

Reading Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2023



Welcome to our Autumn Term reading newsletter.

We have had another busy term promoting and encouraging reading for pleasure. This has been especially important after reading the recent **National Literacy Trust** Statistics regarding reading for pleasure.

- Just 2 in 5 children aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in 2023, which is as low as the number has ever been since we first asked the question in 2005.
- Fewer than 3 in 10 (28.0%) children and young people aged 8 to 18 said that they read daily, matching levels seen in 2022.



Luckily I do not believe this is the case at our school. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support with the logging of reading on Boom Reader and ensuring that our children are reading at least 4 times a week outside of school.



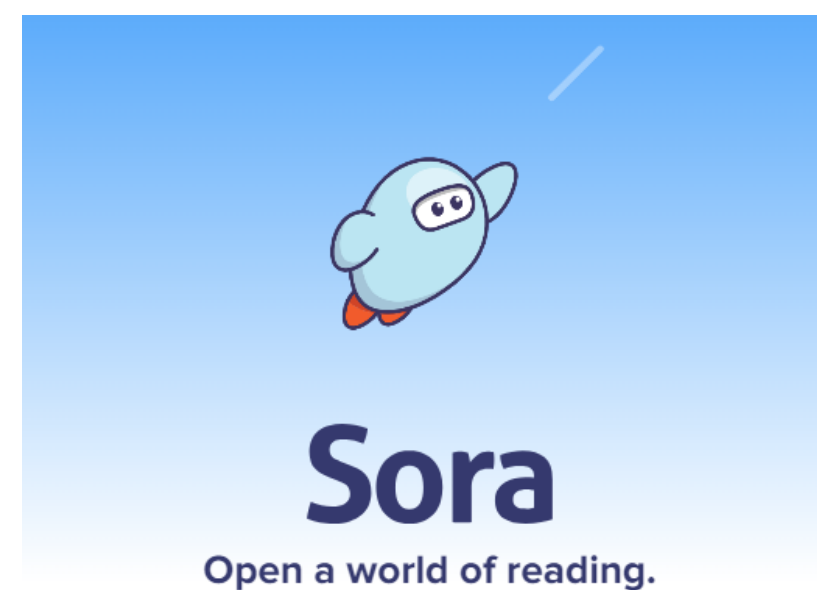
Christmas holidays are almost upon us and that means it's time for another winter reading challenge. Just like last year, the children will be encouraged to read as much as they can over the Christmas holidays and to log their reading on the Boom Reader App. The class with the most reading logged will win a prize.

Read a Wintery book with someone	Read a Wintery poem	Read a book that makes you laugh	Snuggle up and read in bed
Read snuggled on the sofa	Read your favourite book to someone	Draw or write your own Winter story	Read and make a recipe
Learn about something new in a non-fiction book	Read a non-fiction book	Read with a hot chocolate	Read a book about animals
Read a book that has a snowman in it	Read a non-fiction book about seasons	Read a book about kindness	Read whilst wearing your Christmas jumper

