



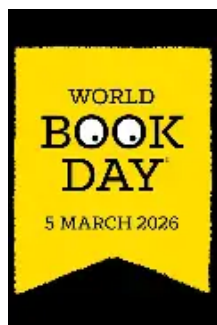
2026: The Year of Reading

In 2026, we're putting reading at the heart of everything we do! This year, we'll be inspiring children to develop a love of books, stories and information through exciting reading activities, shared stories and regular reading at school and at home.

Reading helps children grow in confidence, imagination and understanding of the world—and together, we can make 2026 a year full of brilliant books and joyful reading experiences for every child.

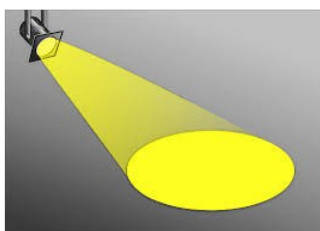
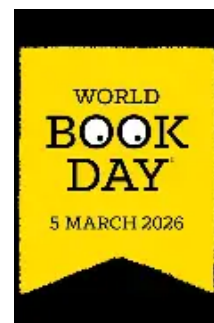
Ask your children what activities they are doing each month to celebrate the year of reading in school.

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March



To celebrate WBD at Oxbridge Lane Primary School we have so many amazing things going on:

- The children (and staff) can dress up as their favourite character for the day
- We have the amazing author Stuart Reid visiting school and working with the children
- Liz Million, a fantastic author and illustrator, will also visit the pupils and complete some workshops with them.
 - We have the book fair arriving from 10th March for a week.
- Ready, Steady, Read challenge for all pupils with some fantastic prizes to be won
 - Lots of fun activities to be completed during the day also.



Spotlight on... Retrieval

Each newsletter we will include some questions that you could ask your child, focussing on one area of reading comprehension.

Retrieval involves finding and recalling information that is clearly stated in the text. These questions can be asked before, during and after reading.

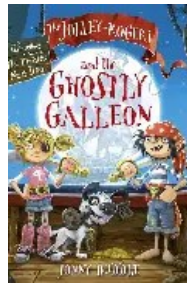
- ☐ Who are the main characters in the story?
- ☐ Where and when does the story take place?
- ☐ Can you find a word or sentence that tells us...?
- ☐ What does the text say about...?

What are we reading this half term?

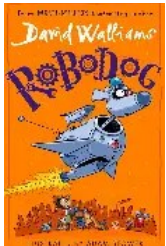
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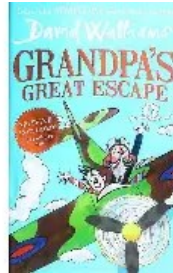
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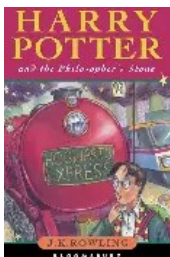
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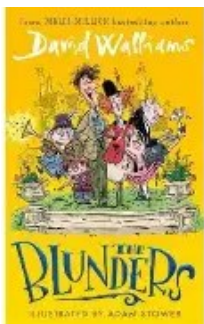
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Year 6



Ask your child to tell you about the story they have been listening to in class.

Polite Reminder

You may notice that your child can read the book they bring home quite well, or it is a book they have read before. This is completely deliberate!

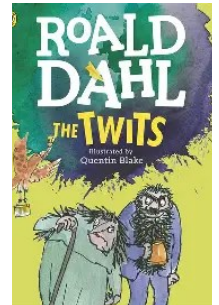
Each book should be read at least three times. Once for fluency, once for comprehension (understanding) and once for **prosody** (expression!)

Guest Readers!

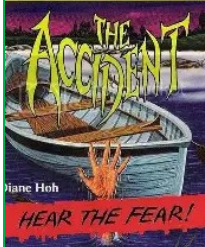
Every newsletter I'm going to ask members of staff to share their favourite books with us! Let's see what staff enjoy reading...

Mrs Franklin

I like the characters and that the monkeys got revenge in the end.



Mrs Harland



I liked the scariness of these books—I felt really grown up when

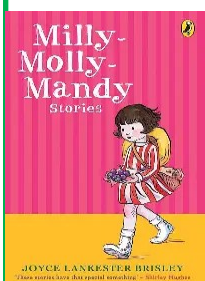
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Mr Irwin

I loved reading detective books—I enjoyed the mystery and solving crimes.



Mrs Williams



I loved getting lost in the setting of the lovely village.

Miss Parker

The twists were amazing—kept me reading

