



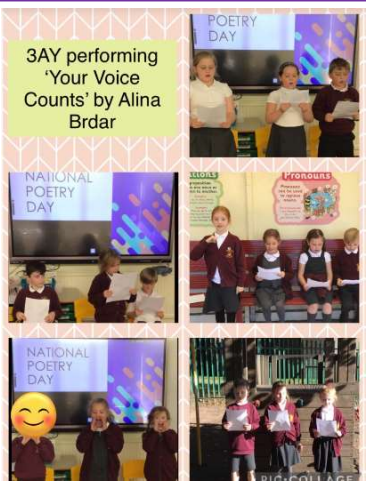
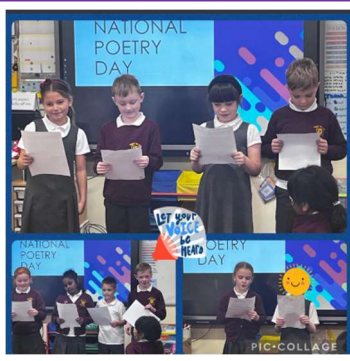
Autumn 1 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Autumn 1 2024. 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 Friday 11th November, CTK celebrated National Poetry Day across school. This year we all focused on the theme of 'counting'.

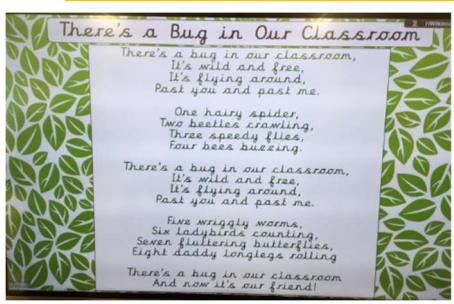
Classes learned about poets through time and listened to poems read aloud. They watched a video from poet Joseph Coelho to learn how to perform poems. Then in class they read a poem altogether (or made their own) and performed them. This week classes have enjoyed watching the poetry performances as part of our weekly Book Talk sessions.



Year 2 wrote their own class poems to perform.

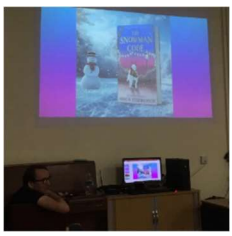


Year 1 performing 'The Terrible Ten'



Author Visit

This half term author Simon Stephenson visited years 2-6 in school ahead of his book release. He told us all about his job writing for Pixar movies and his work on the film Paddington 2. Simon gave the children some great tips for writing stories and illustrating them. Then we got to hear a snippet from his brand new book 'The Snowman Code'. If you purchased a book for your child, they got to stay behind and meet our author to have their book signed. We hope they are enjoying reading it at home with you!



New Reading Ambassadors and Reading Buddies

We have elected our new Reading Ambassadors (yr6) and Reading Buddies (yr5) here at CTK for this academic year. Part of their role in school will be to promote their love of books and reading, especially to the younger children when they spend time in the mornings reading with year 1 and 2 children. They will be helping staff to run book clubs after half term and will be part of the Book Talk that takes place in each class once a week, recommending books to children across school.



Year 5 Reading Buddies

Year 6 Reading Ambassadors



Author of the month



NAME: Serena Patel

FROM: Walsall, England

Patel's books are recommended to children from age 7-11.

Serena Patel's books are on display for our children to choose to read for pleasure in school and at home.



★ READING AT HOME 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.