



Brierley Reading Newsletter



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At Brierley, reading isn't just celebrated for a day, it's nurtured for life.

Nurture

a love of reading and books

Aspire

through ambitious reading

Believe

in ourselves as readers

Achieve

our personal best

Welcome to our first Reading Newsletter for 2026-2027. At Brierley, we believe that reading opens doors to learning, imagination and opportunity. We are excited to share some of the wonderful reading initiatives taking place across school and how families can support us in developing a lifelong love of reading.

Our Librarians

Last year we celebrated our new school librarians who worked extremely hard to reorganise the school library. They also helped to deliver some of our whole school reading assemblies and competitions. This term, they will be on a mission to carry out reading surveys to find out what the pupils of Brierley think about reading and what ideas they have to make reading **EVEN** better! Watch this space!

Reading Challenge

A HUGE well done to everyone who completed this year's summer reading challenge. As always, we celebrated everyone who earned a medal and certificate during our recent reading assembly.



Reading Competitions

You know we love a good reading competition here at Brierley and our last reading competition was to create something through junk-modelling to represent either a favourite book or character. This linked in well with our reading assemblies focused on books which centre around caring for the environment and also the launch of 'Recycle to Read'. A huge well done to our winners and a big thank you to everyone who took part. Our librarians will soon be announcing the next competition so get those creative book-related ideas ready!





Recycle to Read

A reminder that we have joined the 'Recycle to Read' scheme where you can take old, broken plastic toys (or parts of plastic toys) to Tesco and drop them into the 'Recycle to Read' bin. Just scan the QR code on the bin and select Brierley to earn us some points. These points will be turned into books for school - winner!

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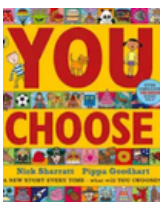
Year 6 are currently reading (and loving!) 'Murder in Velvet' by Sarah Wynne who has very kindly agreed to become their class penpal. Sarah is an author from Chester who is just as passionate about reading as we are and is on a mission to help inspire our children in writing for pleasure. She agrees that working directly with a published author gives our children a real audience for their writing and helps them understand how books are created, edited and published.

Each month, three of our Year 6 pupils will write a letter to Sarah to ask questions about her job as an author, her upcoming books and top tips on writing stories. The children are very excited to receive their replies as the first three letters are just about to be sent. We will keep you posted!

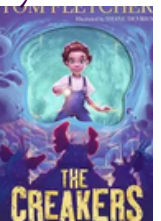


Class Authors

Because we are a little obsessed with reading here at Brierley, each of our classes are named after some of our favourite authors. The children in each class have already learnt all about their author and have begun to enjoy books by them. In addition to the many texts and books we enjoy in lessons, each class always has a main book on the go for our regular drop-and-read sessions (we really do 'drop' everything and enjoy listening to a high quality text!). Sometimes these drop-and-read texts are by our class authors and sometimes they are books by others we have chosen to focus on. Here are the authors and current books so you can chat to your child about them...



Little Bears Nursery:
Class Author: Nick Sharratt
Currently Enjoying: books by Nick Sharratt



Year 3:
Class Author: Tom Fletcher
Currently Enjoying: 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher



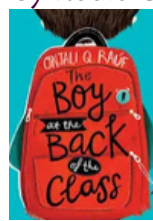
Reception:
Class Author: Julia Donaldson
Currently Enjoying: books by Julia Donaldson



Year 4:
Class Author: M.G. Leonard
Currently Enjoying: 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell



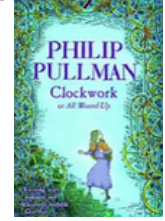
Year 1:
Class Author: Allan Ahlberg
Currently Enjoying: 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl



Year 5:
Class Author: Onjali Rauf
Currently Enjoying: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf



Year 2:
Class Author: Mini Grey
Currently Enjoying: 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl



Year 6:
Class Author: Philip Pullman
Currently Enjoying: 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman

Crewe Library

This term our classes will be visiting Crewe Library which will be a fantastic opportunity to help develop a love of reading. If your child has a library card they are welcome to bring it along on the day to borrow books. If they are not yet a member but you would like them to be, please email Mrs Faddes for a form - it's FREE to join!

You're never too young to begin a love of books and reading. For our parents who have children at pre-school age, there are the following weekly sessions running at Crewe Library. Both of these are free of charge with no need to pre-book:

Stories and Songs - Mondays 10:00am - 10:30am
(a 'Monday, funday' interactive session featuring stories, singing, movement games and activities.)

Rhymetime - Fridays 11:00am - 11:30am
(songs, rhymes and lots of movement)

Crewe Library is located at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe



Local Book Shops

Waterstones Book Shop

Location: 19 Victoria Street, Crewe (town centre)

Opens: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30 and Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm

The Works

Location: The Grand Junction Retail Park, Crewe

Opens: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 8:00pm, Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am - 4:30pm

Copnal Books (new and used)

Location: 18 Meredith Street, Crewe

Opens: Saturdays 9:30am - 4:00pm

Support for Parents and Carers

As you know, we are passionate about each and every one of our children being confident readers who have a love of reading. Please encourage your child to read a little each day and record this in their reading diary.

The following websites are useful to help support with reading at home...

