

## READING IDEAS FROM PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2017

Thank you for all the ideas and suggestions. Some of the ideas were already in our plans for the year, but we've some lovely new ideas to have a look at.

In my daughter's old school, they got stickers for every home read (the aim was min 2 x per week there at this age range) and then when they collected about 100 on a sticker chart, they got a silver/gold/platinum award. \*\*\* was very motivated by this.

Have another theme, they all loved Roald Dahl. Maybe Harry Potter for KS2 and something else for KS1?

Maybe extend 'reading' to include other types of reading material other than just traditional books, for example comics/graphic novels, magazines or online materials.

Interesting books, more factual books, eg science or history, book swapping club at lunchtime, recommendations / reviews from other kids/ parents. Take shoes off if think it helps.

The literacy days you run are great. I can't think of anything right now but if I have any inspiration I will email!

Children interview parents/older siblings about which books they enjoy (or enjoyed as a child); reading buddies from other classes/years; Show and Tell-type book reviews to class

Children bring in their favourite book and read a passage to the class from it. Once a week. One child a week? Teacher vets passage first?

Trips to the library?

Set aside separate times for reading in the school day

Reminding children (maybe in assembly) how important reading is and how much fun too. Maybe using a few parents with cool jobs to come in and chat about how they needed to be great readers to get and do their job

What about beanbags? We have a set of 20 that our students use for library lessons. Alternatively, could we donate cushions so help ensure all children have a comfy space to read? I bet this would be a good PFA fundraiser. Someone like Simon Boyd may even sponsor them all? If we gave the children art fabric, you could ask each class to create a cushion or two! His would hit multiple curriculum links.

Asking parents to come in either in the mornings or before pick up time to read with their children.

The children love the themed days and I think the younger children enjoy story sacks with props to stimulate their imaginations.

Children reading to each other. Mentoring/ paired reading from

KS1 are using raffle tickets for reading rewards and KS2 are doing a book bingo with raffle tickets for every 4 books read. Prizes are going to be awarded in assembly at the end of term.

We are a planning theme day for World Book Day in March.

We try to include a range of reading material in our KS2 library and KS1 are investing in new, exciting non-fiction books to engage the children. We'd love it if parents could donate comics/graphic novels too!

We've revamped our KS2 non-fiction library to include more books on themes the children are interested in, rather than just the subjects the children study in school.

Thank you!

We love the reading buddies idea and will be including opportunities for children to buddy up later in the term.

Thank you, we will suggest this to the teachers.

All classes are planning on visiting Knutsford Library during this academic year.

Lots of opportunities are building in, we have introduced a separate time for reading in KS2 and KS1 already do this.

We will be doing regular assemblies promoting a love of reading, making sure lots of assemblies include stories. Great idea about inviting parents in to talk to the children.

We've just bought some new sofas for the KS2 library to make a comfy space for children to sit and enjoy books. There are also some small chairs in the KS1 non-fiction library.

This is a great idea and one we'd like to try later in the year- watch this space!

See above.

See above.

juniors to infants.

A trip to Manchester Central Library to see how exciting books can be (or even a brisk walk to Knutsford Library - in sturdy outdoor shoes). See above.

Guest story readers, Bring a book from home?

This is a lovely idea- we will pass it on to the teachers.

Get the children to choose a theme for decorating the reading areas and making them snug and den-like

All classrooms have a focused reading/ book area. Great idea to involve the children in designing and making.

Yes why not create reading challenges - not # of books, but for the children to identify their funniest book, best fact, or book that made them think

The book bingo in KS2 has been popular and we intend to continue with them and could use this idea then.

Reading together in groups is a great confidence booster, could this be done in the reading corner instead of going outside to a separate area? Keeps it a calm and relaxing environment

We're trying to create this sort of area in our library areas- and we'd love to create a relaxing environment for reading outside too.

Do children's authors ever do school visits to read and discuss their work?

Inviting authors into school is expensive.

They tend to charge a lot and in the past it hasn't made a big enough impact for the cost.

Book bingo is going down well in our house - definitely one to keep going. Maybe get classes to do a 'bookclub' type session where anyone who wants to share a book they've read with other pupils can.

Thank you! Lots of the teachers are doing book recommendations in their classes and the Year 6 librarians are going to have a 'recommendations box' and create a display in the library.

Can we get any children's authors in to talk about their favourite books?

See above.

Reluctant readers need motivation, picking short funny stories help my son. Try different literary themes, e.g. tragedies, comedies, poems/ jokes, love stories.

We're trying to promote new/ different books with the children. It's so important to find the right book for each child, hopefully with the range of books we have now there is something for everyone.

Using beanbags & blankets to have a relaxed environment , do you have designated library time for the children every week? I do like the board in the classrooms where children can recommend books- great idea.

Thank you.

Maybe a Bexton School Book Club? This might be something children could do at break time and run by Year 6?

Yes- the Year 6 librarians are really keen to do this.