



Autumn 1 Reading Newsletter

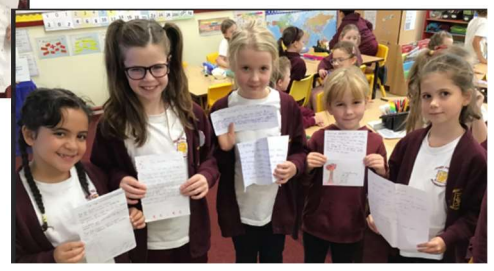
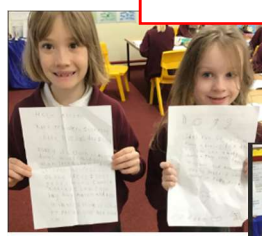
Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Autumn 1 2025. In this newsletter and those that follow, we would like to share updates with our community about what is going on in school to promote a love of reading for pleasure. At CTK, we aim to open the minds of our children through the power 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 2nd October, CTK celebrated National Poetry Day across school. This year we all focused on the theme of 'play'.

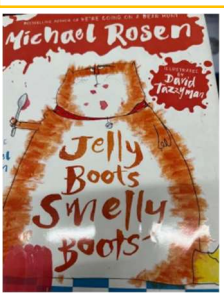
Children had the opportunity to listen to and read a variety of poems around the theme play, and traditional well-known nursery rhymes and poems. Some year groups in KS2 were inspired to write their own poems after watching a video on how to spark imagination and vocabulary and write it into a poem.

Year 3 children were inspired by National Poetry Day and have been writing their own poems at home to share with their class.



Year 2 read poems around the theme 'play' and from famous author Michael Rosen.

Year 1 performing 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.



Time to Play!
 We run and jump, we skip and slide,
 We laugh and twist and play outside.
 We ride our bikes, we bounce a ball,
 We race each other down the hall!

We build with blocks, we make a den,
 Then knock it down and start again!
 We play pretend — a pirate ship!
 Or take a magic rocket trip!

We swing up high, we dig in sand,
 We draw a picture, paint by hand.
 We play with friends, we take our turn,
 And from each game, there's lots to learn!

So every day, let's jump and shout,
 Because that's what play is all about!



Author Visit

This half term years 4, 5 and 6 had author Maya Gabrielle Leonard visit school to talk about her 23 books, including Beetle Boy and Legend of the Viking Thunder. She talked to the children about her craft of story writing and signed books with those who had purchase them at the end of the session.



Brilliant New Books

At CtK we are always trying to improve and build our library collections across school. Thank you to our families and community that have bought and donated books through our Amazon Wishlist. They are already in class libraries across school and being read. If you would like to donate, please click the link below. Don't forget to leave a message when you check out so the children can see who the books are from.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QL2CNKMTS7GT?ref=wl_share



Coming soon...

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to CtK after half term. It will be held in the library (from the playground door) each day after school from **Monday 17th November – Friday 21st November**. There will be a card machine to make payments this year, and also the QR code payment link, so please ensure you bring a bank card with you. Children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the school day to browse the books on offer and then visit in the evenings to purchase books with adults.



Last year through your purchases of books at the fair our school received £578.24 in rewards to spend on new books!!! That means every classroom got a new collection of books for their class libraries and more books were added to our school library. We hope to have the same success this year and look forward to seeing you there.

★ 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 will 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.