



**Belleville Wix
Academy**

Reading at Belleville Wix Academy

Home school shared reading

Pupils are encouraged to read daily from a wide range of texts. Our home school reading programme emphasises the crucial role that regular reading at home has in developing confident and fluent readers. We have well-resourced libraries and all classes have a weekly reading session where they borrow a book to take home and read independently or with an adult.

We aim to encourage reading to be developed both as an essential life-skill and for pleasure, through a home-school approach. The scheme begins in Nursery and continues throughout the school all the way to Year 6. Pupils use their Reading Record to show which book they have chosen that week, which includes room for comments and also provides advice and guidelines both for parents and for children themselves as they become independent readers. With guidance, independent readers choose a book from either the class library or school library to take home.



Enrichment Opportunities

To promote enjoyment of reading and encourage book ownership, children are given opportunities to purchase books from the school Book Fair three times a year.

In addition, all classes have access to a number of workshops, talks or events with authors and / or illustrators, in person or remotely, as well as visiting book festivals each year.



Kristina Stephenson, Museum of Marvellous Things, Wandsworth Literature Festival (2023).



Mo O'Hara - author visit to Year 2 (2023)

The PTA and the parent community also generously source many of our books for our class libraries, choosing from our inclusive and diverse wish lists for each year group, enhancing reading opportunities for all our pupils.

Once a year, we celebrate World Book Day as a whole school, an event which brings much excitement and joy in every class as children can dress up as their favourite book character. Alongside events on the day, we also run a special assembly where all the pupils can show off their amazing costumes.





Outside reading areas

Pupils enjoy using our reading corners in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, where they can choose a book and relax in the quiet area. Colouring and building are also popular activities and a great option when pupils fancy a break from running around. This welcome addition of reading sheds was voted by School Council last year and made possible thanks to the kind donations from the PTA.

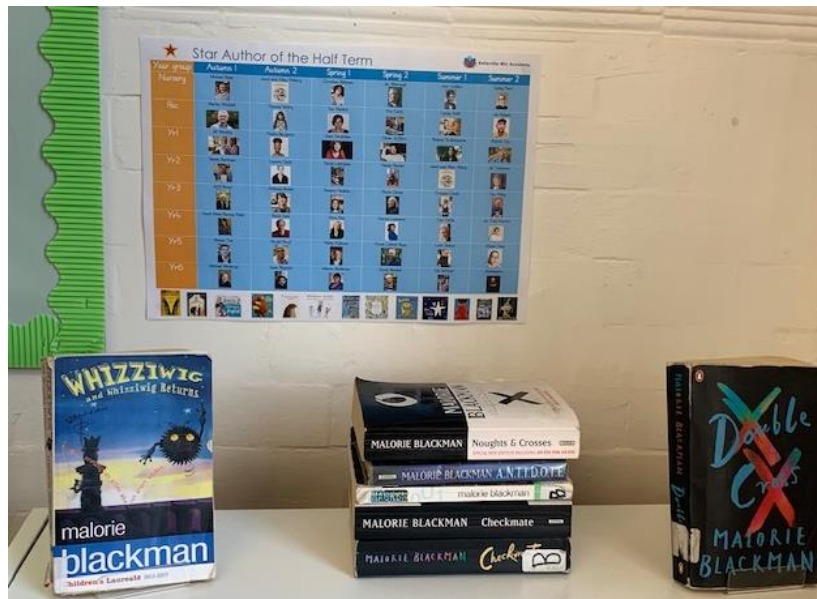


Star author list & display

★ Star Author of the Half Term

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Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Michael Rosen	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	Christian Robinson	Jez Alborough	Jane Crabbin	Sophy Henn
Rec	Martin Waddell	Poemun Mistry	Sue Hendra	Eric Carle	Lynley Dodd	Jon Klassen
Yr1	Jill Murphy	Floella Benjamin	Julia Donaldson	Oliver Jeffers	Radhmi Sirdeshpande	Babette Cole
Yr2	Simon Bartram	Lauren Child	David Litchfield	Nadia Siuon	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	All Tomlinson
Yr3	Jeff Brown	Anthony Brown	Sveinny Haldow	Nicola Davies	Cressida Cowell	Dav Pilbay
Yr4	Zanib Mian/Serena Patel	Rosid Dahl	Anne Fine	Patrice Lawrence	Eian Calfar	Joe Todd-Stanton
Yr5	Shaun Tan	Onjali Rauf	Phillip Pullman	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Louis Sachar	Maise Chan
Yr6	Michael Morpurgo	Jason Reynolds	Malorie Blackman	David Almond	Ella McNall	Shakespeare



Malorie Blackman



Simon Bartram



Julia Donaldson



Lauren Child



Pupil voice on reading

Pupil in Year 6: 'I enjoy reading adventure books and books about travel. Currently, I am reading 'Noah's Gold' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce which is great. I also recently read some books by Malorie Blackman, our Star Author this half-term, which I also enjoyed. I like using the outdoor reading area if I want some quiet time. Reading helps me calm down, for example when tests are coming up.'

Pupil in Year 3: 'I have just finished reading 'Bad Panda' by Swapna Hadlow (Star Author), which was fun. I love magic books because they are full of fantasy and adventures. I like using the outside reading corner because it feels calm and I like reading there. I go to the library during the week also. Reading helps your brain grow and it is better than TV. It makes us dream better and we can learn a lot from books.'

Pupil in Year 1: 'Our book corner has a lot of books for me to read. I got to the reading area outside because I can read a book at playtime. I am going to start reading Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban with my adult soon.'