

Literacy News

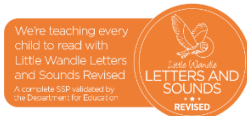
Southborough Primary School

December 2021

Hello, and welcome to December's Literacy Newsletter. This will be the last newsletter from me for a while, as some of you may have heard that I will be away from school for a year whilst I welcome my baby girl into the world.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

In January we will be adopting a new phonics scheme of teaching and learning. We have invested in a programme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, which is not too dissimilar to the current phonics scheme we use now, but it is more up to date and inline with the reading curriculum. You will be able to find more information about this new phonics scheme on our school website, under the "Literacy at Southborough" tab.



Southborough Primary Library

The opening of our school library has been a huge success, and the children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed visiting and borrowing books. We wanted to have library monitors who would take the responsibility of casting their critical eyes over the presentation of the library. We chose Tina and Jack from Primrose Class, and Emma and Jake from Bluebell Class. I would like to say a huge thank you to them, they have been doing a great job at keeping it tidy and ensuring it remains an inviting place to visit. We are able to keep track of which books have been borrowed, and which books we are waiting to be returned. If you have any school library books at home which you have finished with, please ensure they make their way back into school for someone else to enjoy.

Mrs Malhotra's books

As you may have seen in our weekly newsletter, Miss Brooks' books is a regular feature, recommending a variety of books which celebrate a range of festivals or themes. Whilst I am on Maternity Leave, keep your eyes peeled for Mrs Malhotra's books. She is a huge lover of books, and very excited to offer her extensive knowledge of books.

Christmas writing competition

It is that time of year when the school all come together, head to head, in our Christmas Writing Competition. We returned to focussing our writing around a Christmas Advert, and the outcomes have been outstanding. EYFS and Key Stage 1 focussed on the much loved John Lewis advert, "The Hare and the Bear", whilst Key Stage 2 children focussed on the new John Lewis advert "The Unexpected Guest". After many discussions with class teachers, it was clear to see that they really struggled to choose just one winning entry from their classes as the quality of writing was outstanding. But most of all, the children had fun! One child even asked to miss their playtime as they wanted to finish their writing. A huge well done to every single person in Southborough, I was blown away! But in particular, well done to our winners:

Hop: Alvin
Bramble: Tommy
Cowslip: Maddison
Daisy: Arlah-Rae
Travellers Joy: Lylah
Snowdrop: Ralph
Foxglove: Anabelle
Honeysuckle: Charlotte
Campion: Leo
Oxlip: Lauren
Ivy: Frederick
Mistletoe: Trixie
Bluebell: Rhea
Primrose: Darcie

All winning entries received their prize on Friday, and you will find all winning entries displayed in the entrance hall and on the website.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a very happy and healthy 2022.



Miss Brooks

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