

The Gates Reading Round Up

Welcome to the Spring edition of The Gates 'Reading Round-up.'

We will be using this half-termly newsletter to share updates and promote reading across our school...

This half term has seen lots of reading done across school.

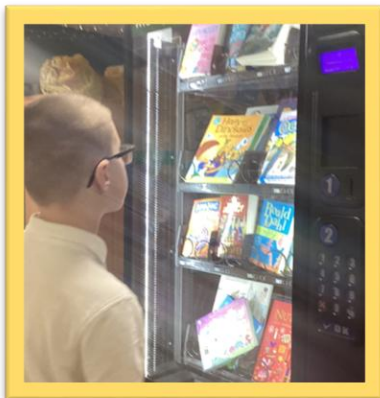
Book Vending Machine

Our book vending machine has been a great addition to our school and reading challenge winners have enjoyed choosing their books to take home.

How can I win a golden token for the vending machine?

To get the chance to win a token for the vending machine children must achieve green on the weekly reading challenge.

Green – read 5 or more times a week.



World Book Day 2025

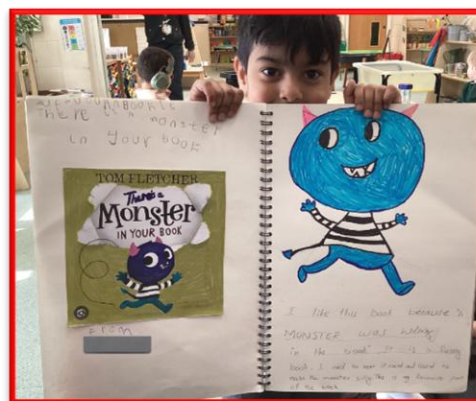
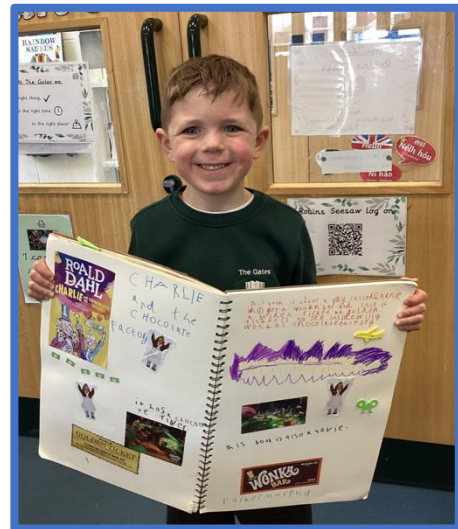
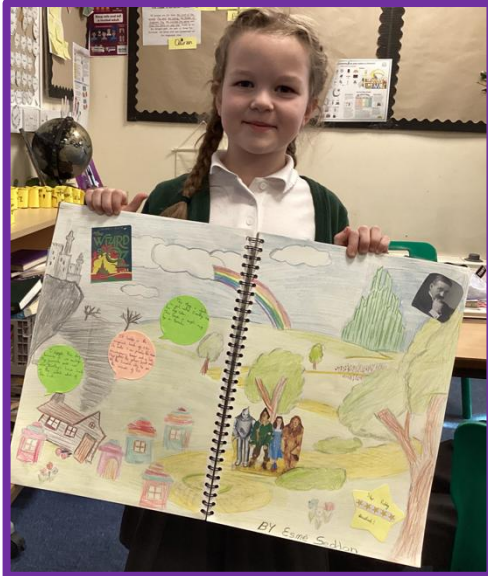
Children were encouraged to dress as their favourite book character or wear pyjamas to school for World Book Day this year, and the turnout was amazing!

The day was packed with enjoyable activities including a book swap, book-themed craft activities, swapping classes to read and sharing our favourite books with others. It was wonderful to witness the level of **engagement** across the school.



Turn the page, step into the spotlight.

This half term, we added many new entries to our reading scrapbooks.

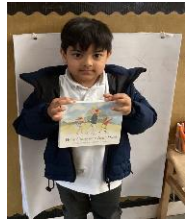


Reader Recommends

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Mateza (Reception) ... We're Going on a Bear Hunt

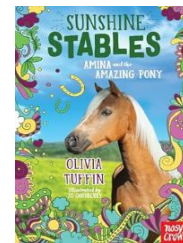
I enjoy this book by Michael Rosen because it is funny when they find the bear and have to go back home.



KS1

Sorren (Year 2)....Sunshine Stables: Amina and the Amazing Pony

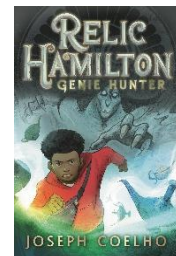
This book is by Olivia Tuffin and I really like it because of the horse. It is about a girl named Amina who is desperate to win a place on the show jumping team but it comes with sacrifice.



LKS2

Sonny (Year 3)....Relic Hamilton: Genie Hunter

This book is by Joseph Coelho is one that I would recommend. It is about mythological creatures and genies but different from other stories because in this book the genies are the bad guys. It is quite a big book and it was an interesting read.



UKS2

Caitlyn (Year 6)...Coraline

This book is written by Neil Gaiman is both funny and creepy. It is about a girl stepping through a door to find another house strangely similar to her own but with a plot twist.



Reading Library Bus

We are excited to announce that over half term exciting work begins on our new addition, our reading bus library.

Over the coming months, the reading leaders will be working hard on ideas for our new bus, which aims to create a fun and exciting environment to promote a love for learning across school.



Reading Challenge

Our first ever half term reading challenge was a huge success and we enjoyed hearing about all the different texts that children had read. We enjoyed celebrating the love and joy for reading.



Well done to all those children who engaged with our challenge over the half term!

April Half Term Reading Challenge 4th – 22nd

Over the holidays, complete the challenges below. When you complete the task, write down the name of the book/poem/podcast that you have used and the author. Please return your completed challenge sheet to school by Thursday 24th April, to receive a sticker, bookmark and certificate.

<i>Read a springtime poem</i>	LISTEN TO A PODCAST 	Read a book with a family member 	Read and follow some instructions	Read a non- fiction book 
Read a joke book and tell a joke 	Read a book in the outdoors 	Read a book by your favourite author	On a shopping trip, be in charge of reading the labels 	

We would love to see photographs of you completing some of the 'Reading Challenges.' Please upload any photographs via Seesaw. Some of the photos could even be selected, to feature in the next edition of the 'Reading Round-up' newsletter.



-Mary Pope Osborne

