

Reading Review

Welcome back to a new school year at Chiltern Way Academy! This year more than ever, we will be encouraging students to read to an adult or be read to at home at least 2 times a week. Studies have shown that children who access books at home actually end up with better attainment levels in all subjects than children who do not read or hear stories at home. We are always happy to reward students with dojo points when they have read or heard a book at home, so please let their class teacher know!

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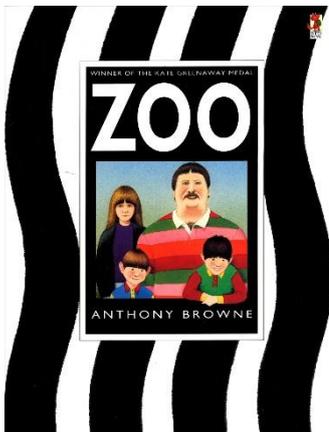
is to the **BODY.**

Sir Richard Steele



Author recommendation:

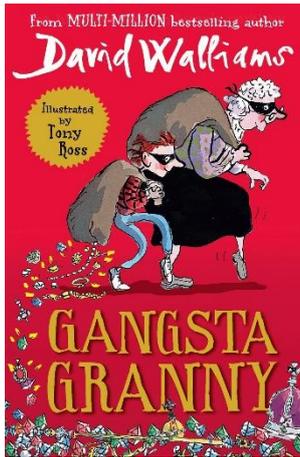
Anthony Browne



We have recently ordered some Anthony Browne books for students to read in class. He writes and illustrates picture books (he has published 50!) that usually feature animals. The best part about his illustrations is that they feature lots of hidden messages and pictures for readers to find and discuss. We have lots of these books in school, so please ask your child's teacher if you would like one sent home to read with your child!



What we've been reading...



Performing Arts Class

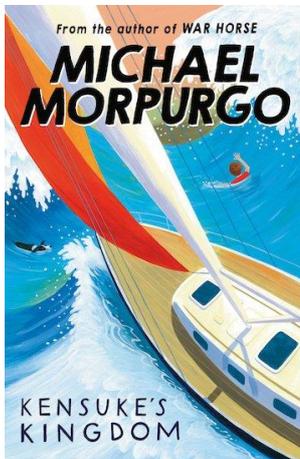
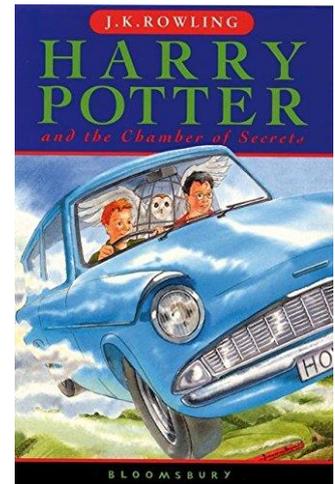
Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

A young bored boy and his Grandma decide to join hands and steal the crown jewels, after discovering that she used to be a jewel thief. Whilst his parents spend every weekend ballroom dancing, 11 year old Ben goes to stay with his granny. Those weekends seem boring at first but then quickly become anything but!

Entrepreneurs Class

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J K Rowling

Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursleys by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through empty corridors – and then the attacks start. Students are found as though turned to stone ... Dobby's sinister predictions seem to be coming true. Entrepreneurs class are enjoying this book, which is so much better than the film!



Trades Class

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

To fit in with their Land Ahoy theme, Trades class have been reading books about ships, boats and sailors. Kensuke's Kingdom is a story of an eleven year old boy who gets washed up on an island on the eve of his 12th birthday and meets an old man by the name of Kensuke who has lived alone on the island for 40+ years.

Adults: have you tried....?

We often mention the importance of reading aloud with your child (yes, even up to and including year 6!), but have you tried echo reading before? Echo reading removes the strain of decoding words, whilst still allowing the child to read aloud. The child re-reads the same part of the text immediately after it has been read to an adult; this allows the adult to model the pronunciation and expression for the child to imitate. This can be done by sentence or by paragraph. Have a go!

Calling all students...Chance to win dojo points!

We want to hear about what you've been reading. Any student that brings Miss Power a written book review over the next half term will receive 8 dojo points...get reading and writing!

