

Reading Newsletter – Spring 2025

Welcome to our Spring term Reading Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Author Visits

At Arunside we have recently had visits from two authors. David Fuller visited on 21st November 2024 and worked with key stage 2. He shared memories of his own reading and writing experiences from school and his journey to eventually becoming an author. He also talked about his books and read extracts from some of them.



Hannah Peckham visited on 28th November and worked with Early Years, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. During her visit Hannah spoke about her job as an author and read some of her books to the children.

Book Week

During book week the children took part in a range of activities. They did some buddy reading with children from a different year group, took part in some live lessons, played Guess Who with some character pictures they had brought in from home and listened to stories read by some of the governors and senior leadership team. The children had the choice of dressing up as a book character or wearing a clue for a character on World Book Day. We saw a fantastic range of characters across the school and some wonderful costumes. Also, on World Book Day, the PTA set up tables in the ICT suite with lots of book donations. The children took turns, class by class, to visit and choose a book to take home.

West Sussex Picture Book Awards

Each year we take part in the West Sussex Picture Book Awards with other schools across the county. The whole school takes part and reads four different picture books which have been shortlisted by the Library service. We read and discuss them and then each class votes for their favourite. The votes are collated and sent to the West Sussex Library service. The overall winner is announced on World Book Day. The winner this year was 'Who Ate Steve?' by Susannah Lloyd Savage. Here are the shortlisted books that we all enjoyed.

West Sussex Picture Books to Shout About! Award 2024-25



Vocabulary

If your child comes across a word they don't know, encourage them ask someone who might know or use a dictionary as well as their sounds and knowledge of the story. Building up children's vocabulary will help their writing.

Horsham Library

Horsham library run story time sessions every Saturday from 2pm until 2.30pm in the library.



Storytime

📅 Sat, 1 Feb

🕒 14:00 – 14:30

📍 Horsham Library

BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

Teaches them the basics.

Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.



New releases

Gozzle by Julia Donaldson, Sara Ogilvie

Release date – 27.03.25

Gently funny and utterly heartwarming, this delightful picture book from the bestselling creators of *The Detective Dog* sees a freshly hatched gosling latch onto a rather confused bear as their daddy.



Meet the Mubbles by Liz Pichon

Release date – 13.03.25

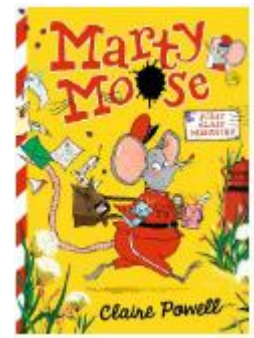
From the creator of the beloved *Tom Gates* books comes a tale brimming with hilarity, as the terrific titular creatures inhabiting the Isle of Smile prepare for a mysterious visitor.



Marty Moose: First Class Mischief by Claire Powell

Release date – 06.02.25

Perfect reading for fans of the Claude and Adventuremice series, Powell's effortlessly charming tale revolves around the eponymous rodent's hapless first day as a postmouse.



The Adventures of Rap Kid by MC Grammar

Release date – 27.02.25

The first in a fun-filled and uplifting children's series from teacher and World Book Day Ambassador MC Grammar, The Adventures of Rap Kid follows a schoolboy who can only speak in rhyme and how his life is transformed when the Royal Rap Rumble comes to town.

