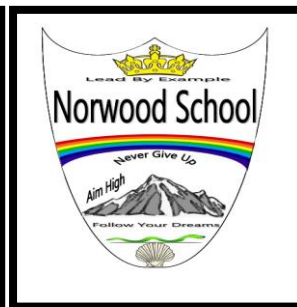


Norwood Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Summer 2021

English Lead – Mrs Jane Cockerill



Welcome to our Summer Reading newsletter.

Not every child or every adult enjoys reading.

I often say to the children that they just haven't found the right book for them yet.

I remember loving a bedtime story and then disliking reading at Secondary School.

However, when I was 18, I went to University and met the author, Philip Pullman, who was one of the English lecturers.

He was about to release a new book and read an extract to us all.



I was instantly gripped and fell in love with the trilogy which is known as His Dark Materials.

Since then, I have discovered my love of reading and found likeminded people to get further book recommendations.

In this issue, some of our staff members have also thought about their journey with reading and recommended some books to inspire children at home.

The more you read, the more you will discover and I hope everyone finds the right book for them to inspire them to read for pleasure.

Jane Cockerill

Summer Holiday Learning

It's been another difficult year with school closures and isolation.

To try to reduce this learning gap even further, we have invested in a variety of reading support for the summer holidays.

A little bit of reading each week will keep your child's learning on track and support closing any gaps caused by the lack of schooling.



Oxford Reading Buddy

Oxford Reading Buddy (All year groups)

<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

This is new to school. Years 2 and 3 have been trialling it. It is now open to all pupils at Norwood. Logins will be sent home on 15/07/2021.

Each child has been allocated a level suited to their reading ability. The children read the books online and then complete a quiz to check their comprehension.

This is in line with our reading for inference skills and will help the children when they return in September.



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Read Write Inc speed sounds: Video links will be uploaded to Tapestry (Reception) / Seesaw (Year 1 and above) to support recall of the sounds taught so far. You could watch two videos a week to keep your child on track



Bedrock (Y3, 4, 5, 6) <https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

Bedrock is open as usual for pupils to complete their lessons.

Two sessions a week is ideal.

Alternatively, you could complete the paper learning attached to this newsletter by asking your child to complete one page per week.

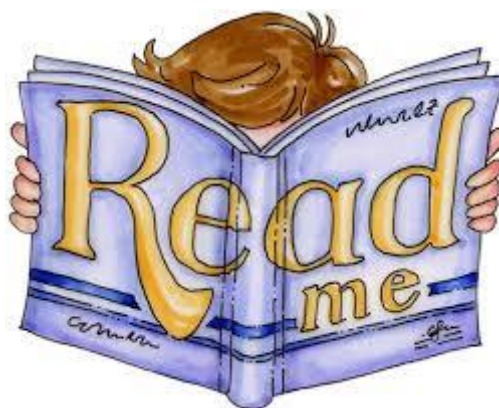
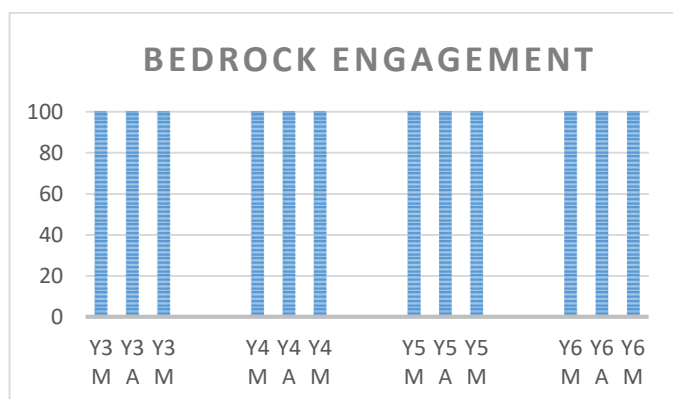


