

Reading at St Mary's

At St Mary's we have been working hard to continue to promote a love of reading and reading for pleasure. Have a look below to see some of the wonderful things we have been doing.

World Book Day!

Our whole school celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 6th March by dressing up as some of our favourite characters. We got to share stories and complete activities within our classes to do with reading and even got to join up with another class to have shared story time!









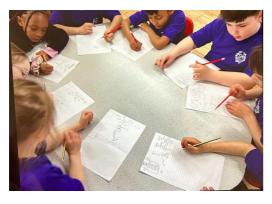




Author visit

We also received a visit from author Ellie Irving on Monday 24th March. She did an assembly to the whole school and spoke about how she became an author and why she loves writing so much. KS2 classes were then very lucky to receive an hour writing workshop with Ellie. The feedback from the children about this was great.









Year 4 and 5

Year 4 and Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to visit Dial Lane Book Shop in the town centre on Friday 7th March. They went with their World Book Day vouchers and were very lucky to receive a whole bag full of free books each! They got to meet the owner of the book shop and had a great time seeing the fabulous selection Dial Lane has. Year 4 even managed to enjoy a picnic and some reading in the park on their way back to school.







In October, we replenished our library with a selection of new literature. You may have noticed your children coming home with brand new books! They seem to be really enjoying these – the new multi-cultural books have been particularly popular. Our Year 6 librarians work hard to sort our library and made sure our new books are displayed nicely.

In December, Reception were very lucky to have a visit from Let's talk reading. A volunteer came and shared stories with the children during part of a morning. As part of their initiative to get children in the early years reading - every Reception child received a free book! How amazing! We are hoping to have them back again in the Summer term for Reception and future Reception cohorts.



Year 1

Year 1 went on a trip to Ipswich County Library on Friday 14th March. They had a mini tour of the Library and story times with the librarian and Mr Cook! We sent out library card applications so some children were able to borrow books with their new library cards for the very first time! The children then got to enjoy a well-deserved picnic in the park with their new books!







We have tried very hard this year to boost the children's positive experiences of reading and we are excited to continue doing so for the rest of this academic year and beyond.





