

# Outwood Academy Freeston

## Literacy and Reading Monthly Updates

November 2021



### LRC - What is happening in the LRC this month?

#### What am I reading?

Students fill in a log of what they are reading in their subjects around school, please ask your child about this.

#### Week commencing 1st November NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY WEEK.

Read a book aloud to a family member.  
*Get this signed in your planner for a reward.*

#### 11th November - Remembrance Day

A display of World War history books.

#### Non-Fiction November

Come and read some non-fiction books. Learn some interesting facts that you might not already know.

### Read Aloud

Reading aloud matters! We recommend ALL children should receive story time at least once a day. But why? Each week we are going to be sharing some of the benefits to reading aloud to all children. @teresacremin provides incredible insight to this.



Every form tutor will also read the @First\_News newspaper to their tutor group on a Friday and discuss the big issues happening in the world each week.  
#OutwoodFamily



### Read Aloud Lessons

The first lessons have begun in each year group across KS3. Teachers will spend one lesson per week reading aloud one of our carefully selected Read Aloud novels to their group and exploring the complex and diverse issues that arise. Students will focus on the acquisition of vocabulary and the structure and development of plot and character with each novel.



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Look at our Twitter page for more information about the importance of reading for pleasure.

### Praise

Joe, Mariama, Fatoumata, Blake, Coburn, Eleonara, Gwyneth, Caitlin who are our word millionaires.

William in Y8 was the winner of our Alphabet Book Challenge, and Evie in Y8 is the winner of the Book Quiz Challenge. Both have received amazon gift cards.

Well done to the following groups who are at the top of our leaderboards, Y7 = China and 7x1, Y8 = Holland and 8x1 and Y9 = Sri Lanka and 9x3, all groups won trophies for the first term.

Well done as well to Joe and Lilly-Mae in Y7 for making a fantastic start on accelerated reader, these two amazing students were the first to pass a quiz on their reading books.

[Subject Vocab Site](#)

[Creative Reading Site](#)

### Latest EdResearch on Reading

## Guided reading: how it works



During a standard guided reading lesson, a teacher guides a small group of children who demonstrate similar reading behaviours and can, therefore, read similar levels of texts.

The lesson begins with a book introduction, followed by a strategy check, which prepares the children for independent reading. During the book introduction, the teacher reads the title and gives a brief overview of the text. The children are encouraged to ask questions, make comments about the text and talk about personal experiences

they may have that relate to it. The teacher also introduces new vocabulary and unfamiliar language structures.

During the strategy check, the children are reminded of the strategies they can use related to reading comprehension. For example, they are told to listen to themselves and think whether what they said makes sense, to go back and read from the beginning of the sentence to make sure they have understood what they are reading or to read on, or look back, in the story to see if that helps them to make sense. The teacher then listens to children read and prompts them to use these reading strategies.

After children finish their reading, the teacher brings the group back together to check their understanding of the text and reinforce some of the good reading skills that were used during that guided reading lesson.

### Subject Updates - All subjects give a high importance to reading within their subject delivery for each year group.

#### Heads of Department

Monthly subject updates on reading



#### Spanish

Come celebrate Día de los Muertos with us! The Spanish department will be celebrating the Day of the Dead throughout the month of November with opportunities to improve reading skills via a variety of different tasks, building up to a story detailing some of the main traditions and thoughts behind this celebration. More details will be published to pupils via Google Classroom.

#### The Spanish Tongue Twister of the Month is:

*Pancha plancha con cuatro planchas. ¿Con cuántas planchas Pancha plancha?*

Can you say it three times quickly?  
Extra: **What does it mean?**



**Computer Science** - This week all students have been provided a new recommended reading list via their Google Classrooms. This is a list of recent news articles, books and interesting websites all about computer science and technology. These lists will be



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continuously added throughout the year so keep checking them regularly.

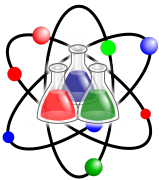
**Art & Photography** - In KS3 students have been working on sequence writing to help with their independence when then creating their own artwork. Students have been recommended a series of books for their reading pleasure within art and photography.



**History** - In KS3 and KS4, we have published a reading list website on Google Classroom for students who wish to read for pleasure around the subject. We will keep adding to these lists throughout the year with articles and books that are of interest, so please check back!



**Geography** - In KS3 and KS4, we have published a reading list website for students who wish to read for pleasure around the subject. We will keep adding to these lists throughout the year with articles and books that are of interest, so please check back!



**Science** - the weekly "out there science" reading segment is continuing for all year groups. Recent topics have included a guide to dark matter and saving the planet by toilet training cows! Keep watching to see what is next...

**Children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains. Therefore, your child should have at least 20 minutes set aside for reading during each day.**



Our 'Caught Reading Starbooks Style' is off to a great start this half term. Well done to Troy Y11, Kasia Y9, Chloe Y9, Riley Y7 and Cory Y7 for filling their Starbooks bookmarks. It's great to see students reading at social times.

### STAR Reader Tests

Star Reading is a complete online assessment of your students' reading growth. Star Reading is computer-adaptive, meaning that it adapts to each student's abilities, catering to everyone from SEN to your high-achievers.

The test is administered to students on a computer, and once finished, reports are automatically generated. A computer-adaptive test of 34 items, testing 43 skill areas in four domains. Star's skill-based questions determine mastery within skill domains to ensure age-related expectations are being met.

**OUTWOOD KS3 Caught Reading - Starbooks Style**

Our 'caught reading' competition has started again!

If a member of staff sees you reading at break or lunch, they will sign your bookmark.

Full bookmarks will go into a prize draw at the end of each month.

Prizes include a hot chocolate treat morning during tutor, Amazon Vouchers and a Kindle Fire.

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Happy Reading!