



Bedford Road Primary Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Bedford Road's first half termly reading newsletter. We will use this newsletter to inform you of ways to help support your child with their reading, celebrate reading success in the school and recommend fabulous books. It is our aim that every child in the school enjoys reading and leaves Bedford Road a fluent reader with a lifelong love for reading.

Supporting Your Child in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Reading with your child can mean sharing books, stories, rhymes, or any other writing.

You can:

- Read books together.
- Tell each other stories.
- Chat about the things that you have read.
- Talk about pictures in books.
- Share stories even when you don't have a book. Why not re-tell your favourite stories?

When your child is ready to read to you, give them plenty of time to sound out unfamiliar words using the phonics skills. You can hear how we say our phonics sounds in our Read Write Inc sessions here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Supporting Your Child in Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2 we want children to continue to read every day at home even if they are becoming a fluent reader. Please still listen to them read and also read to them (or take turns!)

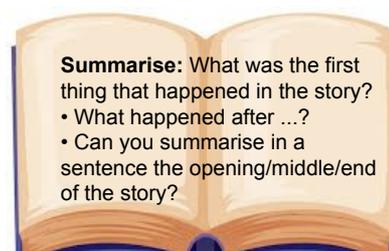
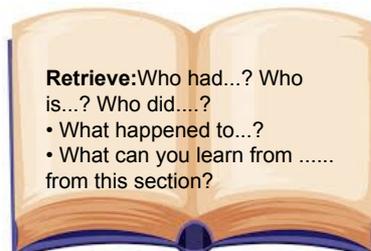
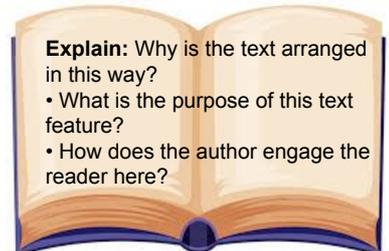
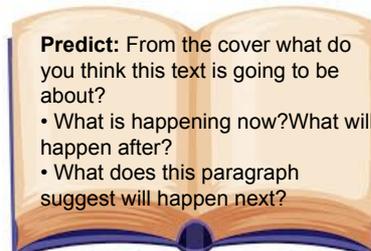
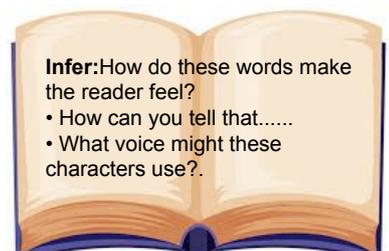
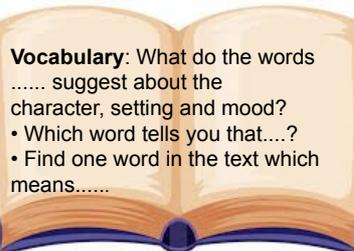
We develop the following reading skills further in Key Stage 2 reading lessons:

- Retrieval
- Inference
- Vocabulary
- Summarising
- Prediction
- Explaining

You can use the questions below to support your child with these skills.

TOP TEN BOOKS FOR WEEK ENDING 25TH FEBRUARY 2022

1. The Worst Class in the World in Danger! (**World Book Day Book**)
2. Grimwood: Five Freakishly Funny Fables (**World Book Day Book**)
3. The Wizard and Me: More Misadventures of Bubbles (**World Book Day Book**)
4. Loki: The Bad God's Guide to Being Good
5. Code Name Banana
6. The Last Word
7. Diary of a Wimpy Kid (The Deep End)
8. Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone
9. They Both Die in the End (YA)
10. Diary of a Wimpy Kid (The Big Shot)



Staff Picks

Each half term, a member of Bedford Road's staff will tell you about their favourite books.

As I'm writing this first newsletter, I thought I'd start!

Favourite books as a child:

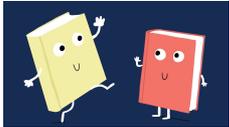
My favourite of all time is **Matilda by Roald Dahl**. I love how Matilda loves books herself and uses her super brain power to defeat Mrs Trunchball. A book I still remember my parents reading to me is **Giant Jam Sandwich by John Venon Lord**. When I found it in a shop recently I could still remember the fun rhymes.

Favourite books to read at school:

I love reading the hilarious **Mr Gum by Andy Stanton** to my class. He really is a very bad man! During lock down last year, my Year 3 class and I thoroughly enjoyed reading **The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Sheperd** in our virtual storytimes. For older year groups, I have enjoyed reading **The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie** with it's magical description.

Book I'm reading now (adult recommendations):

I'm in awe of the amazing writing in **Light Perpetual by Francis Spufford** which imagines the lives of five children who were killed in World War 2 as if they had survived. I've also just finished the second **Thursday Night Murder Club** book by **Richard Osmand** which was hilarious and an easy, quick read.



Children's Book Reviews

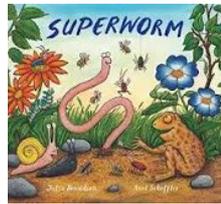
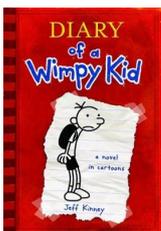
Each newsletter will include book reviews written by Bedford Road children for other children. Thanks to Elder class for being our first contributors. We would love to receive reviews for the next newsletter from as many different children across the school. Please pass on to your teacher if you write one.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series is about a 6th Grade child called Greg Heffly.

Life seems never to give him a break and as if that wasn't enough he has to deal with his family: mum, dad, Rodrick (his big brother) and Manny (little brother). Luckily, he is joined by his best friend, Rowley.

This book series is full of non-stop action and humour. I recommend this book series to almost everybody as it's perfect for anybody. **Reviewed by Igor**



Superworm by Julia Donaldson

A little weak worm that gets helped by a friend to become super strong. Superworm saves and helps other bugs but one day Superworm gets taken by an evil crow. Does he get saved? Will his friends come to the rescue?

Reviewed by Sophia



Paddington by Jeanne Willis

A young bear finds its new home in London, who will he be picked up by? If you like Paddington, why not give the book a try. It gets emotional, it gets exciting, it feels real. If you have watched the movies, read the book. I promise you will be impressed. (You can also try the original books by Michael Bond)

Reviewed by Oliver

The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe by CS Lewis

During the war, four children are evacuated to Prof. Kirke's large country house. But there they find an extraordinary wardrobe - an extraordinary wardrobe with a magical past. The four are transported to a world of mystery, magic, impossibilities and danger. They will have to work together and survive. But will an unlikely betrayal split them up? Or will they learn to stick together?

Recommended for age 8+
Reviewed by Filip

