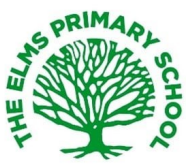


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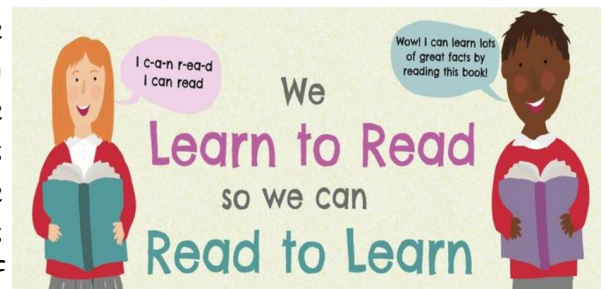


At The Elms, we grow Readers

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Three times a year, we would like to celebrate all things reading with our whole school community. Reading is a key intention for our curriculum and we are hugely aware of its importance both to academic success and well-being and escapism. We hope sharing some of the exciting reading events in school will help to convey our love of reading across the whole school community.

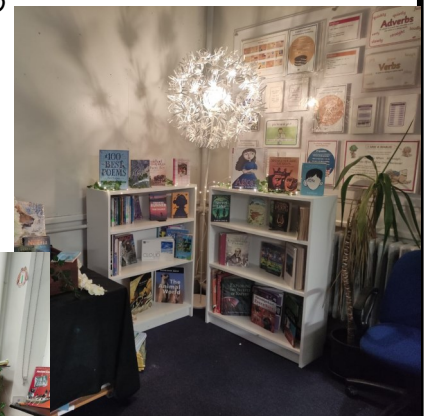


Mrs McIntosh

Book Corners– A new lease of life.

Before the Christmas Holidays, the school asked for a number of items to help add a new life to our book corners. Thank you for the brilliant bunting and artificial grass that was donated to help create more inviting reading corners.

Each class has a reading corner that has books suited to the year group, maybe related to the topics that have already been covered, or to what the appetite for topics that are upcoming.



Do you recognise any of these book corners?



The school have also had £3000 donated by the Faringdon United Charities in order to restock our book corners with a range of engaging, new, relevant and diverse books. This is a great help to being able to share the best books with our children– thank you! These will be ordered in the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing these with you in the next newsletter.

Reading Buddies

Across the school, a number of our classes spend time with some children from a different class sharing a text. The children are 'Reading Buddies' and they have a dedicated time to sit down and enjoy exploring a picture book, poem or short story.

Sometimes the older child does the reading, and sometimes the younger pupil gets to show off their phonics knowledge and impress with their fluency.



The children love the opportunity



and it is something that we would love to spread throughout the whole school.

World Book Day– Thursday 7th March 2024

Next week, we celebrate World Book Day. Your child should have received a plate to **decorate with a book character**– we can't wait to see the entries. Deadline– **Friday 1st March!**

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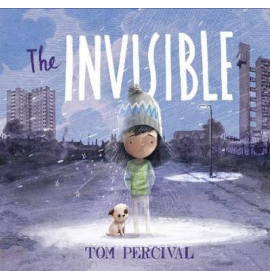


World Book day, we would like all children to come in **dressed as a word**– for example, 'sparkly' (dressed in glitter), 'party' (wearing banners and balloons), 'fragile' (in bubble wrap), 'blue' (dressed in blue.) We will be completing some activities over the day to play with words and think about how words have meaning.

Over the week, we also have two local **authors coming to visit** and share how they design, write and edit their stories to bring them to life with the children. We will share photos of these exciting opportunities in the next newsletter.

Have you read?

EYFS and KS1 In school we are always looking at ways to encourage children to think about others and their feelings.

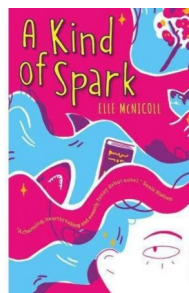
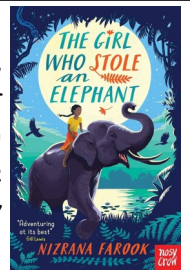


The Invisible, by Tom Percival is a beautiful book about how we can all go through tough times but we can come out the other side with a bit of hope and seeing the community you have around you. A

great read for all ages.

Year 3 and 4 A modern day twist of Robin hood crossed with Enid Blyton: **The Girl**

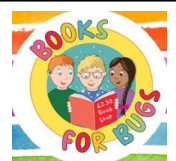
who Stole and Elephant, Nizrana Farook. A young girl, who fears nothing, leads her friends and an elephant on an adventure after stealing the Royal Jewels goes horribly wrong!



Year 5 and 6 A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll is a great book to consider viewpoints and everyone's unique abilities. The main character Addie is autistic and it follows how she uses her 'superpower' to change the way people around her think too. A book full of empathy and kindness– eventually.

Virtual Book Fair

As part of world book day, we have arranged a virtual book fair. Please purchase books through this link during the week: **Monday 4th March until Midnight Sunday 10th March** They will be delivered free of charge to the school and handed to your child. Many books are only £2.99. [Books For Bugs](#)



The school will then be able to add to our book corners by purchasing additional books. More details to follow soon.