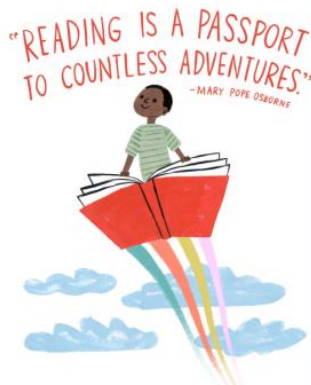
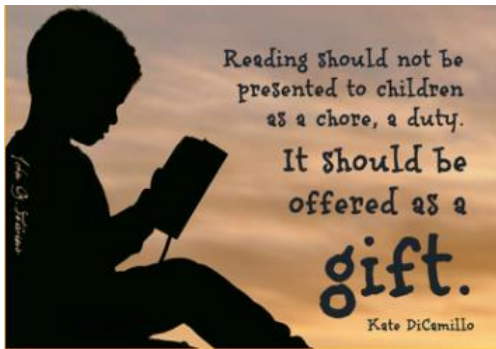


Reading Review

November 2023

Welcome to the November edition of the Reading Review and the first of the school year. It has been wonderful to see children's enthusiasm towards reading continue this academic year!



New 'Blue Peter' Book Badge!



Blue Peter have introduced an exciting new book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

To earn your badge, you need to share your love of books by answering a few questions.

Maybe you could achieve the Book Badge?

Visit the Blue Peter website to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Supporting Readers at Home

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

Read Aloud
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

Family Reading Time
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.

Book Chat
Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

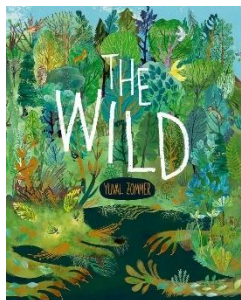
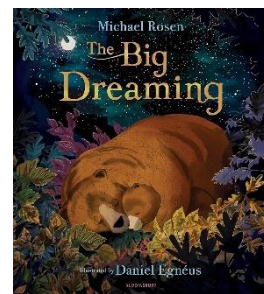
For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org

I wonder if...why... what...who...

What to read next...

For EYFS

From beloved author Michael Rosen comes *The Big Dreaming*. This beautifully illustrated book tells of a big bear and a little bear preparing for their winter sleep. Little Bear gathers dreams of happiness, home and hope from the forest's inhabitants to help see them through the winter. A beautiful, seasonal picture book!

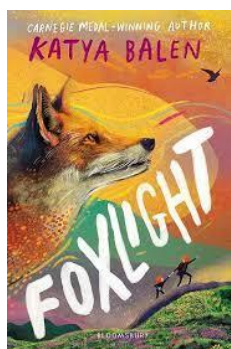
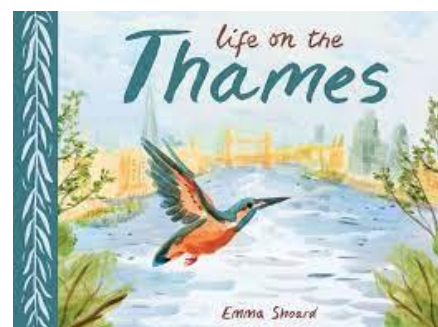


For KS1

The Wild is a picture book which reads like a fable. The 'Wild' is a personified being which generously supports the life that lives on its back, until one creature – humans – begins taking more than it needs. A gorgeously illustrated book about coexisting with the natural world and a call to environmental action.

For LKS2

A new information book, *Life on the Thames*, follows the wildlife, habitats and human histories of the River Thames, all the way from source to the sea. Written and beautifully illustrated by Emma Shoard, the use of watercolours within this book perfectly matches the content.



For UKS2

From celebrated author Katya Balen comes *Foxlight*, a much-anticipated new novel about sisterhood and family in which twin girls, found curled up amongst foxes as children, set off together on a journey of self-discovery, and into different kinds of wilderness. A stirring and emotional adventure, filled with immersive depictions of the natural world.

Don't compare your own reading journey with others. Read daily and be proud of yourself!

Just read and enjoy! 😊



Looking for more book recommendations?

Scan the QR code to discover thousands of books to inspire your children!