

OPEN BOOKS, OPEN MINDS

Autumn 2022

Welcome to a new school year. This is our first 'Open Books, Open Minds' Newsletter of the year. There is such a buzz around school at the moment and we have so much to share with you about things that we are busy developing in school to encourage a life long love of reading for all of our children in school.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Over the Summer, many of our children will have taken part in the Library Services Summer Reading Challenge, 'The Gadgeteers.' A huge congratulations to all those who took part. We have enjoyed celebrating your achievements in our celebration assemblies.

October Half Term Holiday

At Dinting School, we would like to enhance our school library and put the sparkle and excitement back into this space. We have lots of exciting ideas and would like the children to be involved in choosing many of the new books purchased. We want our school library to be an exciting and magical place for the children to enjoy using. In order to make this all possible FODS have a wonderful idea to help to raise funds for the purchase of lots of new books. Look out for our Reading Challenge sponsor form coming home. The children will be bringing home a sponsor form to collect sponsors and over the half term holiday, we challenge them to complete as many of the challenges as possible and raise money in the process! Good luck x

SPONSORED READ



READING CHAMPIONS OF 2022/23

We would like to welcome our new Reading Champions. The role of the Reading Champion is to help to promote reading for pleasure around the school and inspiring others to read. They will be responsible for thinking of ideas to help promote reading across the school and in our wider school community, recommending books to others, choosing and organising resources, supporting children with their reading at our weekly Reading Hub, reading stories to others, leading assemblies about books, helping to plan and organise reading events, plus much more. They are really enthusiastic and ready to help.

The Reading Champions met with Mrs Worrell this week and they have lots of fantastic ideas to get everyone excited about reading and talking about books in school. Watch this space...



World Nursery Rhyme Week

14th-18th Nov



World Nursery Rhyme Week is fast approaching and we have teamed up with author and creator of Featherbed Tales, Caroline England, to record some Nursery Rhymes to celebrate which will be published for other children to enjoy.

Key Stage 1 classes will each be recording a class nursery rhyme onto this exciting digital story and poetry telling platform for other children to listen to and enjoy. We will be using technology to record stories for other classes to listen to.

Our Reading Champions and the Reading Hub will also be involved in this exciting project.

Author, Caroline England will also be visiting school and working alongside pupils in Key Stage 1 to share some of her stories and to inspire a love of books and reading.

Looking for some free fun over the October half term holiday?

Derbyshire Libraries



Meet the Author: Christopher Edge

Welcome to The Escape Room – the ultimate Escape Room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. But wait, this is no ordinary game...

Do you dare to play? Join author Christopher Edge on a heart-racing journey as he brings The Escape to life and explore the imaginative, empowering world of his mind-bendingly brilliant novel, Escape Room. Tickets are free and available on Eventbrite. Suitable for children aged 9+

- Monday 24th October, [Chesterfield Library](#) 10.30am
- Monday 24th October, [Heanor Library](#) 1.30pm

Don't forget to book your place!

Poetry Competition

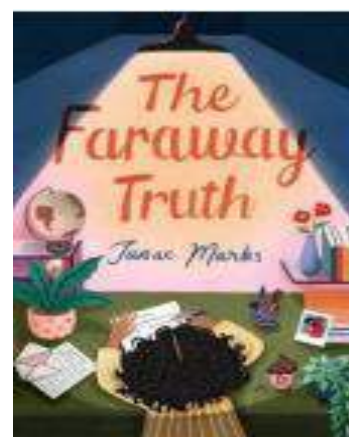
The children were visited by local author and poet, Johanne Lee, at the end of the Summer term. She talked to the children about her journey to becoming an author and poet. The children heard about her process of writing and where she gets the inspiration and ideas for her stories and poems. Before she left, she set a poetry competition for the children to write a poem about anything that sparks their imagination over the Summer break.

All entries have been received and read by Johanne Lee and we can reveal that the 2 lucky winners are pictured below. Each received a signed copy of her latest children's book, 'Kenneth the Kind' and also some chocolate treats. Congratulations to the lucky winners on their wonderful poems.





RECOMMENDED BOOKS



[The Undefeated](#)

[by Kwame Alexander](#)

Written as poem to inspire and encourage black communities. The poem was originally written for his daughter. The book is beautifully illustrated with powerful images to accompany the various parts of the poem.

This book is available in school to borrow. Please ask Mrs Worrell.

[Clean Getaway](#)

[by Nic Stone](#)

Scoob is in big trouble at school and fearing his dad has lost faith in him, the eleven-year-old has had a rough time of it of late, so the prospect of going on a road-trip with his gloriously wilful grandma seems pretty good.

Suitable for Upper Key Stage 2

[The Faraway Truth](#)

[By Janae Marks](#)

Zoe loves to bake, and dreams of being on a children's cookery TV show - but just as she begins to follow those dreams, a letter arrives from her father who has been in prison all her life, revealing that he may not have committed the crime he is in prison for. Zoe decides to try and prove his innocence by following a cold trail to a missing witness.

Upper Key Stage 2