

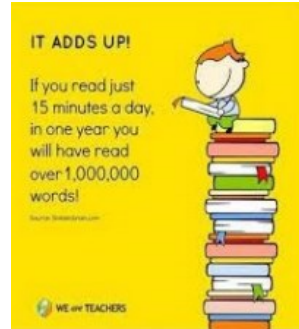
# BookWORMS

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter 'Bookworms'. This newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it at home.

This month, there is a special feature on books and authors linked to exploring and understanding Black History.

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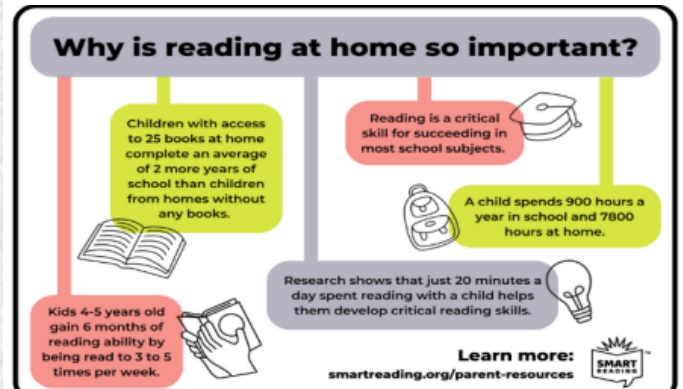
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*"Book chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure ..."* (OUP)

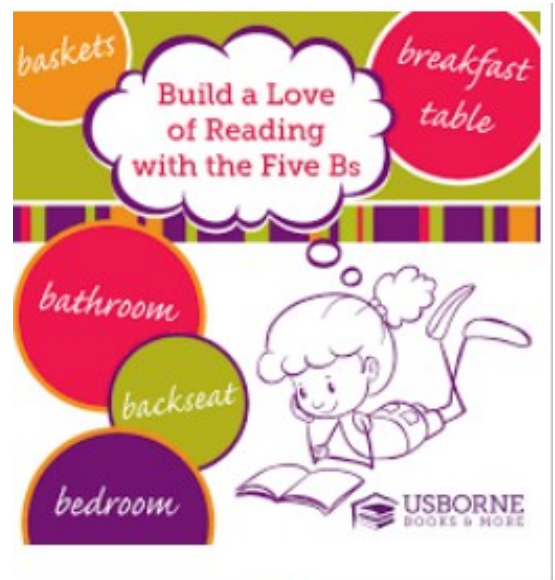
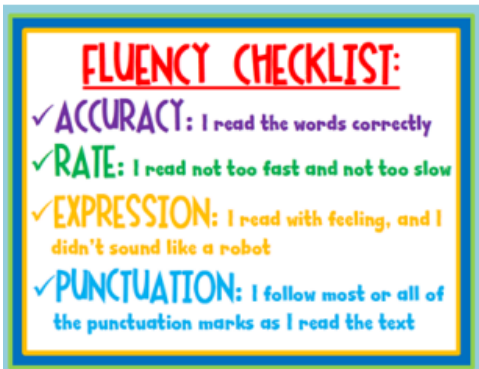
There are several ways to prompt book chat, these are our Top Tips.



## Fluency Focus

Here are some key elements of reading fluency that you can look out for when your child is reading to you at home.

If they are struggling to read fluently, try modelling how to read it and then get them to



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

### Poetry at Home

Have fun reciting this poem below.

### Poetry Corner

Here is a poem about kindness, in keeping with 'One Kind Word' to promote World Kindness Day 13.11.23 and Anti-Bullying Week 2023

This poem is by **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**.

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.  
Take care of your garden And keep out the weeds,  
Fill it with sunshine,  
Kind words, and kind deeds.



### Puzzle Time:(1)

Look at the covers of these well known children's books. Name the book title and the author.



### Puzzle Time (2) Just for fun!

Can you guess the children's books from the emojis?



## TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Reading opportunities are **everywhere**. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) have developed the idea of reading with TRUST to help discuss anything your child reads at home.

