



Sherburn High School Literacy Bulletin

Summer 2024: Welcome to our inaugural bulletin!

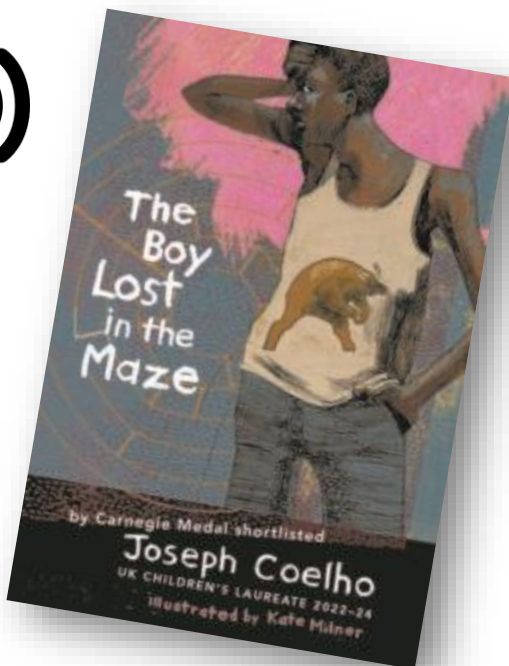


We have been delighted with the number of books borrowed from the school library this academic year. There have been in excess of 2,250 books issued since November. We are determined to continue to promote reading in our school and have already allocated reading time during Period 1 sessions.

We are dedicated to make the library inclusive to all students regardless of ability and have already started to develop our dyslexia friendly selection and updated our non-fiction books with a wide range of interests and hobbies. Graphic novels have been particularly popular this year. Students are always welcomed to provide book suggestions and should drop these in the suggestion box in the library or speak to Mrs Law.



What we're reading: Carnegie Prize winner 2024



Your child has recently completed a reading age test in their English lesson. Students complete the reading age tests twice a year to identify their progress in the following skills: comprehension; vocabulary; inference and analysis.. The reading ages are shared with all staff to ensure a consistent approach with promoting and supporting literacy skills in school.

It is vital that students are reading regularly as this will help build their confidence in approaching more challenging texts required for GCSE and in Post-16 and in accessing the full range of topics being studied. Developing confidence in reading also enables students to become fluent writers and enables them to develop their oracy skills, through discussion work, articulating ideas, drama and presentations.

FirstNews



First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14 year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We love using First News in the classroom and are thrilled to offer all Sherburn High School students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

First News digital is available via an app and includes:

- Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues
- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

Here is our school's unique access link:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024/?fn=KNN8VMH9>



Upcoming events:

Summer Reading Challenge – pop into your local library to find out more.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



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