

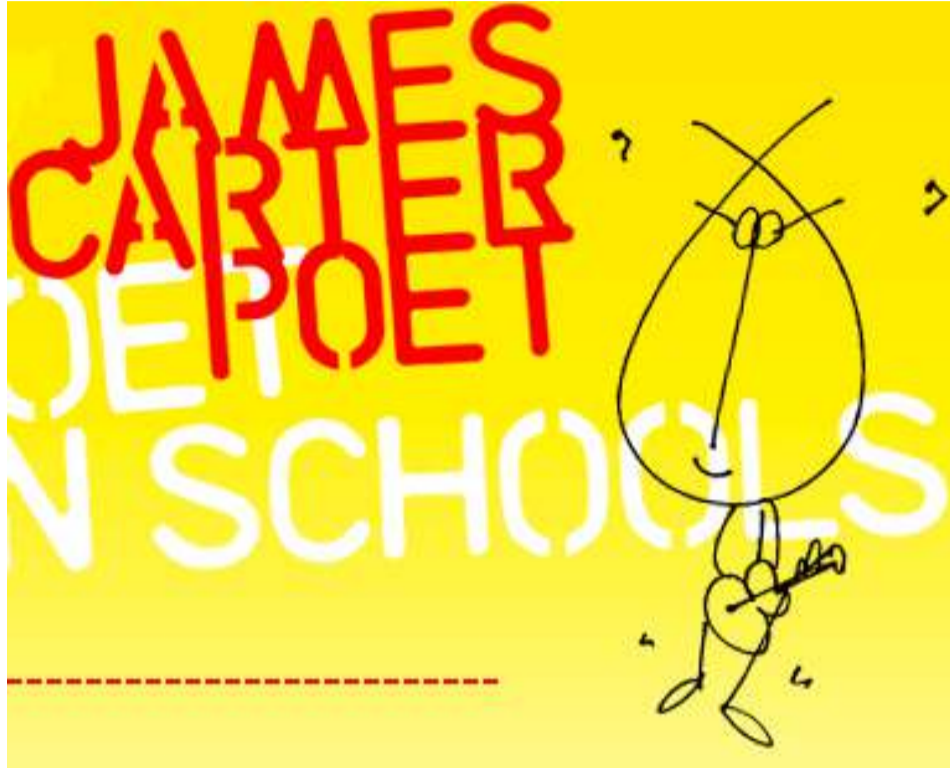
Reading Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2025



Welcome to our Spring Term reading newsletter.

