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JYS News

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Reading at home

Parents and carers play a vital role in encouraging children to read at home. We would urge you to do some of the following:

- make reading visible by having books available in the home;
- share books as often as possible;
- make sure that boys see reading as something that men do;
- talk about books;
- introduce children to different types of books: classic fiction, short stories, joke books, poetry and non-fiction;
- read them the book that was your favourite when you were at school;
- leave stories on a cliffhanger!



Research has also shown that reading along with subtitles when watching a film or television program can help to boost the reading age as well as having other benefits in improving an individual's literacy. For those interested in finding out more, there is this website: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/research/>

The Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday, we were visited by Jody from Chichester Library. In our assembly, she spoke to the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Gadgeteers.

The event is launched at West Sussex libraries on Saturday 9th July, and it is free to take part in. Once your child is registered, they have a challenge to try and read at least 6 books across the summer and, as they return each book to the library and talk to one of the reading volunteers there about the books, they are rewarded with stickers and other goodies. When they have completed this challenge, your child is awarded a medal and certificate.

To show our continued support with the Summer Reading Challenge, we will hold a special assembly after 10th September for children to share their certificates and medals with the whole school, and hopefully say a few words about the best book that they have read this summer. They will also earn House Points for their school team. summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



This week's news...

As the good weather has continued, it is wonderful that we have continued to make the most of it. On Tuesday, Year 3 had our tame history expert, Paul Ullson, in to support them with their "Greek Day". As you can see from the picture on the right, it was a lovely day to be wearing a toga and enjoying Mediterranean temperatures! As well as sharing in Paul's knowledge, the class were able to sketch artefacts that were brought in and ended the day with their own Olympics!



Year R were once again outside doing their Forest Schools session with Mrs Potter on Tuesday morning, really loving the chance to explore our grounds and making the most of the sunshine.

Year 2 welcomed Phil (from Jaws N Claws) and his animals in to their classroom this week. The children had the opportunity to meet - and learn about - some very large tortoises, hissing cockroaches and a snake, as well as an array of other creatures! As you can see from the picture on the right, Mr Hanna went in to meet some of the animals too!

