



St Chrysostom's Autumn Reading Newsletter

2019

Welcome back to our new school year. I hope you had a lovely summer break, enjoying reading and sharing lots of our summer recommended books.

Our termly reading newsletters are a great opportunity for us to share with our families how we develop reading in school and promote a love of reading. We recognise the importance of reading and want to encourage our children to read for pleasure, both in school and at home.

Our staff work extremely hard to teach our children to read and also share their love of reading. Our English text-led curriculum ensures that our children are immersed in books which support their development in reading and writing. This year, like any other, our children will be drenched in books and reading will be a key priority on our School Development Plan.

Mrs Losada
Reading Assistant Headteacher



Parent Reading Workshops

Nursery: Wednesday
23rd October at 2.45pm

Reception: Wednesday
11th September 2.40pm

Year 1: Wednesday 23rd
September at 2.45pm

Year 2: Thursday 17th
October at 2.45pm

Please join us to find out how you can help your child.

The Importance of Reading at Home

At St Chrysostom's we know how important it is for teachers and parents to work together to give your child the best start in education.

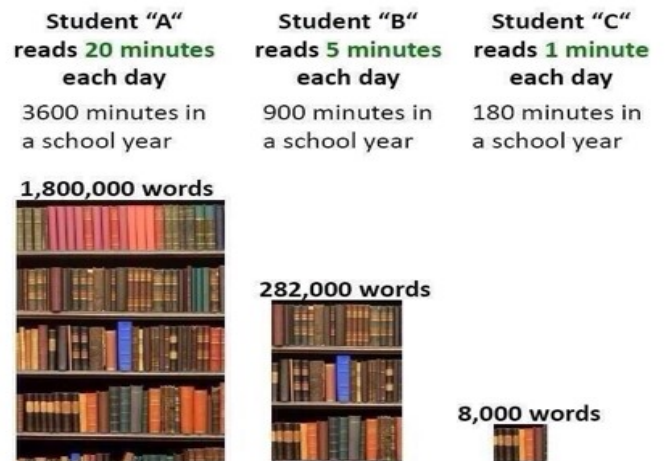
Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child.

Your child's reading diary plays an integral part of their home learning and forms a record of their reading habits and progress.

We ask that every child tries to read for at least 20 minutes per night.

Children from Year 3 upwards can write in their reading records themselves and this is checked by their class teacher 3 times a week. When we come together to do this, it is also an opportunity for children to recommend texts they are reading to their friends.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



How reading supports your child's development

Our Autumn Key Texts and Themes

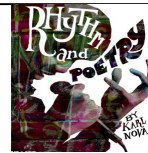
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Trust and friendships	Friendships and feelings	It's Good to be me and difference	Diversity and inclusion	Animals in captivity and parenting	Inspirational women and striving for goals	The impact of war and bravery

We have a fantastic text rich curriculum at St Chrysostom's. Have a look at the fabulous key texts your child will be studying this half term.

National Poetry Day Thursday 3rd October



National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. Each year there's a different theme and in 2019 **the theme is Truth** and we have focused on writing and performing our poetry. This year **Mrs Aarons** led a great day to celebrate poetry. Have a look on our school twitter account



Poet of the Term



We are delighted that the award winning poet, **Karl Nova** will be visiting our Federation on the 20th and 21st November to inspire our children's love of poetry.

Karl is a Hip Hop artist, author and poet. He is the winner of CLIPPA 2018 for *Rhythm and Poetry*.

Karl will share stories of his childhood and how he wrote his early poems. In his workshops, he will make the children think about how they too can write fun poetry on just about anything.



Celebrating Roald Dahl's Birthday at Manchester Central Library

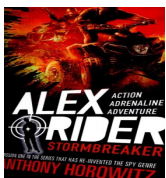
All the children in Year 3 had a great time watching a story teller perform '**The Twits**' at Manchester Central Library. The story teller was so animated and engaging in his performance. The children and the staff had a great time and were inspired to go and read and perform some more Roald Dahl stories back in class!



Our Termly Teacher Recommendations

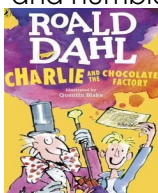
Mrs Dowling

My recommendation is '**Stormbreaker**' by Alex Rider as it is packed with action and adventure. The main character is a young boy, who is thrown into the world of MI5 after the untimely death of his uncle. This discovery then leads him to become part of the secret world of spies and he runs the gauntlet through a number of terrifying and potentially fatal situations. This is a real page turner of a book that will leave you on the edge of your seat



Mr Fitzpatrick

With it being Roald Dahl's birthday this month I couldn't help but choose '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' as my recommended read. It's a favourite of mine because it shows the reader that no matter what your background is, you have got as much chance as everyone else at becoming lucky or achieving anything you want, only if you have a good attitude. The key messages in the story teach us about being respectful and humble in everyday life.



Miss Twine

My recommendation is '**Superworm**' by one of my favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. Superworm is a wiggling superhero who is always available to rescue his animal friends. In this story, Superworm has been captured by the evil Wizard Lizard and it is up to the other animals to help him. I love that this story is full of rhyming words and takes you on an adventure to find the brave hero, Superworm.

