

Shrubberies Reading Community

January 2024

WELCOME

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2024 brings health and happiness to all our families and friends.

How many people received books as a gift this Christmas? Did you get a new Kindle?

READING WITH YOUR CHILD: WHAT TO REMEMBER

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START SHARING STORIES WITH YOUR BABY

BABIES CAN HEAR FROM 24 WEEKS IN THE WOMB - SO WHY NOT READ BUMP A STORY?

HOW YOU TELL A STORY IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE STORY ITSELF.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE THINGS THEY TAKE AN INTEREST IN ON THE PAGE AND TALK ABOUT THOSE THINGS

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES FED UP, IT'S FINE TO FINISH MIDWAY THROUGH... TRY & MAKE IT A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE!

FUNNY VOICES!

AS THEY GET OLDER, ASK THEM QUESTIONS BEYOND THE STORY

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO JOIN IN, WHERE YOU CAN

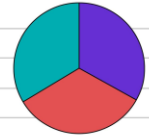
SHARING STORIES IS A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP ATTENTION SKILLS, LEARN NEW WORDS, HEAR SENTENCES & BUILD IMAGINATION.

READING BOOKS WITH BABIES & TODDLERS ISN'T ABOUT TEACHING THEM TO READ

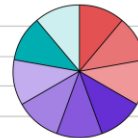
BBC TINY Happy PEOPLE

What I always thought nursery rhymes were:

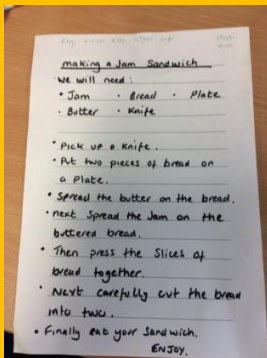
- Weird lyrics
- A way to make kids laugh
- Nostalgia central



What nursery rhymes actually are:



- Building vocab
- Laying foundations for reading skills
- Developing hand-eye coordination
- Building emotional awareness
- Teaching basic maths skills
- Boosting motor skills
- Promoting the flow of oxytocin
- Strengthening the bond with your child
- Still really weird lyrics



What does reading look like in school?

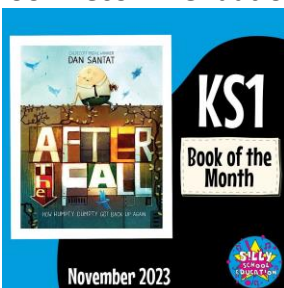
Elm class (Upper School) discussed the features of instructions, including why and when instructions are used, bossy verbs, time connectives, number ordering and listing, 'you will need' items. They then worked in groups to follow a set of verbal instructions to make a jam sandwich. Once eaten, each group recalled what instructions they had heard and created a written form of them, with an adult scribing ideas and suggestions.



NATIONAL LITERACY CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
3rd – JRR Tolkien's Birthday 3rd – Science Fiction Day 18th – Thesaurus Day 23rd – Handwriting Day 30th – National Storytelling Week	7th – Charles Dicken's Birthday 14th – Library Lovers Day 14th – International Book Giving Day 26th – Tell a Fairy Tale Day	7th – World Book Day 8th – International Woman's Day 21st – Shakespeare Week 21st – World Poetry Day 30th – Pencil Day	National Poetry Month 2nd – Children's Book Day 22nd – Earth Day 23rd – Shakespeare Day 27th – Tell a Story Day

Book Recommendation



heights. This meant he could no longer do the thing he loved the most – bird watching.

This story shows how a pinch of bravery and a big dose of perseverance can help overcome your fears.

managed
healed
heights
scared
eventually
settled

deceived
nervous
admit
terrified
afraid
remember

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About the Book

This is based on a true story. Set in 1940 during WW2, Joseph - a rather angry boy - is packed off to the city to stay with Mrs F. She owns a rundown zoo which has a strong, dangerous gorilla called Adonis as one of its residents. Many secrets are revealed along the way and bonds are slowly created between not just humans, but animals too.

Links and Notes

It is revealed later on in the story that Joseph - the main character - has dyslexia.

In the original, true story, the gorilla was actually a lion. This could be a good discussion with the children on why the author decided to change the animal and how it may change the story.

Has themes of loss and death - Joseph's mum died before he was packed off to the city.

Cool Addiction

My head is stuck inside this book
I only meant to take a look
Till I saw what had been written
Instantly my mind was smitten
In a land of fascination
Sparking my imagination
Passions burning like a flame
Pictures dancing in my brain



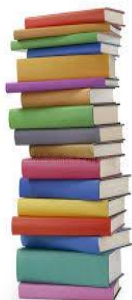
By @nealzetterpoet

My head is stuck inside this book
Just one page was all it took
I was focused and engaged
Thrilled, enthralled and entertained
Title, cover - so inviting
Words speak to me - so exciting
Such adventure, such intrigue
In a world of make believe



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My head is stuck inside this book
Superglued, completely hooked
Unaware of all around me
Once this magic story found me
Characters feel like my friends
Plot unfolding till the end
Whether fact or whether fiction
Reading is a cool addiction



Stroud Library Opening Times

Monday - 9.30am-18.30pm
Tuesday - 9.30am-17.00pm
Wednesday - 9.30am-17.00pm
Thursday - 9.30am-14.00pm
Friday - 9.30am-18.30pm
Saturday - 9.30am-16.00pm



Gloucester Library Opening Times

Monday - 9.00am-19.00pm
Tuesday - 9.00am-19.00pm
Wednesday - 9.00am-17.30pm
Thursday - 9.00am-19.00pm
Friday - 9.00am-17.30pm
Saturday - 9.00am-16.00pm



Tom Percival - Our Virtual Author visit as part of Stroud Book Festival



Cherry and Rowan class enjoyed a virtual session with Tom Percival, an author and illustrator. Tom has written many books and he shared his latest one, 'Finn's Little Fib,' from his collection, Big Bright Feelings.

During the session he talked about his life and love of drawing, reading and writing. He talked about the different characters within his stories and demonstrated how we can draw simple characters for our own stories by using shapes or by using a topic generator. The students followed his instructions to create a face, explaining how to change eyebrows, eyes and mouth to express different emotions.

