

WELCOME TO THE READING NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MRS CROSS

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to share with you that 2026 has been named the National Year of Reading by the National Literacy Trust - a nationwide celebration designed to inspire a love of reading, improve literacy and highlight the vital role reading plays in children's learning, wellbeing and future opportunities.

The National Year of Reading aims to bring schools, families and communities together to ensure every child can enjoy reading and develop strong reading habits that last a lifetime. Reading is at the heart of learning and this national focus gives us a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and celebrate it even further. This year's theme is 'Go All In': if you're into it, read into it.

We have begun in the classroom, making sure reading sits at the heart of everything we do. Each class has already shared a book they love with another class, in what will become a yearly tradition on our 'Beecroft Christmas Day', similar to the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflokkur.

Alongside this, our school library is back in use, so look out for library books coming home with your children to share with you at home. Children will be able to visit the library with their class teacher once a fortnight and borrow a book.

We also have very capable team of librarians who have begun reading with KS1 and EYFS children. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing our children truly 'Go All In' with the National Year of Reading 2026. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Look out for information about a trip to Dunstable library for each class, the Book Fair and World Book Day.

Keep Reading!

Mrs Cross

National Year of Reading 2026

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

This is the website link which is full of ideas for families to develop a love of reading at home.

Some of these include:

- Setting aside a set time each week for everyone to sit with a book and read
- Create a mini library at home
- Read a story at bedtime
- Visit your local library

Let us know if you try any of these and any other ideas you have.



Challenge

As we enter the National Year of Reading, please choose a book you have read that has fed your soul, sparked your curiosity, or informed your mind. Prepare a visual piece of work on A4 that includes the book title and author, a short summary of the book, an image that represents the book and - most importantly - why the book holds a special memory for you.

It does not matter if the book you choose is fiction or non-fiction, poetry, prose or a picture book.

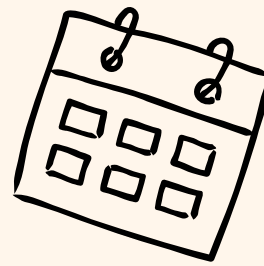
I look forward to displaying them.

DIARY DATES

27th February - 3rd March - Book Fair in the library after school and at lunchtimes

5th March - World Book Day

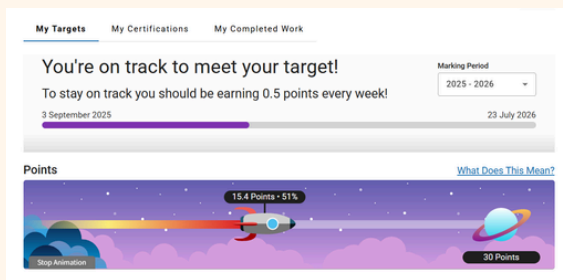
Throughout Spring Term each class will have the opportunity to visit Dunstable Library



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

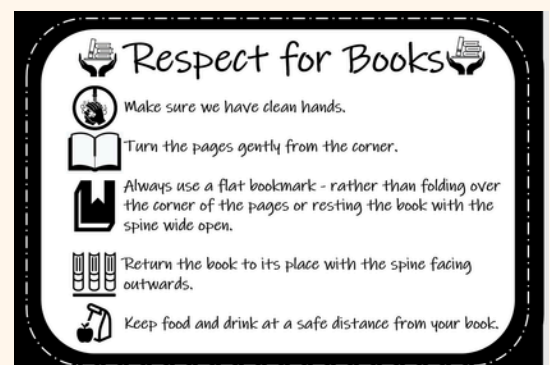
ACCELERATED READER

Year 2 to Year 6 are enjoying reading and quizzing on Accelerated Reader. They are all working hard and moving towards achieving their targets.



LIBRARY

The fiction area of the library is up and running. Children will have the opportunity to visit the library with their class once a fortnight during a Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) slot. They may borrow a book to take home, read and share with someone at home and then return it. Over the coming weeks, the non-fiction area will also be back in use and available to support curriculum lessons.



BOOK FAIR



Our school will host the Scholastic book fair again this year.

When: Friday 27th February, Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Where: Library at lunch time and after school.

Purchases will be cash only at lunchtime but card and cash payments will be taken after school