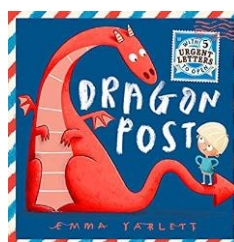
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch & Michael Martchenko

Castles by Colin Thompson

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table by Marcia Williams

See Inside Castle by Katie Daynes & David Hancock

Australian Animals – Colouring Book with fun facts



Missed topics for the current Year Three class:

Life Cycles (Science)

Healthy Lifestyles (Science)

The Seaside (Geography)

Great Explorers (History) – Christopher Columbus &

Neil Armstrong

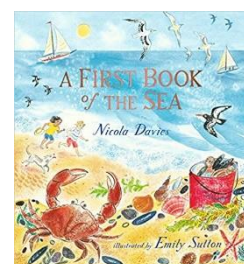
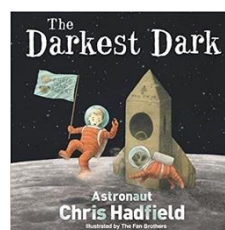
Book recommendations:

How to be an Astronaut and Other Space Jobs by Dr Sheila Kanani

The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield

One Giant Leap – The Story Of Neil Armstrong by Don Brown

A First Book of the Sea by Nicola Davies





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Missed topics for the current Year Four class:

Light & Shadows (Science)

Plants – Seeds & Flowers (Science)

Egyptians (History)

Book recommendations:

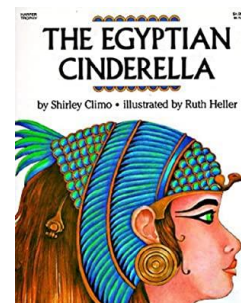
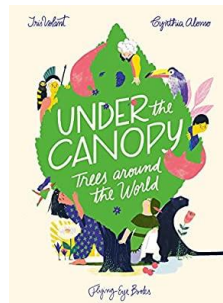
The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo & Ruth Heller

The Egyptians by Jonny Marx & Chaaya Prabhat

Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll

The Owl Tree by Jenny Nimmo

Under the Canopy by Iris Volant & Cynthia Alonso



Missed topics for the current Year Five class:

Solids, Liquids & Gases (Science)

Habitats (Science)

Volcanoes (Geography)

Mountains (Geography)

WW2 (History) – taught during lockdown

Book recommendations:

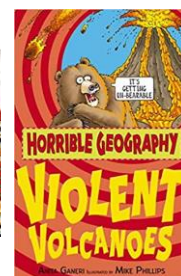
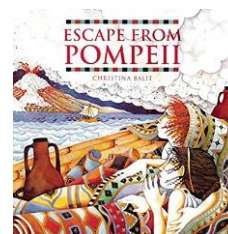
Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of Our Earth by Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady

Volcano Wakes Up by Lisa Westberg Peters & Steve Jenkins

Horrible Geography: Violent Volcanoes by Anita Ganeri & Mike Phillips

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden



Missed topics for the current Year Six class:

Forces (Science)

Properties of materials (Science) – mixing & dissolving

Mountains & Rivers (Geography)

USA (Geography)

Book recommendations:

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Everest by Sangma Francis

Survivors by David Long

