



Reading at Lawn

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised



Reading Leaders

I would like to form our first-ever Reading Leaders team to promote reading for pleasure in our school. They will be responsible for recommending books and authors through newsletters and posters, designing and supporting reading events, leading reading assemblies and help to celebrate other children's reading success. If this sounds like something that your child would like to be a part of, please ask them to submit an application to me by Friday 28th April about why they would be wonderful in this role and I will choose two children from each class.

Reading Club

I will again facilitate the highly-popular reading club in my classroom on Friday lunchtimes into the Summer term. We will continue with the activities we already have, but I am adding 'Comic Capers' where we will read comics and graphic novels as well as writing our own comics if we want to. Look out for the letter that I'll send home for families to complete if your child would like to join.

This club is wonderfully lead by the Busy Bees group, which is made up of our Year 5 pupils who just love reading.



Thank you for the donations of comics and magazines – please do keep sending them (and any graphic novels) in if you have any that you no longer read.

Date for your diary

8th June, 2023: Read for Empathy Day

Empathy Day is designed to inspire children and young people to **learn more about empathy** through stories. At Lawn, the day will have the same 'vibe' as World Book Day, with there being a celebration of books and stories which promote Empathy. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

<https://www.empathylab.uk/empathy-day>

What is Mrs Shepherd reading?



I am a member of the UK Literacy Association and this year have the great pleasure of being a shadow judge for their 2023 Book Awards in the 7-10+ category. Here are the shortlisted books that I have on my reading pile. If your child has read any of these, please tell them to find me at lunchtime so we can share a 'book blether' together!



Barrington Stoke are well-respected publishers of books for struggling readers (due to dyslexia or visual stress) and reluctant readers. This is an excellent example of one of their super-readable books, with themes of self-belief, friendship, loyalty, grief, healing and family loyalty woven through the captivating story about Lewis and his footballing passion. I read it in one sitting as I was so eager to find out what happens in the end!

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk>



Wow! I've never read a story by this author before, but I definitely want to read her others now. This powerful, beautifully-written story is told from the perspective of two very different children whose lives are brought together as a blended family when their parents meet and fall in love. This life-affirming story is funny, moving, bold and uplifting - I can see why the author won an award for her first book, October, October (a book which I'm now adding to my reading pile).

Here are the other four books from the shortlist that I will be reading and 'book blethering' about with the other shadow judges. Look out for updates on the Curriculum-English (news) part of Lawn's website. I wonder which one of the six I'll be voting for ...



<https://www.lawn.derby.sch.uk/news/>

Check out the Curriculum-English-Reading section of the Lawn website for a list of book recommendation websites.

<https://www.lawn.derby.sch.uk/reading/>