



Autumn 1 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Autumn 1 2022. In this newsletter and those that follow, we would like to share updates with our community about what is going on in school to promote a love of reading for pleasure. At CTK, we aim to open the minds of our children through the power of reading. Using our wide and growing collection of books we want to; inspire and engage children, support their understanding of the wider world including culture and diversity and provide role models for the children through a variety of authors. We hope this newsletter keeps you up to date and provides you with ideas and inspiration to foster a love of a reading at home with your child. If you have any recommended reads, please let us know!

National Poetry Day at CTK

On Thursday 6th October, CTK celebrated national poetry day across school. Children in all year groups listened to poems read to them by their teachers and famous poets online. Our theme this year was performance poetry and the children were encouraged to think about how they read poems aloud to audiences. In year 1 and 2 the children read poems including Ning Nang Nong and The Storyteller. They rehearsed and performed them and teachers recorded the performances for parents and other year groups to watch. In year 3, the children created poems as a whole class and performed them together, even adding actions to go with the words. Year 2 were lucky enough to watch the class performances that day!

Year 4, 5 and 6 wrote their own poems during the day. Their poems focused on themes of friendship and space, and some were inspired by kenning poems. On Friday afternoon, children performed their poems to a large audience in a special KS2 poetry performance assembly.



FS1 joined in with National Poetry day focusing on nursery rhymes.

Year 1 performing Ning, Nang, Nong with instruments.



Year 1 acting out and performing Humpty Dumpty.



Year 4 poetry performances



Year 5 poetry performances



Year 3 performing their class poems to year 2



Author visit!

This half term KS2 had a special visit from a very talented author; Rob Biddulph. He talked to us about his journey from a young boy to becoming a published author and illustrator. Rob inspired and entertained all the children and encouraged them to join in with a draw with Rob activity. They even joined in a song as he told them a story. At the end of the visit, Rob signed books that the children had purchased. This was an engaging and inspirational morning for all of KS2.



TOP TIPS



We appreciate family life is very busy but we would like to give you some ideas and inspiration to get your children reading and enjoying it.

- 1) **Make sure there is time set aside for reading. This does not have to be in the evening before bed, you can change where your child reads each day to keep them engaged and enjoying reading.**
- 2) **Make it fun - take it in turns to read with your child so that they can enjoy reading and listening to you read too. At the end of the book or chapter, you could do a fun activity for example; change the ending, rate the book out of 5 stars.**
- 3) **Children can read a variety of texts they do not just have to be storybooks. If you have been on a day trip at the weekend and picked up a leaflet you could read that together, or perhaps a magazine about their favourite sport.**

For lots more ideas for reading with children from all age groups visit: [Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#) There is even a 'Book Finder' page to help you find appropriate books for your child's age and interests.