



Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our Reading newsletter!

Welcome back to the new academic year at Steam Mills and the end of the first term. The children have all been enjoying lots of lovely books in their classroom and it has been great to see the library being so well used by children at lunchtimes.

Reading underpins every aspect of the curriculum and it is really important to share a wide range of books at home to inspire a love of reading for your child.

Mrs Gibbs (Reading lead)

Reading café!

This year, we are starting a reading café once a term in the library. This is an opportunity for parents/ carers to share a book with their child and have a cup of tea and biscuit in the library.

We will alternate the day to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to join us! The café will be open 3:30-4pm on the dates below.

Mrs Gibbs will be on hand to answer any reading questions. We look forwards to seeing you there.

Dates:

Autumn- Wednesday 15th November

Spring- Tuesday 30th January, Friday 15th March

Summer- Thursday 25th April, Wednesday 19th June



Supporting your child at home

The Book Trust is a brilliant place to find some advice on reading and supporting your child at home. Here are some top tips:

- It is never too early to start reading to your child- share stories as early as you can
- Sharing picture books is fun for all ages- explore the pictures together, looking for clues that give you more information about the text
- Encourage a love of reading- make time to share book together and visit local libraries to find new and exciting books

Parent readers

Reading is a vital part of your child's education. The more that they have opportunities to read to an adult, the greater impact this has on their reading journey.

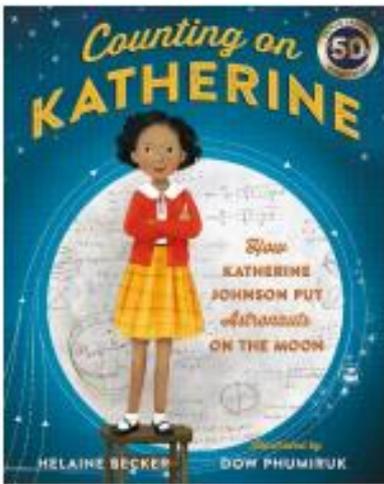
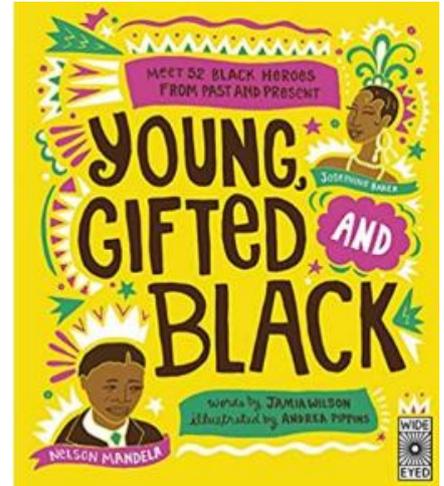
If you have an hour a week to volunteer to listen to children read, please get in contact with Mrs Gibbs or Miss Agg in the school office.

Recommended reads

The month of October celebrates Black History and here are some lovely books that celebrate Black history. Article 2- The right to non-discrimination (treating everyone equally)

Young, Gifted and Black

This book consists of a collection of 52 stories about inspirational people of colour from the past and the present. It is a colourful and celebratory book highlighting the talent and contributions of black leaders and change makers from all over the world. Learn about Mary Seacole, Matthew Henson, Mo'Nique, Beyoncé Knowles, Serena Williams and many more.



Counting on Katherine

A picture book biography of Katherine Johnson, an African American mathematician who is now better known thanks to the film Hidden Figures. Her flight path calculations allowed Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 to land on the moon and her recalculation of the flight path of Apollo 13 allowed it to return safely to Earth when things went wrong. The author interviewed Katherine Johnson and her family in order to write this accessible biography.

When life gives you mangoes

This author's debut novel is informed by her own childhood experiences living in a fishing village in Jamaica. The setting and relationships within the community are strongly evoked. The story has a timeless feel in many respects although a fleeting reference to the Bob Marley museum puts the date at post 1985. A book about coming to terms with pain from the past and the recovery of memories.

