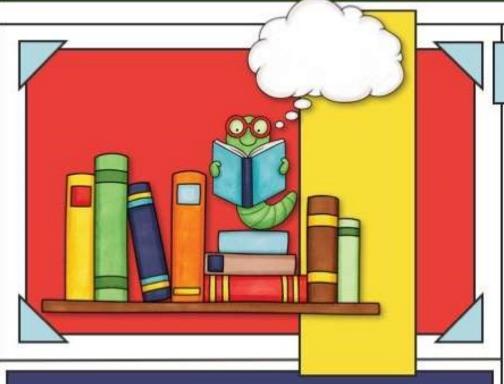
Garstang Community Primary School

Reading News



Welcome to our first school Reading News!

These newsletters will be all about what we are doing in school to promote reading and to share our reading journey with you.

Thank you!

First of all we'd like to say thank you again for all the support you give us promoting reading in our school from daily reading with your children to your generous book donations.

Thank you to the PTA who have helped fund a huge amount of new books recently (and also in the past). Their donation has enabled us to update our Early

Reading scheme with phonically decodable books and some great new transition books to help children move onwards and upwards to free reading. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Thwiates have already said how much they think the new books are helping our early readers make progress with their reading.

Library Stocktake

Over the holidays we will be doing a full library stocktake. This will allow us to identify missing books and books that need repairing, replacing or updating. Please make sure all library books are back in school no later than Friday the 16th of July.

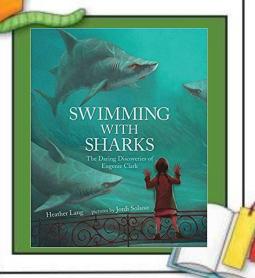
Garstang Public Library

If you need books to read over the summer holidays, please make use of Garstang Library.

Opening times and information can be found here https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/find-a-library/garstang-library/

If you are not already a member, it is **free** to join and you can take out up to 20 books at a time. Joining information is here: https://www.lancashire.g
ov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/find-a-library/garstang-library/ Children under the age of 18 can borrow the same amount of books as adults but there are no overdue fees.

- It's easy to request a book from them and they will try and find it for you. This is free for children and means you can access books that Garstang might not have in stock.
- You can take part in the Lancashire Library Reading Trail and earn stickers and certificates.
- You will also be able to access audio books and eBooks.



Picture Book World Cup

This month we held our 3rd Picture Book World Cup.

Each class chose 2 picture books on the theme of 'diversity' to share. Once we had read them, we voted for our favourites and then passed them to other classes. This continued until we had 2 Key Stage winners.

The other books we read were: What the Jackdaw Saw by Julia Donaldson; Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall; The Best Kind of Bear by Greg Gormley; Football Star by Mina Javaherbin; Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman, Rescue and Jessica by Jessica Kensky; Look Up by Nathan Bryon; Xtraoridnary People by Kate Griggs; The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad; King of the Sky by Nicola Davies; Caged by Duncan Annand; and Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke

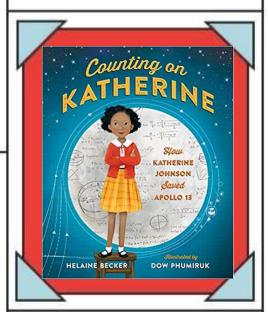
Key Stage 1 - Counting on Catherine by Helaine Becker. Key Stage 2 - Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark by Heather Lang.

The whole school read both of these books before voting for their overall favourite. We announced the winner in our Friday

Celebration Assembly and got a huge cheer that could be heard throughout the school!

The winner was Swimming with Sharks.

All of the books that took part will be added to the library catalogue and will be available to borrow from September.



Summer Reading Bingo

Watch out for your child's
Summer Reading Bingo sheet
coming home before the end of
term. If they can complete a full
house over the holidays, and bring
it back to school in the first week
in September, they will get a
certificate and dojos. Additional
sheets can be downloaded from
https://www.booksfortopics.com/bingo

Looking for something new to read?

Looking for a new book? Check out some of these websites for great agerelated recommendations.

Books for Topics

https://www.booksfortopics.com/ Books for Topics has loads of book lists on it split up by age, Key Stage and topic helping you to find some great new reads.

Love Reading for Kids

https://www.lovereading4kids.co. uk/

You have to register to access most of the content on this website but is free and easy to do. Once you are registered, you can browse their book lists by agerange or genre. If you find something that looks interesting, you can download the first few pages or first chapter for free to see if you like it. It also includes samples of audiobooks.

Book Trust

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/

This has age-related recommendations as well as a 'New Books we Love This Month' feature. It also has a Bookfinder which can help you find something new to read.