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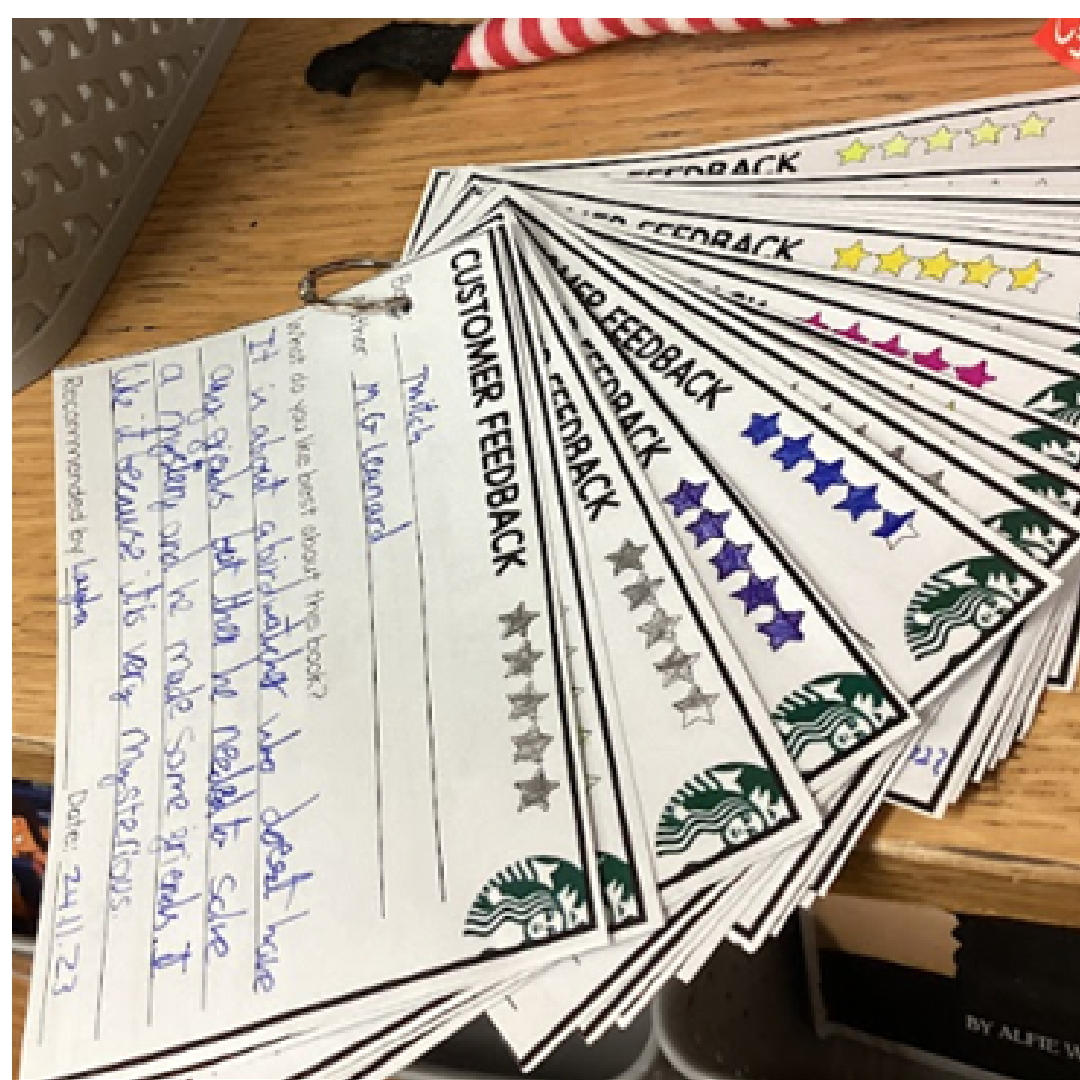
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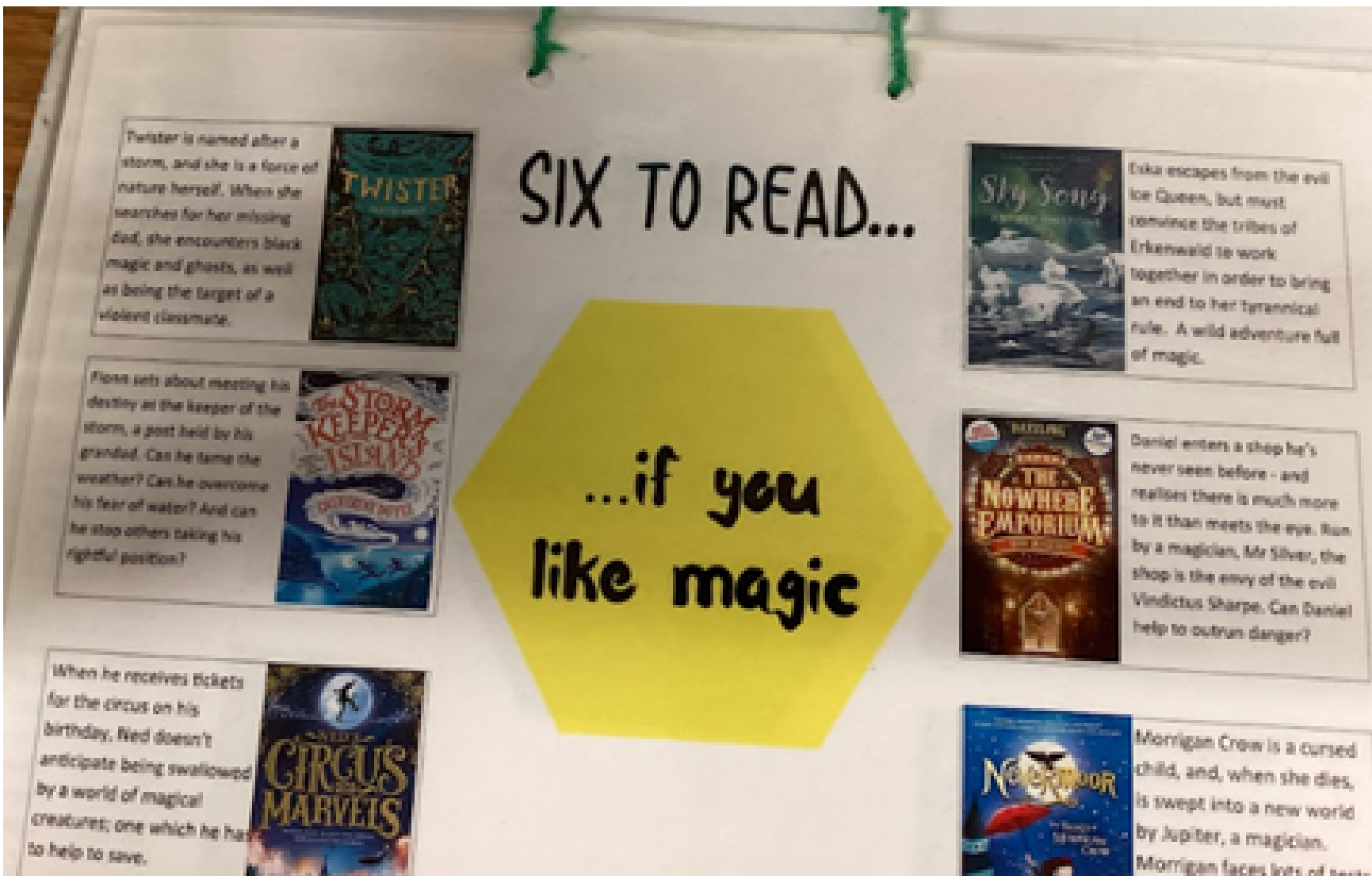
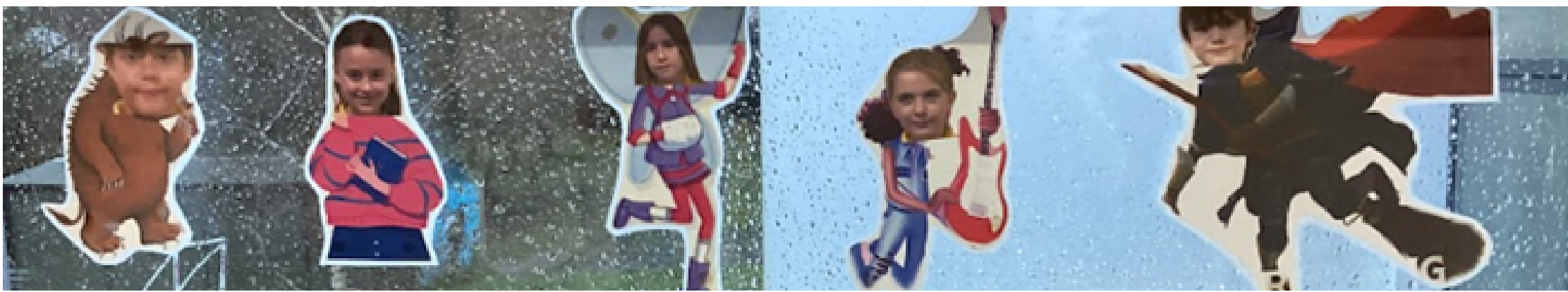
This is a lovely challenge for the children to complete and will encourage them to log lots of reading which may mean that their class wins the prize. Remember all children have access to the Sora App where they can listen to audio books or read a fantastic selection of e-books online.



