



Beaconside's Spring Reading Newsletter

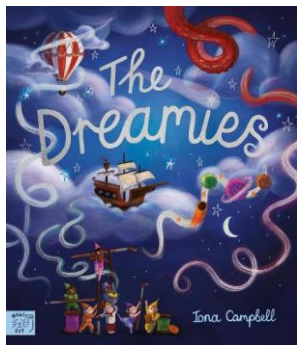

Welcome to our Reading Newsletter

We are thrilled to present our Spring Reading Newsletter, a vibrant resource designed to inspire both parents and children. Reading is not just a skill; it is a gateway to imagination, knowledge, and confidence. We invite you to reflect on the last book that sparked joy or curiosity in your life. Together, let's cultivate a love for reading that strengthens our community and enriches our children's lives. Please share this newsletter with your child also.

In this newsletter, you will find:

- **Reading Tips:** Discover practical strategies to make reading a delightful experience at home.
- **Beaconside's Spring Reading Challenge:** Join us in an exciting Spring challenge that encourages reading.
- **New and Trending Books:** Stay updated with the latest literature that captivates young readers.
- **Staff Interview:** Gain an insight from a member of staff about their reading experiences and recommendations.
- **Interactive Game:** Participate in our fun guessing game to engage with beloved characters.

New and Trending Books

			
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Spring Reading Challenge

We are excited to launch our **Spring Reading Challenge**, filled with fun and seasonal reading challenges for our primary children to enjoy. Each square encourages children to explore books in different ways, from reading in a cosy spot to sharing a story with someone at home. Children who complete the 16 tasks will be rewarded with a **special reading certificate** and **bookmark** to celebrate their effort, enthusiasm, and love of reading. We hope this challenge inspires families to enjoy reading together and makes reading even more fun this Spring! 🌸📖

A printed copy will be given to your child this week.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>Beaconside's Spring Reading Challenge</u></h2> 			
Read a book about animals.	Read outside under a tree.	Read a book with flowers on the cover.	Read aloud a poem about Spring.
Read a story that makes you laugh.	Visit your local library.	Listen to an audiobook.	Read a non-fiction book about nature.
Read a book to a family member.	Read a book with a main character your age.	Take a book on a picnic.	Draw your favourite scene from a book you read.
Read a book in a comfy blanket fort.	Read a fairy tale.	Make up your own Spring story and read it aloud.	Act out your favourite scene from a book.
Tick the challenges off as you complete them. Once you have completed all the challenges, please get an adult to sign below and return the bingo card to school.			
Child's name:		Year group:	Signed:

A Reading Interview with Miss Sheen

We believe that role models play a crucial role in fostering a love for reading, and in this section, we are excited to feature an interview with one of our staff members: Miss Sheen.

Did you enjoy reading when you were younger?	How often do you read at home?	Do you have a favourite author or illustrator?
<p>I have always loved reading. When I was at primary school, I read a lot of Roald Dahl and Jacqueline Wilson books. I remember going to the library and spending ages picking out the books I wanted to read at home.</p>	<p>I like to read every night before going to sleep.</p>	<p>As a child, Jacqueline Wilson was my favourite author and I was lucky enough to meet her. I now like the way Tom Fletcher writes and I enjoy his stories, especially Space Band.</p>

Guess the Character! (Answers on page 4.)

1.) Can you guess who I am?

- I have terrible tusks and terrible claws.
- I have knobby knees and turned-out toes.
- I might seem scary, but I'm not as fearsome as I sound!
- I appear in a very popular story by Julia Donaldson.

Who am I?

2.) Can you guess who I am?

- I live in a strange world hidden beneath your bed.
- I come out at night when you are fast asleep.
- I love collecting socks and other lost things.
- I appear in a book by the author Tom Fletcher.

Who am I?

Top Tips for Reading

In our commitment to supporting families in fostering a love of reading, we are pleased to share our top tips for enhancing reading experiences at home:

Engage in Book Talk

- A simple, enjoyable conversation about a book that children are reading.
- Discuss the story, characters, and ideas, asking questions, and sharing opinions.
- Book talk helps children understand what they read, build vocabulary, think critically, and express themselves confidently.

Read Together

- Take turns reading pages or sentences.
- For younger children, read aloud and use expression and voices to bring the story alive.
- Discuss pictures and predict what might happen next.

Create a Reading-Friendly Environment

- Have a comfortable reading corner with books within reach.
- Offer a variety of reading materials: picture books, comics, magazines, audio books, and digital texts.
- Having books easily accessible and a comfortable reading space motivates children to pick up books on their own.

Visit the Library

- Children can explore different genres, authors, and topics without cost, discovering what truly interests them.
- In a library, children are surrounded by books and a reading-friendly environment makes reading exciting and fun.

Answers: Guess the Character

- 1.) The Gruffalo
- 2.) A Creaker