

We Are Readers

Eastbury Reading Newsletter Summer 2020



What a strange time it has been for all of us over the past few months...

Covid 19 has brought about such change for the way we have all had to live and the teachers at Eastbury couldn't be more proud of how our children (and parents!) have risen to the challenge of home schooling.

How much time have you spent **reading**?

Reading is going to be a huge focus for us as a school this year. So, without further introduction, welcome to our first edition of our newsletter on all things books!

News

We have some exciting projects planned to improve our systems for reading across the school.

Work is already underway to set up a new storage and issue system for home reading books. Our dedicated team have sourced all reading books across the school and have been painstakingly sorting them into reading levels reading to be redistributed into shiny new year group trollies!



We can't wait to get back in here again!

We are refreshing the Reading Hut stock and the Library ready for all of you bookworms in September!

Year One have already had a chance to try out our new books trollies - we hope this will make choosing a home reading book a delight in the year ahead.



Year 1 showing off their new home-reading trolley



Bug Club

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Bounce into Bug Club! Did you know that Eastbury families have access to this great resource?

Bug Club is a fully integrated, interactive library of books (fiction and non-fiction) to help your child. Stocked with truly tip-top books, it's like stepping into your favourite bookshop.

Bug Club provides titles that children would choose themselves, with a library of over 400 books for independent reading, 150 phonics and a range of targeted books that your teacher will allocate your child.

Log in and find out more!

Reading Tip: Books Blogs!

Not sure what to read next? Did you know there are loads of blogs online with reviews of books? We love the Big Book Little Book blog. BBLB reviews all books from picture books up to adult ones.



These are the hands

These are the hands
That touch us first
Feel your head
Find the pulse
And make your bed.

These are the hands
That tap your back
Test the skin
Hold your arm
Wheel the bin
Change the bulb
Fix the drip
Pour the jug
Replace your hip.

These are the hands
That fill the bath
Mop the floor
Flick the switch
Soothe the sore
Burn the swabs
Give us a jab
Throw out sharps
Design the lab.

And these are the hands
That stop the leaks
Empty the pan
Wipe the pipes
Carry the can
Clamp the veins
Make the cast
Log the dose
And touch us last.



Author focus: Michael Rosen

Did you know that Michael Rosen is a survivor of coronavirus? The much-loved author of children's books including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Little Rabbit Foo Foo* made a full recovery after spending 8 weeks in hospital. Here's the beautiful poem he once wrote in celebration of the NHS.

Would you like to feature in our next reading newsletter?

Reading can be done anywhere! Send us a photo of you reading in an unusual place

and we will include the best pictures in our next edition!