



Accelerated Reader Newsletter



Spring 2

Continuing with the 2026 National Year of Reading Campaign, we have enjoyed even more exciting events and activities throughout February and March!

After half term, Year 5 took part in a **live poetry event**, which inspired the children to create their own poetic raps. These were entered into a competition for the chance to have their work performed by a professional rapper and storyteller, Alim Kamara, as well as published in a book—so watch this space, and fingers crossed!

We have also launched our **paired buddy reading initiative**, where children from Key Stage 2 meet with Year 2 pupils to share books and take part in activities centered around high-quality book discussions. This has already proven to be a wonderful way to build confidence and a love of reading across year groups.



Our teachers have also had the opportunity to enhance their **reading teaching skills** through a fantastic workshop led by English consultant Jane Branson, who shared her expertise along with valuable book recommendations.

Another highlight was a visit from the **West Sussex Mobile Library Bus**. This gave children from each class the opportunity to explore a wide range of books and select some to bring back and enjoy in their classrooms.

Following pupil feedback on our library, we have continued to **buy new books** to improve variety, particularly across different ZPD ranges, ensuring there is something for every reader.



Last, but by no means least, we celebrated **World Book Day in style!** Each year group focused on a different author, learning about their lives and how they became writers and illustrators. The children enjoyed reading recommended texts, attending live author workshops, and taking part in a range of fun activities. We were even featured in the local newspaper! If you would like to see photos from the day, please visit the Gallery section of our website.

We have even more planned for the 2026 National Year of Reading Campaign, and we can't wait to share it with the children!



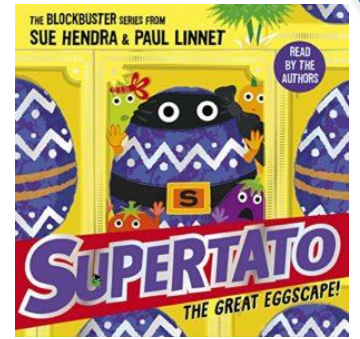
Happy Easter Reading! Mrs Irwin



Easter Recommended Reads

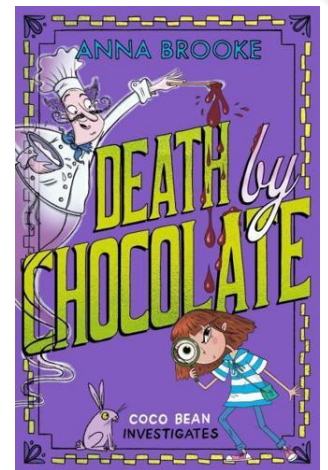
Key Stage 1 – Supertato: The Great Eggscape

The newest adventure in this bestselling series is an irresistibly chocolate-y caper starring Supertato and the Evil Pea! It's night-time in the supermarket and SOMEONE has stolen ALL the Easter eggs! Never fear! Supertato and the veggies have a plan to get them back. It's EGGciting, it's EGGcellent, but will it also be...foiled?! There's only one way to find out!



Key Stage 2 - Death by Chocolate by Anna Brooke

The Bean family's hotel in France is losing money, and the resident ghost isn't helping matters. Monsieur Framboise, a magnificently named former chocolatier, haunts the building with unfinished business and a talent for confectionery. With her friend Louis, Coco Bean learns the secrets of chocolate making and starts digging into the mystery of his death. Laugh-out-loud action, mystery and plenty of cocoa fuel a race to save the hotel before Easter in this fast-paced read for 8+ year olds.



[HOME CONNECT PARENTS – Your child's quiz scores to your inbox!](#)

Did you know that you can receive email notifications with updates on your child's test and quiz scores? If you would like to receive email notifications, then follow the instructions below.

To log in to our 'Seaside Home Connect' website, please use the following link:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=2249043>

and log in with your child's 'User Name and Password'. This should be recorded in the front of their reading record.

You may need to add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book, to make sure that the emails reach your inbox.



Quizzing at Home:

Accessing Accelerated Reader from home for quizzing:

Remember to use this link or QR code:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2249043>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Each class teacher has nominated children within their reading class to receive one of four awards.

- **Reading Target Points Met** - The teacher sets each child an individual points target – children need to quiz on their books and pass to earn their book points and reach their target.
- **Most Improved ZPD** – this is based on a Star reading test which the children complete each half term. The winner is the person in each class who has had the biggest increase in their ZPD range, which can also be converted to their reading age.
- **Best Attitude to Reading** – all adults involved in reading across the school, select a child who has really impressed them with their efforts towards reading.
- **Best Kept Reading Record** – the child in each class who has recorded a sufficient amount of home and school reading, as well as identifying new vocabulary within their books.
- **Best Effort with reading Non-Fiction** - the child who is making a real effort to read a variety of non-fiction books.

All the teachers' nominations were placed into a hat and a winner for each award has been selected at random. The winners for this half term are...

Key Stage	Most Improved Reader/ZPD	Best Attitude towards Reading	Best Kept Reading Record	Best Effort with Reading Non-Fiction	Reading Target Points Met
KS1	Alice O'Shea	Holly Grey	Freddie Patten	Oliver Collins	Ensley Bolland
KS2	Taylor Mitchell	Jessie Hill	Jade Onyimba	Leo Woodall	Jimi Bardey

New Word Millionaire Readers

Children are continuing to work hard towards an increased word count - here are the new millionaires!

An enormous 'congratulations' to these children.

Bronze - 1 million words	Silver - 2 million words	Gold - 5 million words	Platinum 10 million Words!
Brooke Charlotte Rory Hopkins Alice Dabkowska Edith Smith Leo Herridge Yasmin De Oliveira Musleh Ajay Ariharan Finlay Starr Charlie McCormick Edward Gordon Hayley Rudwick	Emily Goodman Henry Harman Charlie Goldup-Finn Freddie Reilly	Archie Peacock Thea Elphick Ellie Parsons	



We are also extremely excited to be able to welcome the following ***new children to AR***. It is lovely when we get to add new children and we really look forward to seeing them progress in their AR journey. It is such a fantastic achievement to move onto 'Accelerated Reader' and we love being able to acknowledge and welcome as many children as we can.

Accelerated Reader Welcomes...		
Thomas Grimstone	Alfie Theobald	
Harry Banfield	Gracie Whitman	
Ava-Rae Lee	Noah Harding	

**Congratulations to the children who were nominated and those that won, enjoy your Book Prizes!
You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.**