

# Thirsk Community Primary School

## Reading Newsletter

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### World Book Day Special

Our Brilliant Book-Nic ; Book with a Buddy and Biscuit!



After school on Wednesday the staff team worked hard to transform the hall into an indoor Book- Nic area.



The children brought books from home to share with a buddy. Mrs Wall also displayed her 'Top 50 Picture Books to share with a buddy'. Our older children were amazing partners and such good reading role models. They took their role very seriously and showed us what good story tellers they are. We do believe that we have some future authors and teachers amongst our pupils.



Our younger children were very excited to be read to, and some were confident enough to have a go at reading to their partner as well. After their Book- Nic session they could be heard talking about their 'book buddy' and could be seen re-enacting their session in their play.





## World Book Day - Creative Story Writing



Over the week across the school, we ran a Creative Writing competition. We wanted pupils to feel like authors, and they did not disappoint! Every year group produced sensational stories, sparking some debate in the staffroom about who the overall winners should be! Teachers did finally settle on seven winners, who will have their stories published into books- which will then be entered into the school library.

## Reception

### Henry

Henry re-wrote the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. He used all the main events and some lovely word choices to describe the giant and the beanstalk. Henry used his phonic knowledge to write the most amazing sentences!

### Year 1

#### Daisy

Daisy-Rae created her very own version of The Three Little Pigs. The story was well written and full of drama, it even included speech between the characters and used the correct punctuation.

### Year 2

#### Millie

Millie was inspired by Roald Dahls 'George's Marvellous Medicine', writing her story, 'Kevin's Manky Medicine'. Her vocab choices ensured the reader was gripped from the start!

### Year 3

#### Elsie

Elsie planned her story with great care. This made sure her story, 'Candy Land', grabbed the reader's attention from the very beginning, and held it to the end. Candy Land is also described beautifully and made us want to visit!

### Year 4

#### Noah

Noah decided to re-write his class story, 'The boy who made the world disappear' by Ben Miller. His version is titled, 'The start of a new world'. Noah was very excited about this and wrote two books including his character 'stick man'. He wrote 'The start of a new world' at school, and a follow up story at home!

## Year 5

### Emily

Emily authored 'The Present', which according to Mrs Collier, created a *"mini movie in the mind"*. This was based on a wordless animation watched in class. Emily penned her own story around receiving a three-legged dog as a present.

## Year 6

### Sabina

Sabina authored 'My Journey from Pakistan', a tale requiring research and work completed at home. According to Mrs Kirkman this story is, *"An innovative and personal idea, with so much love, thought and effort, showing the exact same approach a real author would do"*.

### Spring 1 Reading Raffle Winners

As you will be aware, we are an Everyone Everyday school for reading. Adults at school monitor reading records, and when a pupil has read five times a week – they receive two tickets to enter in the Reading Raffle. If they read four times a week- they receive one ticket. Each week a winner is picked at our whole school Reading Assembly. The prize is to go book shopping with Mrs. Wall at the White Rose Bookshop in Thirsk.

Last terms winners are pictured below. Congratulations!



The books the raffle winners chose. These will be in our school library soon!



## Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



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## THOSE WHO READ SUCCEED!

Child A Reads:	Child B Reads:	Child C Reads:
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!



3 or 4 books a year



Less than one book per year