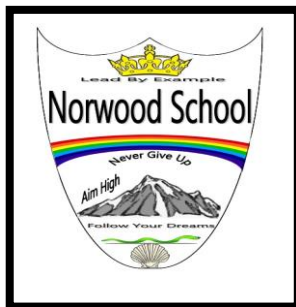
Our school engagement programme for Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Bedrock online learning usage by class defined by level of usage.
Months are displayed below year by letter

March Year 6 were the top class and scored 6963

April Year 6 were the top class and scored 6719

May Year 6 were the top class and scored 8207



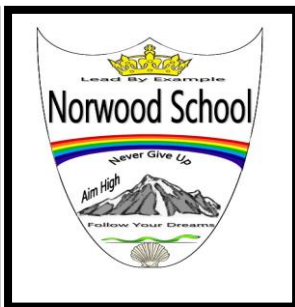


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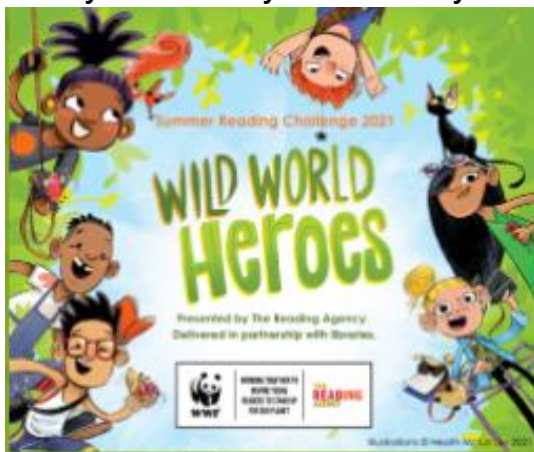


Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Presented by The Reading Agency

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Sign up free at your local library from Sat 10 July



Read all about it <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Watch the Wild World Heroes trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC2rCmcsLfA&t=3s>

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

More information can be found on the link below

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>



What to do:

Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!



Sign up and return your first book to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster



Choose books to read over the holidays



Collect stickers for each book you read and return to the library



Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!



Complete the challenge and get your certificate

Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks can all be used to complete the Challenge.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Children can sign up for free at a participating library during the summer holidays.



Throughout the Challenge, library staff and teenage and adult volunteers support children, helping them to explore a wide range of different types of books and enjoy a range of creative activities and events.

School readers – Summertime Book Review Competition

Full details can be found here

<https://www.schoolreaders.org/bookreview>



If you're a primary school pupil why not have a go at our competition? You could win books for yourself and £100-worth of books for your school library! Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school



Have you read a book and want to tell everyone they should read it too? Well, now's your chance! Send us a review of your must-read book for a chance to win books for you and your school.

You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own. For full details about the competition, suggestions for what to include in your review, templates and terms and conditions, click [here](#).

What could you win?

Two winners will win £25 worth of books for themselves, along with £100-worth of books for their school's library. The two winners and their class also get a video call with award-winning children's author M. G. Leonard who wrote 'Beetle Boy', the Adventures on Trains series and new book 'Twitch!'



Four runners up will win £15-worth of books each. All book prizes have been kindly donated by Scholastic who publish and sell award-winning children's books.

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

When by?

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 30th September 2021



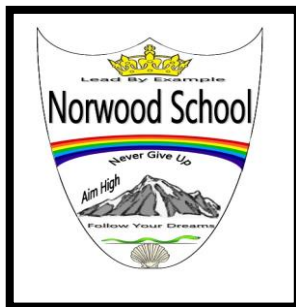
Important information:

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions. The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them. Send entries by e-mail to competition@schoolreaders.org or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

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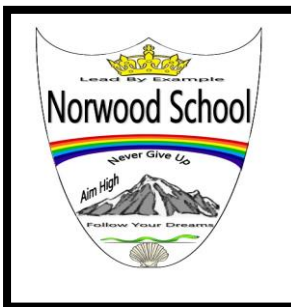


