



Spring Term Reading Newsletter

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children so far this year in encouraging reading at home. We hope that you are really enjoying seeing the photos on Tapestry of the children and their reading achievements each week – we are all super proud of the efforts which they are putting in.

Just as a reminder;

3x weekly reads = Bronze award

4 x weekly reads = Silver award

5 x weekly reads = Gold award

7 x weekly read = Platinum award.

Reading for Pleasure

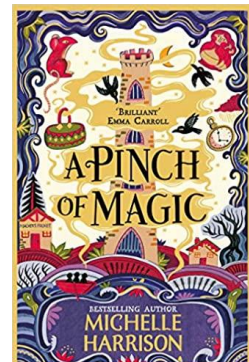
At Stanion we are not only committed to increasing the reading comprehension of the pupils at our school but also in increasing the children's pleasure for reading. With that in mind, we try to provide the children with as many opportunities to discuss and enjoy books as possible in school. We are always interested to see and hear about the wonderful books which the children enjoy reading at home and love it when the children suggest new books and magazines for us to fill our classrooms with and enjoy.

As part of our continued desire to support and encourage the children to build their pleasure for reading we, as staff, have pledged to show the children our own pleasure for reading too. We believe it is so important that we keep up to date with current children's books (both fiction and non-fiction) and we want the children to view us all as readers too.

As a result of this, we have set up a new 'staff reading challenge' in which one member of staff picks a children's book each half term for the rest of the staff to enjoy. This can be a book from any key stage and can be fiction, non-fiction or poetry. We aim to read and embrace the new books being picked for us so that we can then share our thoughts and views on our staff display in the library as well as discuss the books with the children and encourage the pupils to enjoy them too.

We would love to invite parents and carers to also take part in this challenge. Each half term we will let you know what our new book is and, should you wish to read the book too, we would love to hear your thoughts on it (and if you are feeling brave enough) send in a photo of you reading it for our display so that we can continue to build a reading community at Stanion. As each book changes there will be a parent name (randomly selected) to win a small prize for taking part.

Our book for the Spring term is called 'A Pinch of Magic' by Michelle Harrison:



We really look forward to seeing what you think of this book. Thoughts and photos can be sent to rfindlay@stanionprimary.org.uk

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be inviting the children to take part in the annual World Book Day. We know that the children all really enjoy this day and the teachers are all currently working hard to plan some fantastic activities to do with the children.

We will be inviting all of the children to come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. This year, we would kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 for dressing up. This money will be put towards buying our new 'Reading Shed', which we hope to buy for our playground later in the year. Many of the children enjoy reading at playtime and so we want to provide somewhere for them to enjoy doing so and another chance to explore more books during their free time.

Book Squad

Finally, thank you to all of the children who applied to be on the Stanion School Book Squad this year. I was absolutely blown away with the volume and quality of entries and I really couldn't pick 'winners'. Therefore we have decided to invite all of the children who put in an application to become part of our book squad. We will have our first meeting after half term and will look at how we can continue to raise the profile of reading across the school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Findlay