

Beech Grove Primary School



Reading for pleasure Newsletter

Author Events

Year 4 shared an online session with Neill Cameron, author and illustrator of the Mega Robot Bros and Donut Squad. They had a brilliant time and learned how to bring great ideas together, creating their own donut characters as a result of this.

They also shared a session with Martin J. Stewart, author of Sandy Fin, Operation Splash Landing. It was great to hear how he came up with his storyline, and the origins of character names.

As part of the Young Readers' project, Year 5 visited the Town Hall on and met author Gabrielle Shewhorak. Each child received a book and had it signed by the author herself!

Year 6 went to Green Lane to meet the amazing Matt Goodfellow. Matt read out some of his poems and even took away some of the poems written by year 6 in the style of his 'Final Year' poem.



Home Reading Stars

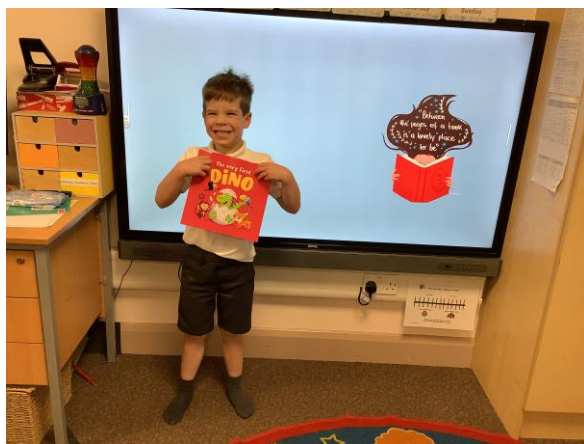
Reading at home is so important as it gives the children the confidence and fluency they need to access our full curriculum.

Well done everyone and keep reading **at least three times a week** to be in with a chance to win a prize in our celebration assembly.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support with this.

Books, Books, Books

All the children in school received a free book from the National Literacy Trust this term. Some children took them home, some kept them in school. Reading is so important for children's well-being so it was great for the teachers to choose books from a selection provided to give to their class.



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Last year, in Middlesbrough over 600 children joined the Challenge through Libraries. Middlesbrough Libraries would love to increase the number of children taking part in the challenge to keep reading over the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11 delivered through public libraries. **It starts this year on July 5th for ten weeks.** Children can sign up for free at their local Middlesbrough library or online.

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- Ensures pupils are ready for their autumn return, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages
- Contributes to all pupils' achievement and encourages extra-curricular activity
- Develops links between your school, the library and the wider community

How it works:

- Children can sign up at their local library, where they will receive a special sticker booklet
- They set a summer reading goal and choose books, eBooks, or audiobooks of their choice – logging their reading will earn rewards such as stickers and other small prizes.
- Libraries will be running a programme of free themed events and activities too!
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal. You could organise a special assembly to present the certificates in the new term.

Children can take part online if they prefer!

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

