

The Gates Reading Round-up

"Unlock New Worlds, Open **The Gates** of Imagination."

Welcome to the Spring edition of The Gates 'Reading Round up.'

We'll be using this half-termly newsletter to share updates and promote reading across our school...

Why is reading important?

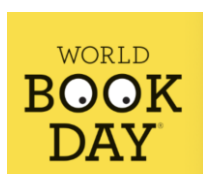
The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. A child's education, social and cognitive growth, general well-being, and mental health can all be enhanced by reading for enjoyment.

Research shows that by reading to children, you provide them with a deep understanding about their world and fill their brains with background knowledge. They then use this acquired background knowledge to make sense of what they see, hear, and read, which aids their cognitive development.

Reading gives us the ability to travel outside of our own reality. We can learn about a culture completely different from our own while immersing ourselves in the lives of imaginary people within the pages of a book. Additionally, we can experience a variety of emotions, pick up new words and phrases.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 6th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year we have decided to host a story time day. This means that children can come to school wearing pyjamas these can be character related but it is not compulsory. We ask that children bring a book to swap with their friends.



100 Book Challenge

We have an amazing selection of books across school that children can take home to read for pleasure. Whilst reading our books you are engaging in our 100 book challenge and will be rewarded when you meet each of the milestones.

Bronze – 10 books

Silver – 25 books

Gold – 50 books

Platinum – 100 books

These can be changed throughout the week.

Reader Recommends

EYFS

Harrison (Reception) ... The Runaway Pea

I love this book by Kjartan Poskitt because it is funny and I like the characters.



KS1

Tiffany (Year 1) ... My Best Friend, Bob

I like this book by Georgie Ripper because it is about two guinea pigs that get separated but at the end reunite. I like it because I like animals and it makes me smile especially the ending.



LKS2

Scarlett (Year 3)...Usborne Illustrated Fairy Tales

This book is by Rosie Dickins and I really like it because has multiple stories in one. I like the different settings and the pictures are very pretty. The book has different fairy tales inside including The Frog Prince, Little Red Riding Hood and The Swan Princess.



UKS2

Mia (Year 6)...Dog man – Mothering Heights

This book is written by Amy Wilson and I really recommend it. Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past, and Grampa is up to no good. The world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is not lost. Can the incredible power of love save the day? It is full of plot twists and turns and I have really enjoyed reading it.



What book would you recommend to your friends? It could be fiction, non-fiction or poetry. What is so brilliant about it? Send a book review (either hand written or typed) along with the title and author of your book, to our reading buddies.

You could even include a photograph, too! Your review could even feature in the next edition of our reading round up!

Our Book Vending Machine!






Our book vending machine is a recent purchase kindly donated by the PTA. Children who show good **engagement** with our weekly reading challenge by achieving green will have a chance of earning a golden token to choose a book of their choice from the vending machine.

Our reading buddies have helped stock this and have chosen some new and amazing books on their visit to Waterstones.



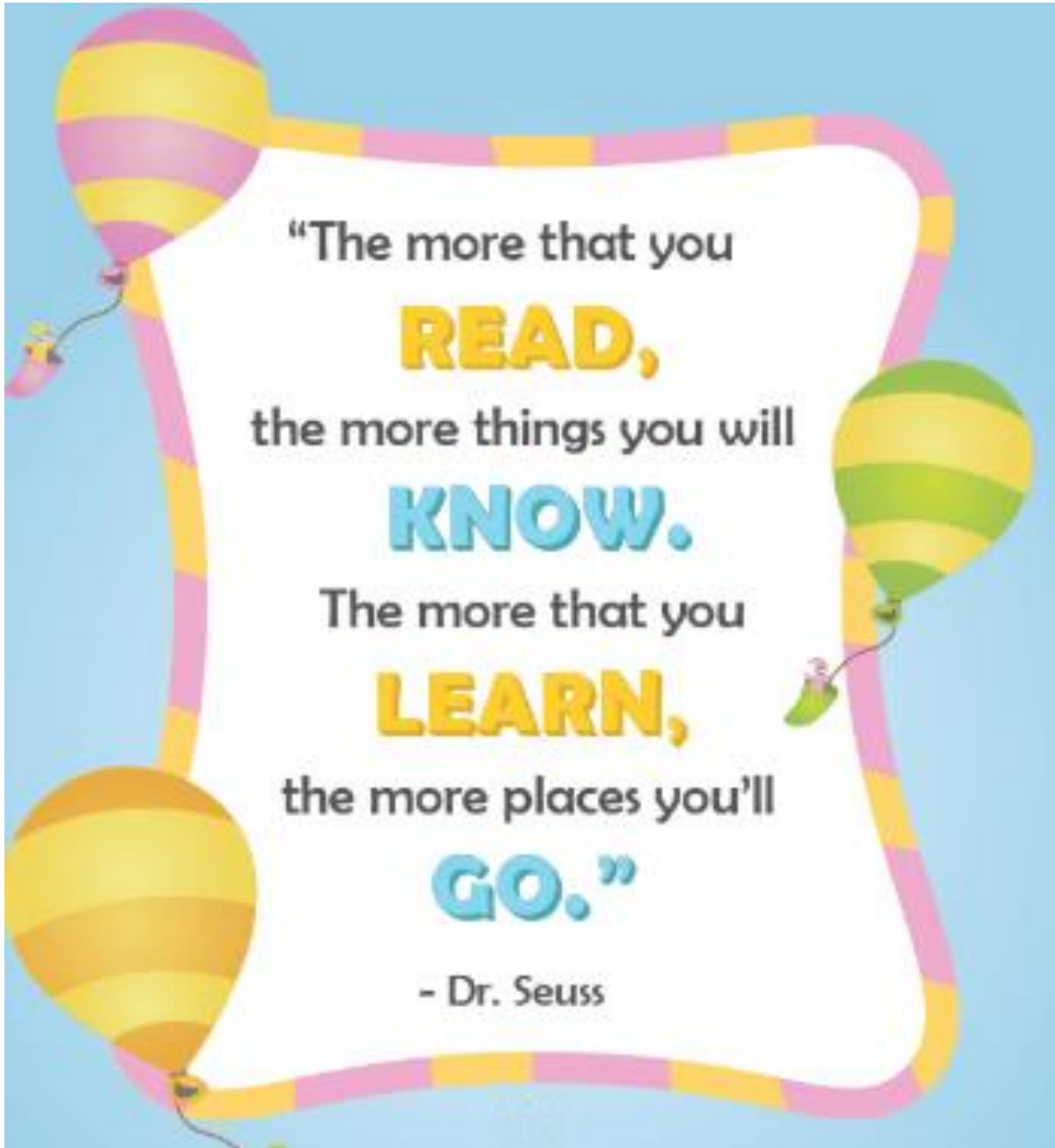
February Half Term Reading Challenge 17th – 21st

Over the February half term complete the challenges below. When you complete the task, write down the name of the book / poem / podcast that you have used and the author. Please return your completed challenge sheet to school by Thursday 27th February to receive a sticker, certificate and be entered into a draw to win a token for our reading vending machine.

<p>Read a story or poem about love</p> 	<p>Read a pancake recipe</p> 	<p>Read a book that makes you laugh</p> 
<p>Read a book that has a character that is an animal</p> 		<p>Listen to an audiobook or podcast</p> 

Turn the page, step into the spotlight.





“The more that you
READ,
the more things you will
KNOW.

The more that you
LEARN,
the more places you’ll
GO.”

- Dr. Seuss