<b>T</b>	Take turns to make plans and predictions before reading	"I wonder if the little bear will get lost, what do you think?" "Do you think he's lost his hat? I think his friend the bear might find it."
<b>R</b>	Recap to check ideas and understanding as your child is reading	"You said that the mummy owl would come back. Where had she been?" "Why do you think the little boy was frightened?"
<b>U</b>	Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged in reading	"You spotted the hat on the front cover, now let's find out who stole it." "You are so good at helping the tiger by remembering everything he has eaten. Let's see what he's going to eat next."
<b>S</b>	Share prior knowledge & past experiences that link to what is being read	"Have you learnt about penguins at school? Where do they live?" "That programme told us lots about baby animals, let's find a book to read about them."
<b>T</b>	Tune-in and listen to your child – be curious about their interests	"I love reading dinosaur books with you. I really want to know more about your favourite dinosaur." "Show me your favourite book. Shall we draw a picture from it?"

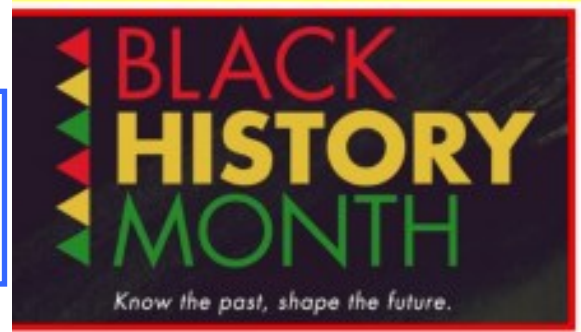
### Pupil Reading Ambassadors

We were delighted so many children applied to be Reading Ambassadors and we know they will be fantastic in their new roles. We will meet two of them in each Newsletter. Together, we will plan lots of exciting events over the course of the year to promote reading. One thing they are really looking forward to being to read stories to the younger children. Some of the wonderful posters they have created can be found on display in the Library. We are looking forward to hearing more from them.



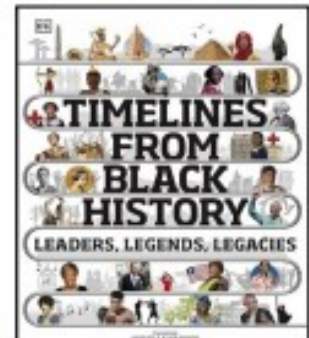
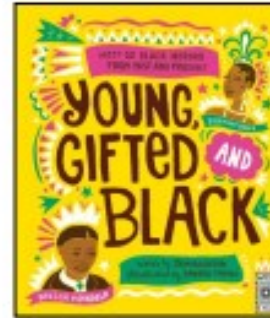
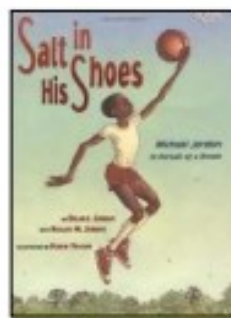
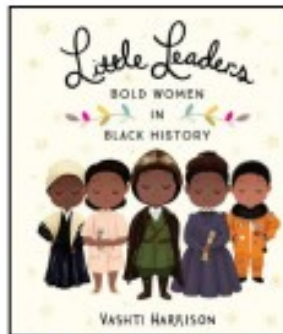
# Recommendations

## Special Feature—Understanding Black History Month



October is Black History Month and the theme this year is “Saluting Our Sisters!” Black history can, and should, be recognised and celebrated all year round; in the UK, Black History Month falls in October each year, and is a great time to learn about and celebrate Black history and heritage. These “Authors reflecting this year’s theme include: for EYFS and KS1, books by Floella Benjamin, here is a link to “Coming to England” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFuFc\\_xuOUU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFuFc_xuOUU) KS2 books written by Malorie Blackman fit with the theme also. Here is a link to an interview with her. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kHRgiRQYSQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kHRgiRQYSQ)

Recommended Reads for this month - many of these can be found in our library, classrooms and bought online.



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

 The Reader Teacher Illustrated Book of the Month Animal Tales from India: Ten Stories from the Panchastotra by Nikita Gill and Chaaya Prabhat	 The Reader Teacher Fiction Book of the Month Kicked Out by A. M. Dassu	 The Reader Teacher Non-Fiction Book of the Month SCRAP by Guy Bass and Alessia Trunfio	 The Reader Teacher Non-Fiction Book of the Month We Went to Find a Woolly Mammoth by Catherine Cawthorne and Aysha Awwad	 The Reader Teacher Non-Fiction Book of the Month Where Magic Grows: Unique Tales of Wonder and Enchantment by Onjali Q. Rauf and Katarzyna Doszla
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For more Monthly Must-Reads, visit [TheReaderTeacher.com](http://TheReaderTeacher.com)

See the ‘Reader Teacher’ for recommended reads most recent releases. The link below has suggestions for Christmas books. <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/2023>

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