

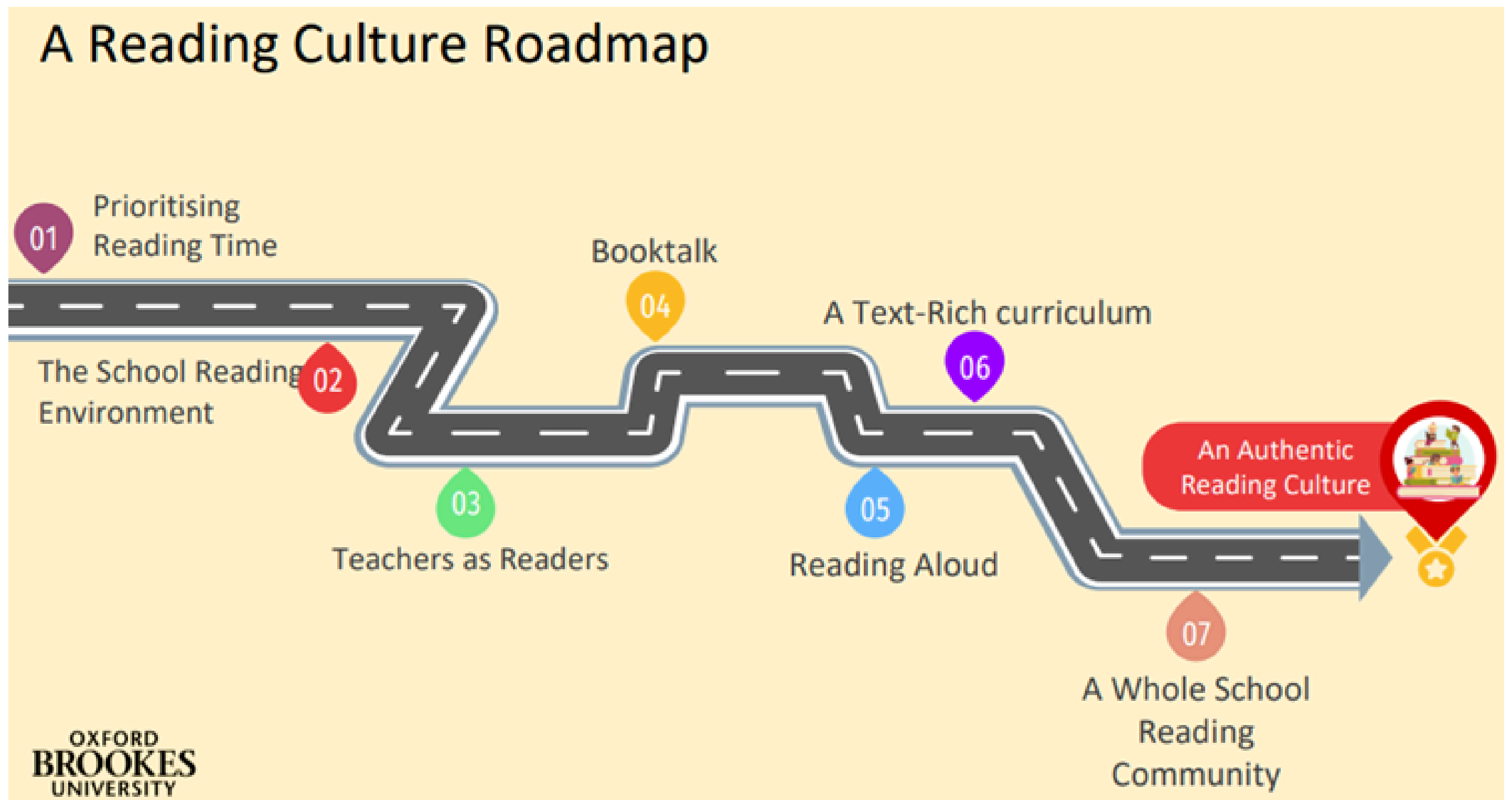
# Reading Newsletter

**SPRING TERM 2024**



## Welcome to our Spring Term reading newsletter.

This term we have had a fantastic time celebrating and nurturing reading for pleasure. As a school, we have worked hard to build an authentic reading culture as we recognise the crucial role that reading plays in all learning.




First of all, we welcomed the award-winning author, Guy Bass, back into school for some assemblies and workshops.

Guy is an award-winning author whose children's books series include Stitch Head, SCRAP, Skeleton Keys, Spynosaur and lots of books that don't begin with 'S' like Dinkin Dings, Anna Gain, Laura Norder and Noah Scape!





Here are some comments from the children after Guy's visit. I have to say there was a real buzz around school and the children were so eager to get hold of his books. All of our copies from the library were out on loan instantly even though we had bought a good selection of his new books.



I really enjoyed Guy Bass coming to our school because he was really funny: he told us lots about him and he read and told us his new books.

I enjoyed when we were in assembly and he showed the picture of the slide on the board because it was really funny and it really made laugh. I also liked when everyone left and he said his favourite colour was red and then he was really shocked when I said it was the colour of the crayon he scribbled on the wall with. I also liked how Guy Bass did his 'but why' voice, because it was really high pitched. I also like how funny he is when he acts like himself as a baby.

I enjoyed Guy Bass because he did poems and he gave me inspiration to do a poem and make a book for my self.

Guy Bass is really funny, hilarious and entertaining! He showed us about his childhood and how he looked so silly. I also loved how he talked as a baby. One of his books was published on that day. He told us that it was Stitch Head but a graphic novel.

It was very fascinating because he talked about his books and made them funny, and talked about his life, and what he did when he was young.

I enjoyed watching Guy Bass, he said that he was going to show me a slide clip and he showed me a baby going down a slide!!