Book Corners Refreshed

The teachers and children have been working hard to refresh the book corners in each class. They have focused on making them more inviting, ensuring more books are front facing and that there are recommended reads from their classmates and teachers. Myself and the reading ambassadors visited each class and we were very impressed! Next term the children will have the opportunity to request new books that they would like to see in their book corners.







The children have really enjoyed exploring their new book corners and look forward to receiving some new books.



News for the Spring Term

We will be welcoming the award-winning children's author, **Guy Bass**, back into school on Thursday 1st February in preparation for our World Book Day celebrations in March. We are extremely excited for this visit because the children absolutely loved his visit back in 2018 when he opened our library. There will be more information about this in due course and the opportunity to pre-order his books which he will be able to sign on the day.



Calling all Parents/Carers

During the Spring term, we will be inviting parents/carers into school to share a book with their children in their classrooms after school. We understand that parental involvement plays an important part in reading for pleasure. We held a similar event last year which was really successful and there will also be some tasty biscuits.

The benefits of parental involvement extend beyond the realm of literacy and educational achievement. Studies show that children whose parents are involved show greater social and emotional development (Allen & Daly, 2002), including more resilience to stress, greater life satisfaction, greater self-direction and selfcontrol, greater social adjustment, greater mental health, more supportive relationships, greater social competence, more positive peer relations, more tolerance, more successful marriages, and fewer delinquent behaviours (Desforges & Abouchar, 2003).

Reading Volunteers

I would like to give a special thank you to all our volunteers who come in to hear children read on a regular basis. This has had a brilliant impact on our children's reading. If you have some spare time during the school day and would like to do this please contact the school office.



A special mention to Christian and Rose in Year 6 for getting through the first stage of the BBC 500 words competition. Their stories have been shortlisted from thousands of entries and they should be very proud of this achievement.

Finally, happy reading during the Christmas Holidays!

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