

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring Term One - Reading



This week, the School Council has visited each class from Year 1 – Year 6 to discuss reading and to find out what everyone thinks about it and the books we read in school.

On average, over 75% of children in each class stated that they really enjoyed reading and these are some of their responses:

- We like that we can learn different words and that we can move up a reading band (Y1)
- We like reading with expression (Y2)
- We like the different authors we get to read (Y3)
- Reading inspires us to do different things (Y4)
- We love the different characters and their different personalities (Y5)
- Books can be so good, you read them over and over again (Y6)
- We like Reading Plus – you can compete against other classes (Y5 & 6)
- We like books with plot twists; a good cliff-hanger leaves you wanting to read more (Y2, Y5 & Y6)

When asked, the 25% of children who stated that they did not like reading said so for the following reasons:

- Sometimes the vocabulary is too difficult and I get bored of the story (Y3)
- I only like books that I am interested in; I do not like reading all books (Y4)
- If I have spare times, I would rather do something else than read (Y5)
- I don't like it when a story is too short; it feels unfinished (Y6)
- I don't feel like I always connect to the characters (Y5)
- I don't like it when something sad happens in the story – it can ruin it! (Y6)

It is evident that the school's Class Novels are a firm favourite with children stating that they support their learning and help them to enhance their writing. These are some of our favourite class novels:

Goodnight Mister Tom (Y6), Spud Murphey (Y3), Scruffy Ted Y1), The Giant Jake and the Beanstalk (Y2), The Last Bear (Y5) and The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe (Y4).

Most children were aware that they could use the Reading Area at break times and that pupils liked the idea of, 'Book & Biscuit'. Over 50% of pupils in most classes have used the Reading Area at breaktimes to read for pleasure. Pupils also stated that they liked that they can borrow books from this area and they enjoyed reading the book reviews written by pupils which are regularly changed.

Actions: Y5 Librarians to regularly remind key stage 2 classes about 'Book & Biscuit'.

Posters on each classroom door to promote the Reading Area

Posters to encourage reading in general and to remind pupils that they can access Reading Plus at home

Regularly promote and remind pupils about the Reading Area at the end of collective worships

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