Oxford Owl (a free online library for your child to access and enjoy):

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Literacy Trust (a great website filled with advice on supporting your child with language and reading)

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/>

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (This is our phonics programme. If your child is in the early stages of becoming a reader, this website has lots of useful support and videos to support with phonics):

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Don't forget, children in Years 3 to 6 have a ReadTheory login which is in their reading diary.

<https://readtheory.org/>

We will be holding a number of workshops for parents and carers to help guide you in supporting your child's journey to becoming a reader:

Tuesday 15th September at 2:30pm - Year 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop

Thursday 24th September at 2:30pm - Little Bears Nursery Workshop

Thursday 8th October at 2:30pm - Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop

Thursday 8th October at 2:30pm - Year 6 Workshop

Please feel free to email Mrs Faddes (Reading Lead) with any reading related questions or suggestions!
jfaddes@brierley.cheshire.sch.uk



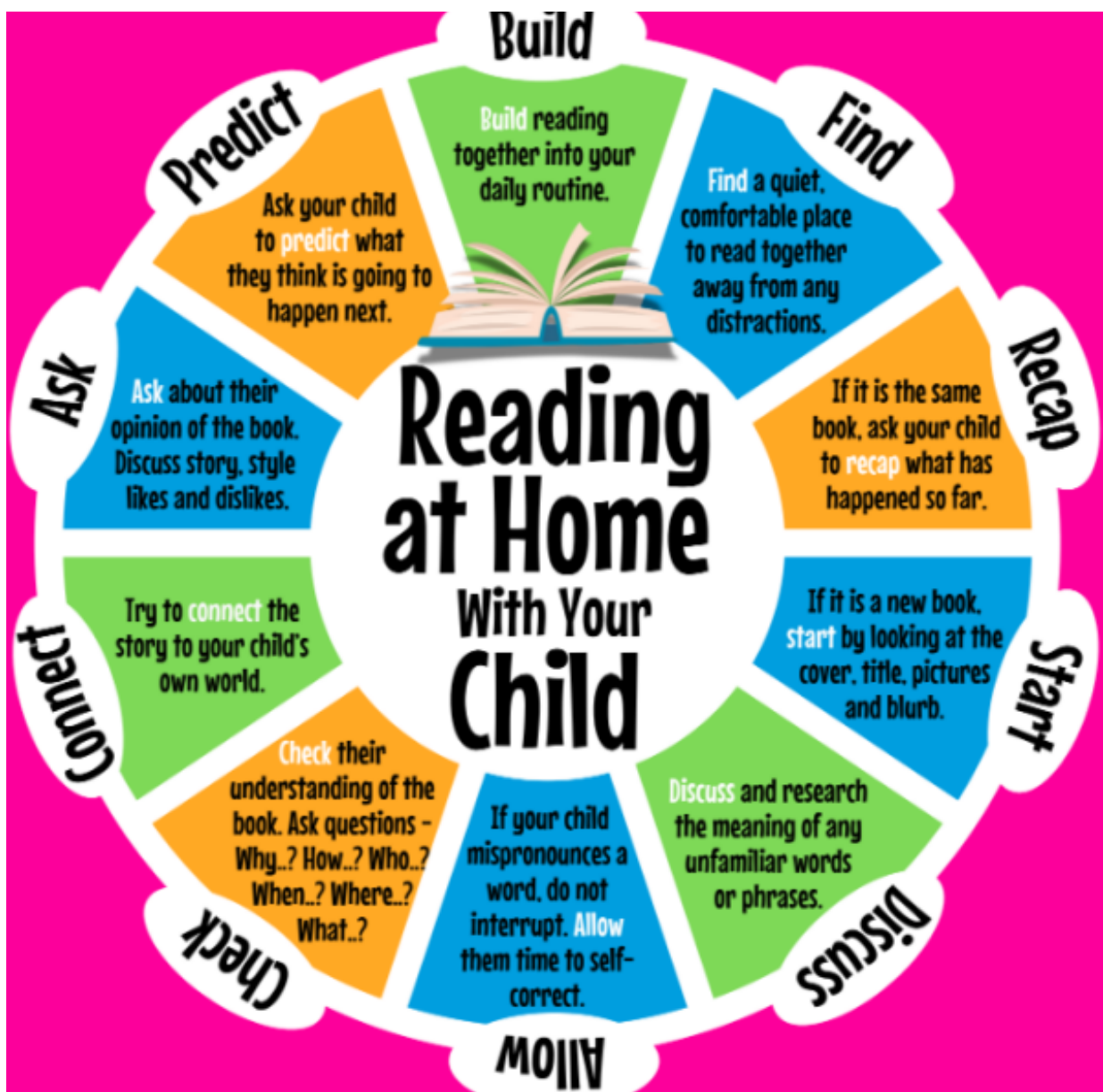
Top Tips for Supporting with Reading at Home



Helping your child with reading at home is a fantastic way of helping them to make progress in not just reading but all areas of the curriculum. There are lots of ways you can support your child at home...

- ✓ Read together for at least 10 minutes each day
- ✓ Record reading in your child's diary
- ✓ Discuss books and stories (ask questions about what they have read and make predictions)
- ✓ Support your child in completing their weekly reading homework
- ✓ Visit your local library
- ✓ Attend one of our parent workshops

You may like to refer to the handy tips on the diagram below for more ideas...



A child who reads for pleasure is more likely to succeed at school, develop a richer vocabulary and become a confident lifelong learner.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can ensure that every child develops the confidence, skills and enjoyment needed to become a lifelong reader.