



# Seaford Primary school Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Seaford Primary Reading Newsletter this year.

This year, we're working with the Open University on their Reading for Pleasure programme and we're hoping that all children will develop a love of reading that carries on throughout their lives. To start off the term, we've purchased a range of books that have been placed in the class book corners.



These are the books for KS 1 we've purchased with the proceeds from our second hand book shop.

And these are the books for KS 2.



Reading for pleasure is a more important indicator of future success than any socioeconomic factors. (OECD, 2002)

# Reading Champions

At Seaford Primary, we have Reading Champions who are our reading ambassadors. To become a reading champion, you have to write a letter of application and fulfil certain criteria. Once you've been accepted, you get a certificate, a badge and your picture goes on display on our Reading Champions board in the hall. It is then expected that our Champions promote reading wherever possible through e.g. writing book reviews in our newsletter. Once you've become a Reading Champion, you stay a Champion throughout your time at our school.

## What Makes a Bronze Reading Champion?

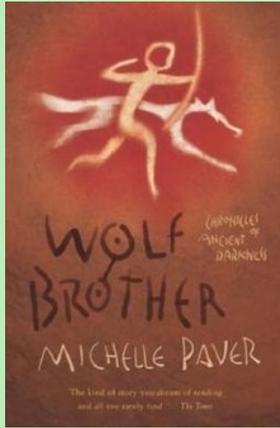
- Excited about being able to decode and recognise new words
- Displays a marked improvement in technical ability in reading
- Reads without prompts - gets 'caught reading'
- Reads at home
- Is able to choose level of reading books sensibly, but also gives themselves a challenge
- Enjoys reading
- Has a favourite book or author and can explain why
- Enthusiastic during guided/group reading
- Shares books with others - verbal recommendations
- Keeps book areas tidy

## What Makes a Gold Reading Champion?

- Has sustained reading enthusiasm (over years!)
- Is a Seaford Primary Word Millionaire
- Creates their own and participates in reading initiatives around the school
- Involves their family in reading
- Has excellent understanding of what they have read
- Has excellent awareness of different genres and features of texts
- Consistently helps other children with their reading skills (independently)
- Contributes to assemblies about reading
- Develops reading resources on the learning platform
- Creates quizzes based on their own reading
- Organises reading events
- Is able to read to others with good expression and appropriate pace and tone
- Champions new books and authors and encourages others to try them

## What Makes a Silver Reading Champion?

- Has sustained enthusiasm for reading
- Achieves very good reading progress linked to AR - does quizzes regularly
- Continues to develop own reading - more challenging texts
- Shares/promotes reading with class/other year groups
- Shares book reviews on the learning platform/in the library
- Displays 'a love of reading'
- Reads with less able peers/helps with phonics
- Brings in books from home and discusses them with the class
- Recommends books for peers/libraries/book areas
- Participates in any reading initiatives/competitions etc.
- Makes opportunities to write about their reading



*Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver*

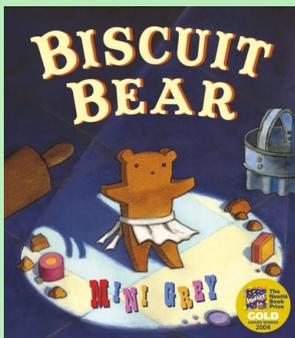
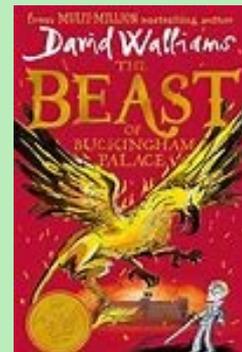
*This phenomenal book is about a young boy called Torak, whose father has been killed by a demon in a bear's body. To remove the bear from existence, he must gather all the Nanuaks and sacrifice his heart's blood to the world spirit. This is a great book!*

*Sebby 6R*

*The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams*

*Alfred was weak and never able to get out of bed. However, one night something changed.... This is another fun book by David Walliams and it definitely doesn't disappoint.*

*Lara 6R*



*Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey*

*This is all about a boy whose biscuits come to life. I like this book because it makes me feel excited and it is nerve wracking because you don't know what will happen next. I give it 10/10!*

*Michael 2R*



*Our second hand bookshop will be doing a tour of the classes over the next few weeks. Look out for information on Class Dojo for when it's coming to your child's year group.*



*Recommendation for adults—Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus*

*This is one of the best books I've read this year. Bonnie Garmus' smart, funny book tells the story of single mum Elizabeth Zott in the early 1960s in America. Zott is a brilliant scientist in a world dominated by men. When she becomes the unlikely and reluctant cooking show host on TV, she quickly becomes the role model not only her daughter, but also women across America, need and deserve. A truly fabulous read!*

*Mrs McMullen*