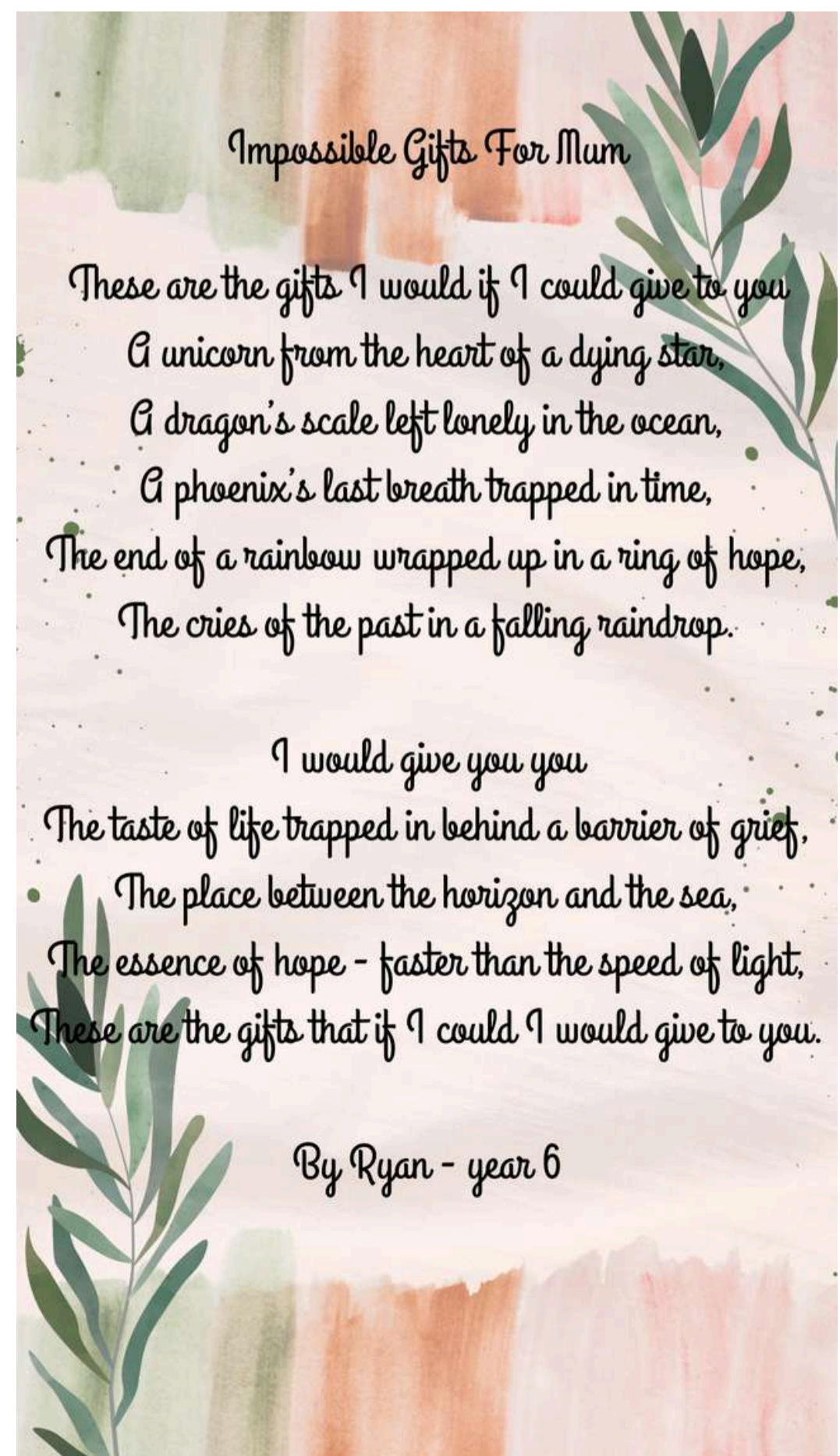
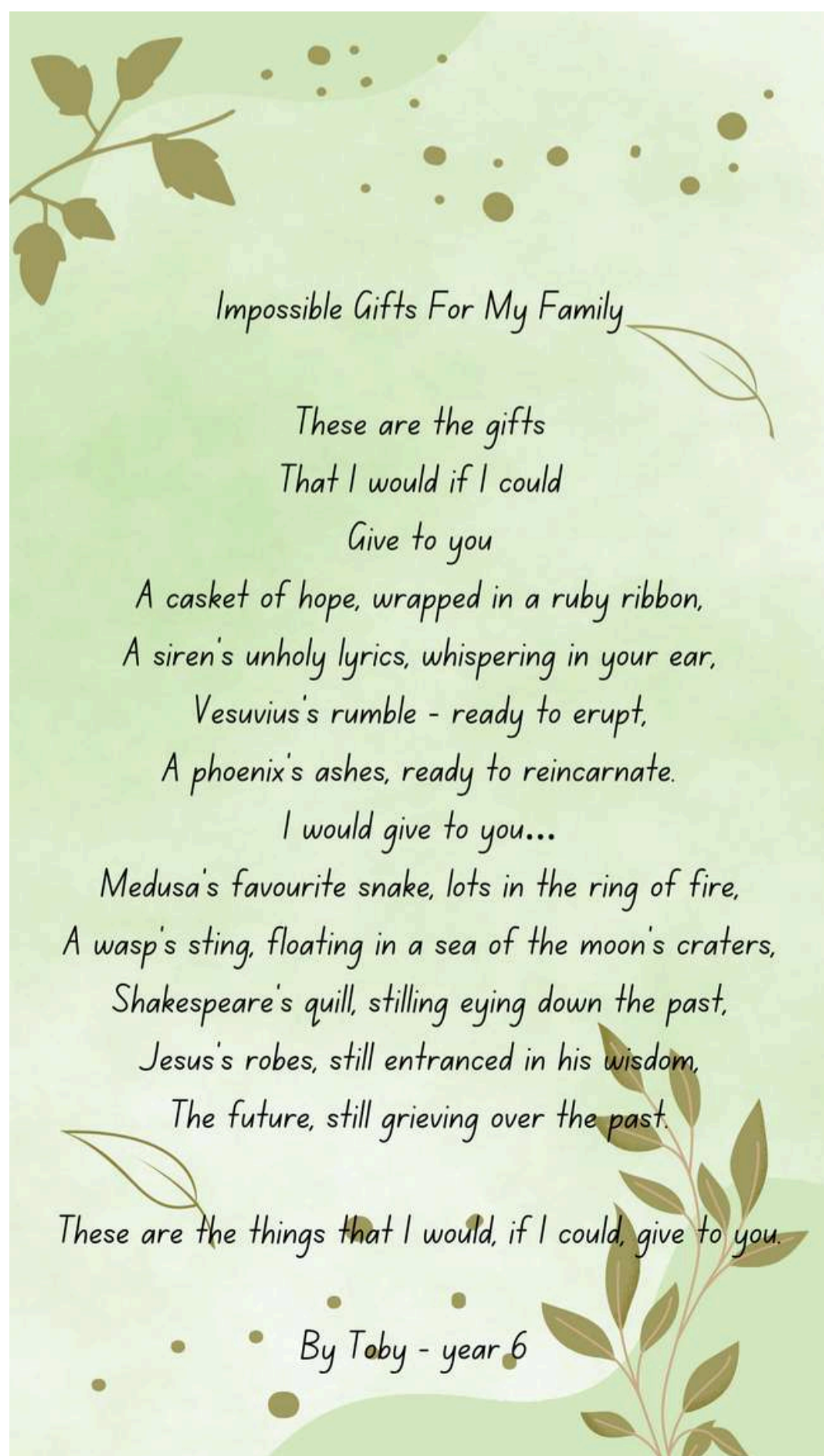
Yet again, we have been busy nurturing our strong reading culture, and I am thrilled to share our successes with you. This term has been brimming with fantastic reading opportunities that have captivated our students and encouraged a love of literature. From engaging poetry sessions to exciting reading challenges, our learners have truly embraced the joys of reading. I am incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you for your continued support in fostering this wonderful environment—together, we are inspiring our children to become lifelong readers!