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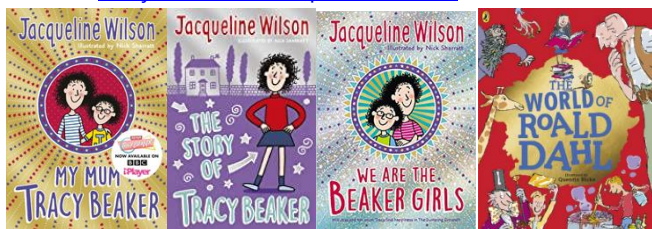
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Norwood teaching staff share their favourite childhood books

Miss Johnson:

The books that really got me into reading were Jacqueline Wilson books! **I loved the storylines as a child and she was one of my favourite authors alongside Roald Dahl.** These books are aimed at 9-12 year olds. If you have heard of Tracey Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson created this character. You can see Jacqueline read one of her books just click on the link [Story Time with Jacqueline Wilson](#)



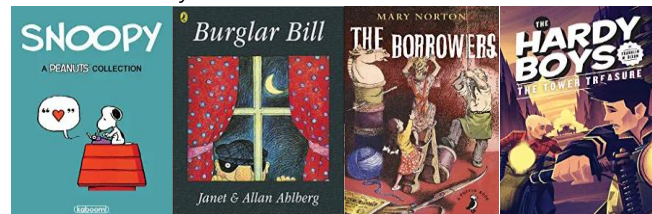
Mr Reynolds:

Early reading, I loved Burglar Bill by Janet and Allan Ahlberg as it combined my love of poetry/humour and illustrating - I was an obsessive cartoonist.

Building on this, Asterix the Gaul and then Peanuts by Charles Schultz. Charles Schultz remains one of my heroes to this day and his Snoopy books and Golden Anniversary/Biography hardback are on my bookshelf in school (Along with Garfield).

I was also fascinated by the 'Fighting Fantasy' books by Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone. The series mixed 'Choose your own adventure-style story telling' with a dice based game - The Warlock of Firetop Mountain was a present from my Dad and I was immediately hooked.

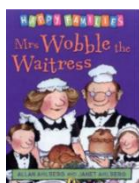
Later I discovered The Hardy Boys by Frank and Joe Hardy from my local library and then many of the children's classics that children of all ages (me included) still love reading today - The Secret Garden, The Borrowers and Moondial to name but a few.. I love reading and have just ordered The Count of Monte Christo by Alexandre Dumas



Miss Hodgkins:

Growing up I was never really into reading, I would much prefer to have been outside playing with my friends. My teacher once made me read a book called 'Mrs Wobble the Waitress' which is aimed at 5-7 year olds. It is about a waitress who struggles with her job as she is just too wobbly, that is until her husband comes up with a plan!

Still to this day it is one of my favourite ever books!



Mrs M. Locke

I love reading and as a child my older sister read a lot and she got me into reading, I just wanted to be like her!

She bought me lots of books like The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett, Hundred and One Dalmatians and its sequel Starlight Barking by Dodie Smith and The Chronicles of Narnia (**I still love these books**)

The series is set in the fictional world of Narnia, where there is magic and mystical talking animals. The most famous book in the series is the Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, which is my favourite. Four siblings from war torn London get evacuated to a large country house and get pulled into the magical world of Narnia, where they meet talking animals, an evil Queen and many other creatures.



Mrs Hainsworth:

I was a reluctant reader and quite a tomboy! The book that hooked me in to reading was 'I am David' by Anne Holm. It is set during the time of the Second World War and plots a young boys escape. Suitable for Year 5 and 6. I also loved the Willard Price adventure stories - Amazon Adventure, Lion Adventure etc.



Mrs Cockerill:

I would say Noddy when I was little, Beaver Towers by Nigel Hinton when I was in Y4 and The Chronicles of Narnia (The Magician's Nephew is my favourite) when I was in Y6.

I enjoyed Noddy so much that I still have the book and my children now enjoy the stories.

I've always enjoyed a story with a bit of magic and mystery and they are my favourite kind of book now.

