

Highweek Primary School Reading Newsletter



Happy December and Merry Christmas to all of the children and families at Highweek Primary School! What a fantastic first term for reading we have had. We celebrated our first ever Highweek Poetry Week in style with a visit from Karl Nova, learning our own heritage poems, a whole school poetry performance and writing our own poems. It was fantastic to see the way children were so inspired that they continued to write their own poetry at home! I wonder how many children will write poems about Christmas. Reading for pleasure has continued to be a focus for us all: Year 5 & 6 children have enjoyed being 'Surprise Readers' to KS1 when they read them a story each week, it has been great to see that EYFS have hosted their first 'Come Read with Me' with parents of the year, Year 6 reading role models have embraced the challenge of inspiring our boys to love reading and the children have loved the stories being read to them as part of the brand new Reading Spine! The list could go on! Christmas is a fantastic time to enjoy a story together. Please take time to read with family and friends. Continue to send in any reading for pleasure photographs to inspire the other children.

Miss Lilley

Poetry week 2021

This October saw the start of a brand new Highweek tradition: Poetry Week! The children were immersed in classic poems which they learnt and explored throughout the week before performing virtually to each other on the Friday. On Wednesday, every child was lucky enough to attend a poetry performance by the fantastic RAP Poet, **Karl Nova**. It was magical to see the children so inspired by poetry and creating their own poems.



Christmas Stories on Storynory

Share traditional Christmas stories together, including A Christmas Carol, on this free website.



<https://www.storynory.com/category/seasons/christmas-stories/>

Book Quizzes

How well do you really know children's books? Test yourself on these fun quizzes!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/quizzes/>

Come Read with Me and reading in Nursery

The children in the EYFS have loved sharing a special book with their adults during 'Come Read with Me'. Children in Nursery love to read; you can see pictures of them stopping anywhere to share a story!



The children also enjoy becoming **Word Wizards** when they use one of the words of the week! They get to celebrate their achievement by wearing wizard hats!



'Twas the Night before Christmas...

Get into the Christmas spirit by reading and enjoying the classic poem: A Visit from Saint Nicholas together.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43171/a-visit-from-st-nicholas>

Cressida Cowell- How to Train your Dragon!

Listen to the entire book read fabulously by author Cressida Cowell. Remember, this is an AR book so you can quiz after listening.



<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE5MZB5pedUMNJLdguOwYaSILOdRLHcUO>