As you know in February, we welcomed the talented poet, James Carter, into our school. He began with some very entertaining assemblies that had both students and teachers dancing along to his poetry.

Following this, he led poetry writing workshops for each year group, sparking creativity and enthusiasm among the children. The outcomes were absolutely fantastic, showcasing the unique voices of our students and their newfound appreciation for poetry.

I firmly believe that introducing our children to a variety of authors throughout their education is vital. This experience not only nurtures their love for language but also broadens their understanding of different literary styles.



THE GREAT SFJS BOOK SWAP

This week, we had the SFJS book swap where the children brought in books and 'swapped' them for new ones. We raised a fantastic £124 to spend on new graphic novels for the library which the children are loving at the moment. Thank you to all the children who took part. Watch out for the next one!



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 6th March we had a jam-packed World Book Day full of fun activities: book tasting, drama, poetry reading, getting cosy with a book, whole class library sessions and more. The children looked fantastic and it was brilliant to see the wide range of characters.



EASTER READING

Over the Easter holidays we would like you to read as much as you can and log this on Boomreader or in your reading record.

One class from lowers and one class from uppers who complete the most reading will get to choose a prize!
e.g. pajama day, movie afternoon etc

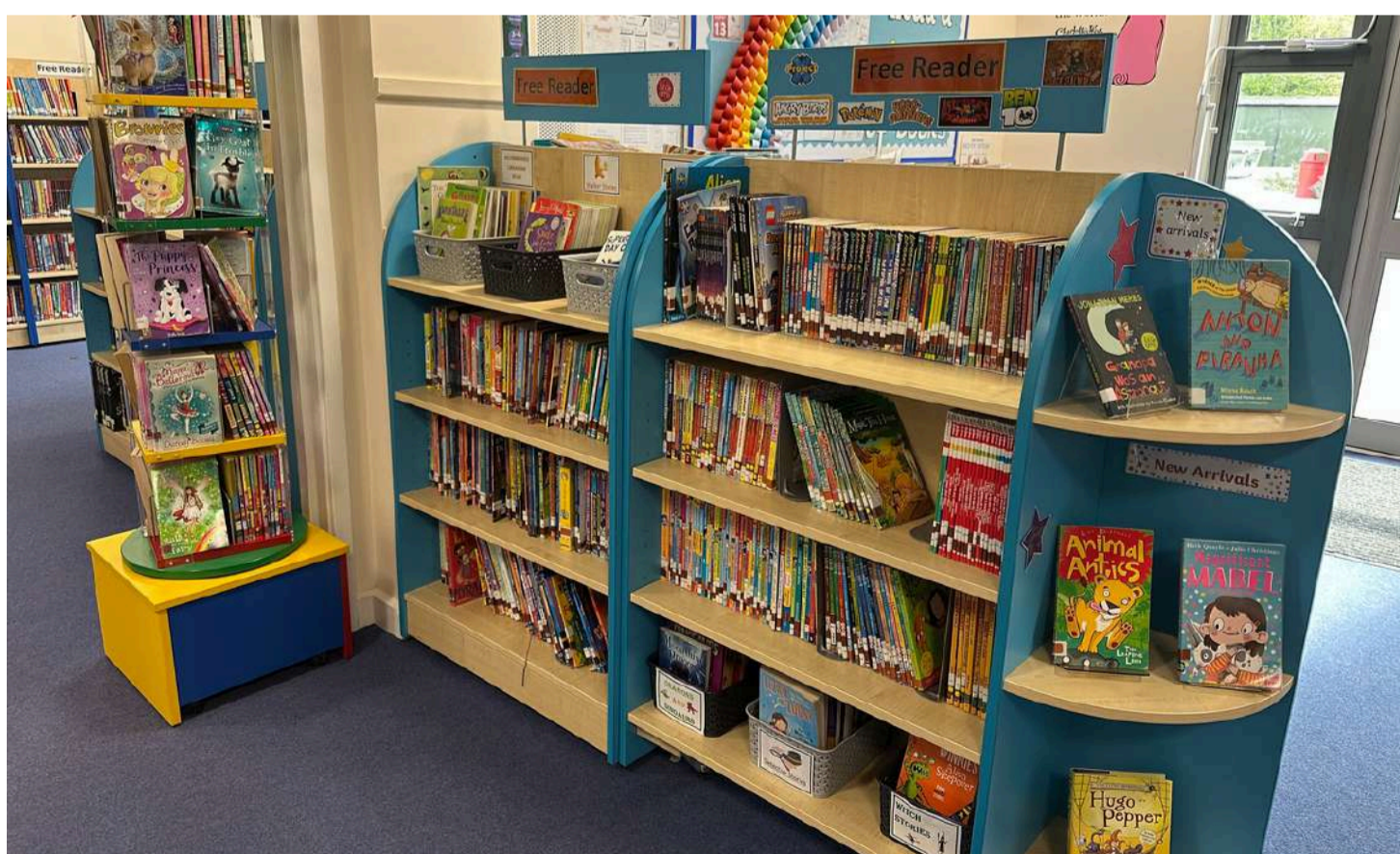
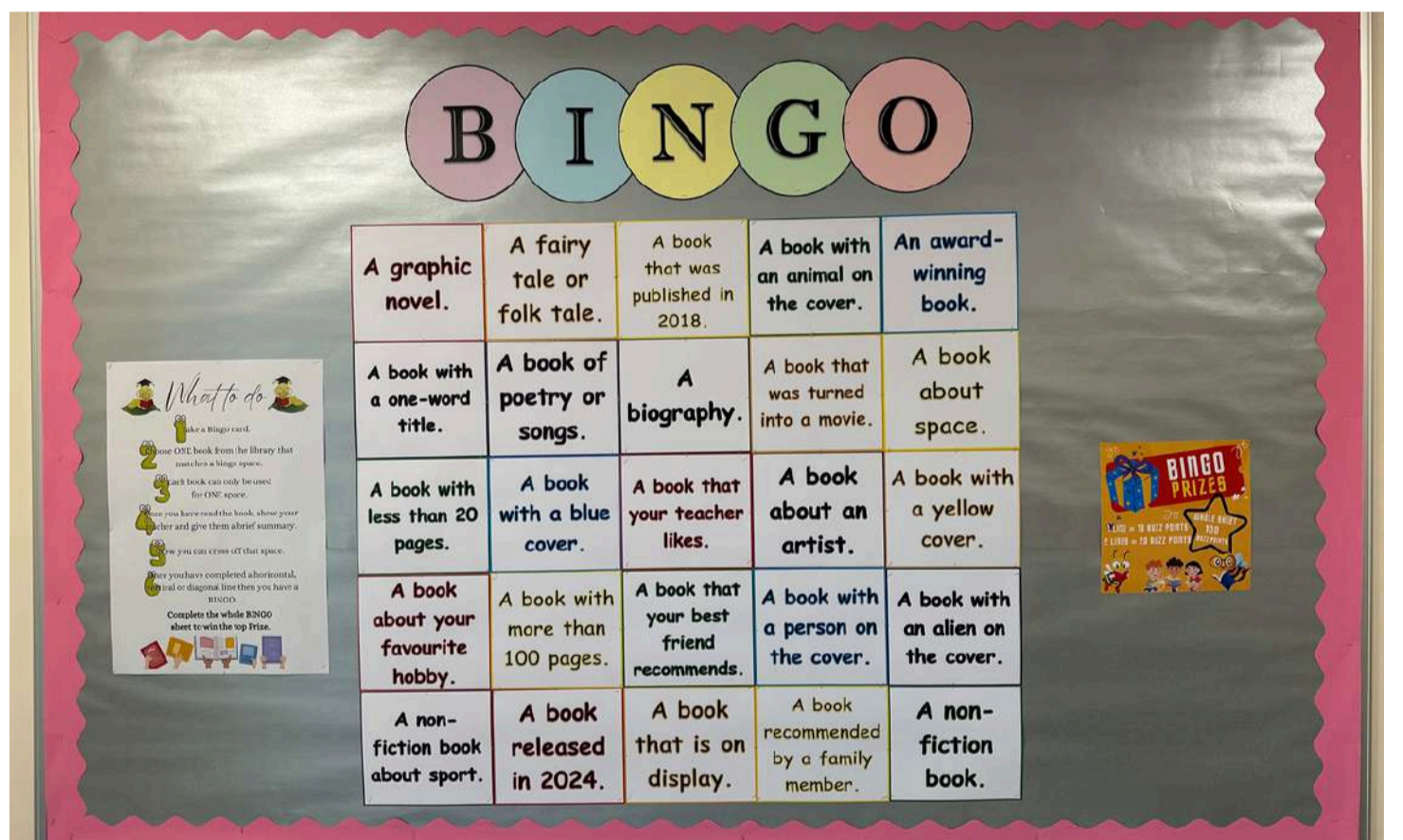


Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who visited our library this March. It was brilliant to see so many of you.

Your involvement greatly enriches our community, and we hope to welcome you back for some exciting events planned for the summer term.

I also hope to hold a parent/carer reading workshop, looking at ways to encourage the children to read for pleasure at home. Stay tuned for more details.





Parent/Carer Reading Questionnaire

Thank you very much to all the parents/carers who completed the reading questionnaire. I really appreciate your time and feedback.

Several of you expressed that you are not entirely comfortable with recording reading on the Boom Reader App. There is the option of written reading logs instead, so please do not hesitate to get in touch, or encourage your children to speak to their teachers about this alternative.

We maintain an expectation that children read for at least 10 minutes, four times a week, as part of their homework and in recognition of their efforts, children are awarded Buzz Points upon completion.



British Council Film

Finally, you may remember from last term's newsletter that we have been taking part in a reading for pleasure initiative with our partner schools in Jamaica. This term the children were filmed by the British Council in a short promotional film for this initiative and I am thrilled to share the completed video with you all. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children involved.

Please click on the link to view: <https://youtu.be/HUscqOJMXBM>