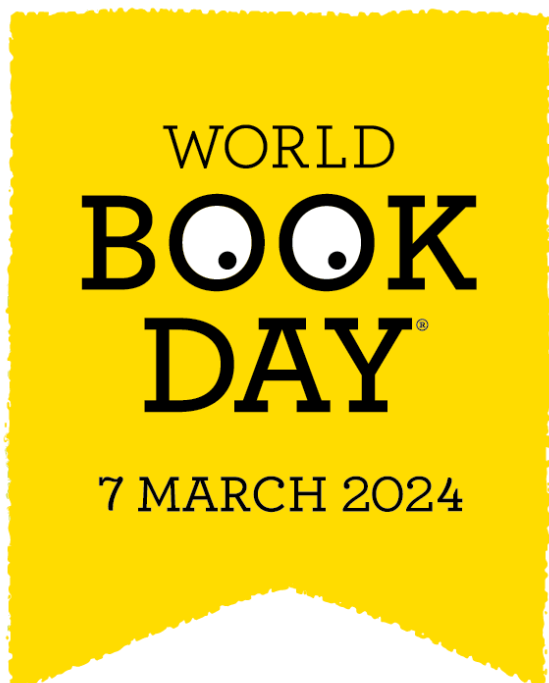


# THE GREAT SFJS BOOK SWAP

Next, we had SFJS book swap where we raised £79.00 to spend on new books. I was really pleased with how successful this event was and I am keen to hold another one in the future. Thank you for your support and to all the children who took part.

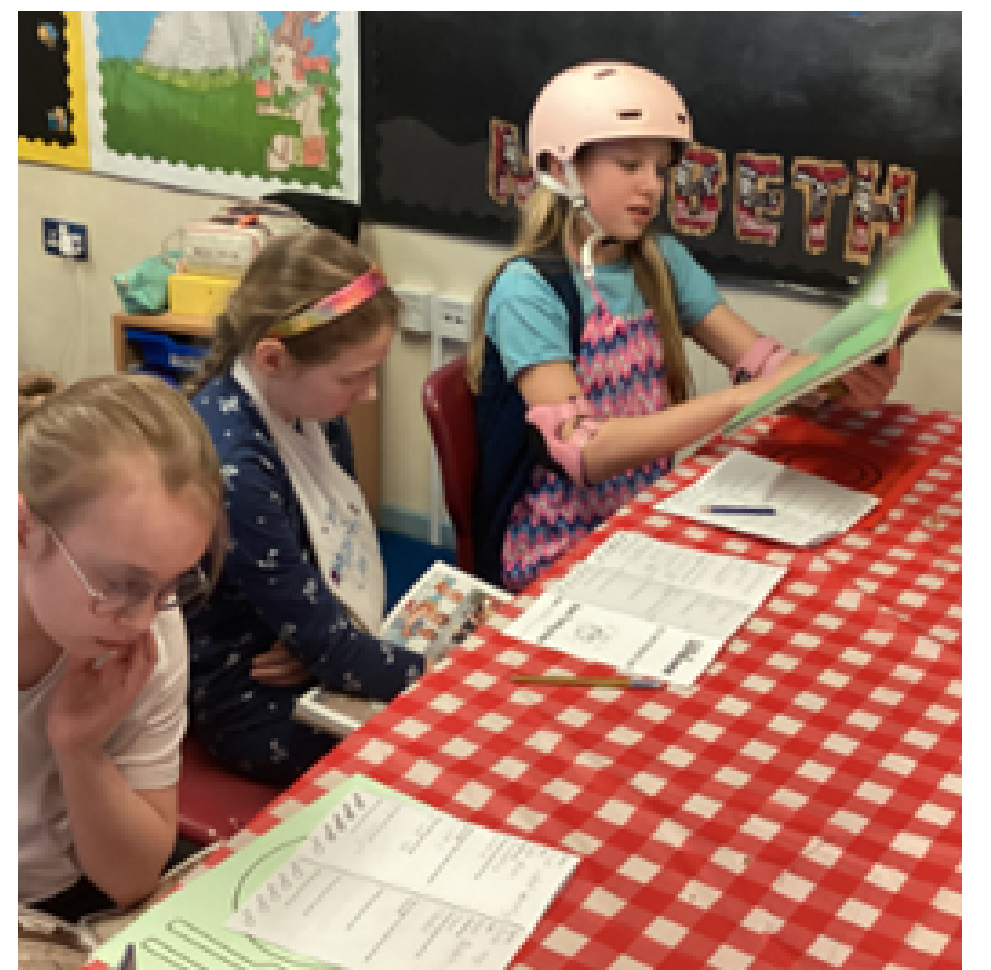


I would also like to give a special mention to the Neill family who donated an great range of books in excellent condition to the library.



Then 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.





There has also been a real buzz around the library as the new reading bingo has started which the children are very keen to complete. The bingo encourages children to read a rich range of books that they may not have come across before and expand their reading repertoire.

### **.Silver Story Readers**

Our Silver story readers have been brilliant this term: reading to members of the public over the phone. They were awarded special badges from the charity to acknowledge their achievements. One of our Silver Story listeners said “I truly enjoy listening to the children. They are special moments for me”. We are extremely proud of them.



Finally, thank you to those families who attended our share a book session. It was lovely to have you in school and as always, I am extremely grateful to have your support in promoting reading for pleasure.



We have lots of fun planned for the summer term, including library trips and the summer reading challenge. The reading ambassadors are also very keen to start a monthly podcast to recommend great books to children of SFJS so watch this space.

**Reading is a great habit. Like all habits, it needs repetition and regularity to establish itself. Because it needs quiet time, and our lives today are very short of this, parents need to create it for their children. This means consciously making time and keeping interruptions to a minimum.**

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