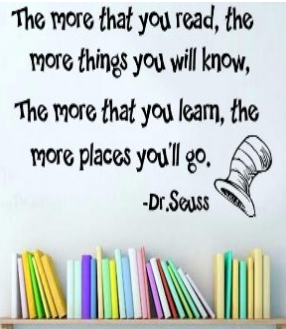


# BookWORMS

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter 'Bookworms', launched this term. This month, there is a chance to find out about high quality poetry books as well as an opportunity to get up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey. Reading for pleasure continues to be a very important part of school life and we have been busy reading these past few weeks in classes! We are looking for pupil reading ambassadors who would like to share their passion for reading with our school community this year.



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**Supporting Readers at Home**

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

**Read Aloud**  
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

**Family Reading Time**  
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.

**Book Chat**  
Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

I wonder if...why... what...who...

For more ideas see the OU website: [www.ourfp.org](http://www.ourfp.org)

**We're All Wonders!**

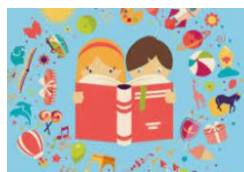
We used the book 'We're All Wonders' by R.J. Palacio (based on Wonder by the same author) in assembly as a reminder about equality and kindness, and about the protected characteristics from the Equality Act 2010.

**Please continue to read with your child at home.** Being a fluent reader not only improves comprehension but helps across all subjects. If your child prefers to read alone, try asking them questions about what they have read.

## Coming soon...

**Details of our after school Reading Café for children in our Reception class.**

The poll is now closed. Many thanks for all the responses.



We can confirm The 'Reading Café will be open each Monday after school for Reception children to share a book with their adult between 3.25-pm until 3.45pm.

These sessions will begin on Monday 9th October 2023 and will run for 8 sessions.

**Remember the 'triple read!'**

When children are learning to read, they should read a book 3 times:

1. **Decoding** — what do the words say?
2. **Comprehension** — what is happening and what do all the words mean?
3. **Expression** — notice punctuation, voices, and read it like a real storyteller!

# Special Feature—'Poetry'

"Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects"

## Poetry at Home

Poetry is a great way to introduce your child to fun, creative and playful language. From nursery rhymes to limericks to sonnets, poems are perfect for sharing, performing and singing together.

Here is a great web portal for families with some great ideas for exploring poetry at home .

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/exploring-poetry/>  
Have fun saying the classic poem below together.



### Poetry Corner

Here is a classic poem by Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

#### Autumn Fires

*In the other gardens  
And all up the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!*

*Pleasant summer over  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The grey smoke towers.*

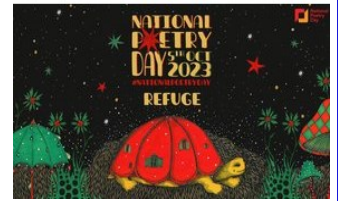
*Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!*



## National Poetry Day 2023

We celebrated 'National Poetry Day' on Thursday 5th October.

This year's theme being 'Refuge'.



### What is National Poetry Day?

It is an annual event which takes place across the whole of the UK in celebration of poetry. The day is intended to inspire, everyone to discover, enjoy, read, write and share poems. Ask your child to tell you about the poet and poem they have been looking at in class. Please view the class poetry posts to Seesaw.

## Pupil Reading Ambassadors

Pupils across the school have been deciding if they would like to become a 'Pupil Reading Ambassador'. This key group of pupils will be our reading 'Influencers', promoting reading and reading for pleasure in our school. There is still time to 'apply' this week.



### Reading Ambassador -Job description

#### You will be involved in/responsible for:

- Helping to choose new books for the library and class reading areas
- Reading aloud to other classes in school and during reading assemblies
- Helping to run and judge reading competitions
- Making suggestions to promote reading for pleasure in school
- Surveying peers to find out what books/authors and genres they enjoy
- Reviewing books and making recommendations
- Supporting other children to read via a 'buddy system'



## 'Meet the Poet'

This month we focus on the poet...

### Joseph Coelho

Current Waterstones Children's Laureate: 2022-24



Joseph Coelho is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author. His books include the critically acclaimed Luna Loves... series, If All The World Were, and the CLiPPA-shortlisted collection of poems, Overheard in a Tower Block.

For more information about this inspirational poet, visit the link below:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/joseph-coelho-biography/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/poetry-prompts/#!?>

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**Quiz time: Can you find out how many poetry books has Joseph Coelho written?**

# Recommendations

The fantastic Books for topics have an amazing poetry section.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/literacy-reading/primary-poetry/>



Poetry for Early Years/Reception (Ages 3-5)






Poetry for Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7)

Poetry for Lower Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-9)

Poetry for Upper Key Stage 2 (Ages 9-11)



 **The Reader Teacher**  
September 2023 Monthly Must-Reads  
Five of my favourites published this month! [www.TheReaderTeacher.com/monthly-must-reads-september-2023](http://www.TheReaderTeacher.com/monthly-must-reads-september-2023)

 <p><b>The Council of Good Friends</b> by Nikesh Shukla illustrated by Rochelle Falconer</p>	 <p><b>The Final Year</b> by Matt Goodfellow and Joe Todd-Stanton</p>	 <p><b>Gina Kaminski Saves a Wolf</b> by Craig Barr-Green and Francis Martin</p>	 <p><b>Great Minds</b> by Joan Haig, Joan Lennon and André Ducci</p>	 <p><b>Impossible Creatures</b> by Katherine Rundell</p>
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