

Outwood Academy Freeston

Literacy and Reading Monthly Updates

October 2021



LRC - Learning Resource Centre

Calendar Events

4th -10th October is our Library week - Lessons in the library showcasing the Library, the library App and the best of AR (including the class/tutor leaderboards etc) Author/book challenges.



7th October - **National Poetry Day** - This year's National Poetry Day is being held on the 7th of October, and they have asked for poetry with the theme of **CHOICE**.

Think... What choices do you have to make on a

regular basis? In school? At home? Online? Do you always make the right choice? Don't smother it inside, express yourself through an eloquently passionate poem!

To that end, this competition will run for all KS3 students at our school. The winner will receive a prize, but every participant will be given the opportunity to read their poems which will go onto our school Twitter page. Drop any submissions off at E1. You won't regret it... What are you waiting for!?! (Don't forget to put your name and form at the top).

18th - 22nd October - **Halloween theme** (scary stories) come and select a book from our huge range of scary books. Beat the Wicked Witch competition and take part in other Halloween challenges.



Read Aloud

We believe students are entitled to experience a wide range of texts, including various 'classics' that they otherwise might not encounter.

Our "Read Aloud Curriculum" has been carefully curated to include a range of books which we believe represent a diversity of thought and experience, as well as being age appropriate for students in different year groups.

Each week, every KS3 student will be entitled to one 1 hour Read Aloud lesson allocated from within their timetabled English lessons. In that session they will explore the Read Aloud texts with their teacher taking the majority of the reading. Discussion around the key themes, context, vocabulary and cultural capital will all be facilitated to add to the rich experience of reading the text.



One Tutor session per week will be set aside for Tutors to read the First News newspaper to their group facilitating similar discussions to the ones had in English lessons.

Contact us if you have any questions about reading?

We have a weekly Literacy RAG where a targeted group of students is considered for a range of interventions. For more information or help with reading for your child please contact your child's English Teacher.



Follow us on twitter to see and hear all the great work which is taking place in Literacy and Reading this year at Outwood Academy Freeston.

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Praise & Prizes for Reading

Students praised for their reading progress this month are:

Starbooks Champions

Troy Gude Martinez Y11
Kasia Piekarz Y9
Chloe Byrne Y9
Riley Sailsbury Y7
Cory Ede Y7
Bradley Dyer Y7

Millionaires

Blake Hardwick Y8
Joe Booth Y8
Caitlin Hardy Y8
Mariamma Manneh Y8

'First to Five' competition winners

Milly Musgrave Y8
Joe Booth Y8
Caitlin Hardy Y8
Gwyneth Caswell Y8
Blake Hardwick Y8

[Subject Vocab Site](#)

[Creative Reading Site](#)

Latest EdResearch on Reading

Why do **children** need you to read with them for 20 minutes tonight?

Reading, like other skills, is best developed when it becomes repetitive. Forming the habit of **reading** at a young age is linked to higher performance and achievement throughout life.

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

Monthly subject updates on reading:

What is each subject doing to promote reading in their specialism.?

Spanish Tongue Twister:

Can you pronounce this Spanish tongue twister quickly three times? Extra: What does it mean? *Tres tristes tigres tragaban trigo en un trigal.*

Out-There Science

Once per week in ALL science lessons, a 15 minute reading aloud session will take place, based around a quirky or exciting scientific news story. This week features a project aiming to bring Woolly *Mammoths back from extinction!*

Computer Science

Our main reading focus this week is to allow students the time to fully understand our client briefs. Each group will be spending time fully reading and analysing their assignment brief in order to fully understand their new projects.

STAR Reader Tests



Next tests will take place in **November 2021**. Here we will be able to see the progress students have made in this time.