

Must Reads, Library Books and Banded Books At Petersgate

Welcome to the new school year everybody. My name is Joanne Kelly and I am the year 2 teacher in Whale Class. I am also the English Lead for Petersgate, ensuring that our reading and writing curriculum is engaging, appropriate and well-resourced throughout the school. Part of my role is to:

- to help you to help your child develop their reading skills at home
- enable you to access a plentiful variety of texts
- help you to access banded book material at your child's reading level
- assist you to access information about your child's reading development from their teacher
- encourage you to share your home reading journey with us via Seesaw and Tapestry.

You are already seeing banded books come home for reading practice and you are sharing what you do at home on either Tapestry or Seesaw. Thank you. It is important that you record your home reading as it enables us to make important assessment decisions about where to go next with your child's learning. A quick photo of the book with comments about their fluency, enjoyment and difficulties is all we need.

There are other ways we will be sending books home for you to share together. Firstly, our class libraries will reopen this week. Your child will be able to choose a library book to take home every Friday. They will need to return it the following Friday in order to swap it for another. PLEASE record your reading on Seesaw and Tapestry.

You may also like to request a copy of the recommended reading list for your child's year group from the office.

We will also begin our popular MUST READ scheme again in October.

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"MUST READ" scheme released beginning of October

- 8 books that you "must read" this year with your child
 - Designed to support our taught curriculum
- Promotes enjoyment, understanding and vocabulary building

Petersgate are delighted to announce the roll out of our "Must Read" scheme. From the beginning of October every year group will be promoting 8 books which we feel are a "must read" for our children. The books have been especially chosen for you to read to/with your child to promote enjoyment, understanding and vocabulary building. They are designed to back up the curriculum we offer and as such will be referred to by the teacher during English reading and writing lessons. They can be borrowed at any time and as many times as you like, but please try to return them swiftly as each class only has 3 copies of each book!

A Year 2 "Must Read" Box



How can you help?

- Buy your own copy?
- Donate your copy to school when your child has finished with it?
- Gift an extra copy of one of the books to your class?

While you are reading ask lots of questions...

- Which is your favourite part or favourite character in the book and why?
- Are there any bits in the book that you don't understand or don't like?
- Does this book remind you of any others? Are there any common themes in this story? (loss, love, family, friendship, survival, courage, evil, suffering, anger)

Can you tell me what has happened so far in the story?

What do you think might happen next?

Are there any rhyming or repeated patterns? Can you join in?

What does that word mean? Can you think of another word that means the same thing?

What do you think that character sounds like? What might they say or do next?

Year 1 Must Reads

The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony

The Pirates Next Door by Jonny Duddle

Stanley's Stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

The Little Green Hen by Alison Murray

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan FEARLY

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Year 2 Must Reads

Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl

The Day The Crayons Quit – Drew Daywitt/Oliver Jeffers

The Night Gardener – The Fan Brothers

Samson's Titanic journey – Lauren Graham

Dear Greenpeace – Simon James

The Thing – Simon Puttock

The Tin Forest – Helen Ward

Can I build Another Me – Shinsuke Yoshitake

Early Year's Must Reads

Must Bring a Hat by Simon Philip

This is Our House by Michael Rosen

Charlie Cook's Favourite Book by Julia Donaldson

How to Hide a Lion by Helen Stephens

Stomp, Chomp Big Roars, Here Come The Dinosaurs! by Kay Umansky

The Bear Who Stared by Duncan Beedle

Diggersaurus Explore by Michael Waite

Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis