



BOOK BOX BITES

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BACK TO SCHOOL BOOKS!

WOW! The Summer 6 weeks went faster than ever this year I think! I hope that you all had time to rest, relax and recuperate in whatever ways you enjoy and I hope you managed to read a book or two as well.

Back to school can be full of big feelings for the adults as well as the children so make sure that you are looking out for yourself first. I highly recommend following Charlie @the.teachers.health.coach on Instagram for wellness tips.

This issue will focus on back to school books to read through the month (and the rest of the year) and some small ideas to help kickstart your reading for pleasure culture in the classroom.

Esther x

Useful Dates coming up

September - Friendship month

13th - Roald Dahl Day

15th - International Dot Day

23rd - Autumn Equinox

October

3rd - dyslexia week

4th - 10th - Space Week

10th - World Mental Health Day

31st - Halloween



READING FOR PLEASURE ~ RESEARCH

I repeat these quotes over and over because they are so important, for us to remember as educators and for parents to see the huge value in reading.

Recent research from the Literacy Trust shows that reading enjoyment levels are at their lowest since their records began, with children on free school meals having the lowest overall levels. with reading as the bridge that can close the attainment gap, it is vital we do all we can to encourage and promote reading as well as relentlessly teach the skills children need to be able to read.

You can find the report here.

YOU are so important to create the enthusiasm and passion in your classroom. Research shows that:

- Teachers giving personal recommendations encourages reading
- Teachers who read aloud expose children to more higher level vocabulary.
- Reading supports emotional literacy, empathy and wellbeing

All of this impacts positively on learning and attainment.



Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status (OECD, 2002)



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~ AN EMOTIONAL TOOLKIT ~

AN NEW FAVOURITE - ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT

THERE'S A RESOURCE FREEBIE FOR THIS ONE [HERE](#)

BOOKS TO HELP TALK ABOUT ANXIETY

BOOKS TO BOOST SELF ESTEEM



KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP

GREAT FOR NEW STARTERS

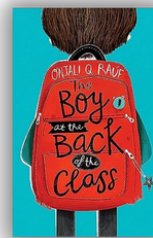
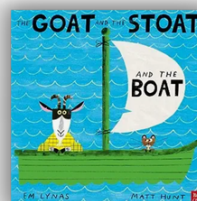


'Reading aloud should be a priority.'

'Teachers should consider providing story time to every key stage 2 class, at least four times a week for 20 minutes.'

The Reading Framework
2023

GREAT READ ALOUDS





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The Reading Framework

If you missed any of my posts about the updated reading framework over the summer you can find them all saved [here](#).

I also created a useful audit tool that can be downloaded [here](#).



Two of my favourite extracts from the Reading Framework that focus on leaders at all levels:

Leaders must 'believe that all children can learn to read... and be determined to make this happen.'

'promote a culture of reading for pleasure, ensuring that the desire to read is at the core of the curriculum.'

THREE JOBS TO KICK START YOUR CLASSROOM READING CULTURE IN SEPTEMBER.

1. Get to know your students reading habits.

- Just chat to them about their likes and dislikes or you could use a survey. There are some links [here](#).

2. Start work on your book corner.

- Cull any books that are tatty/ old/ un-read.
- Curate a selection for this term, perhaps in sections such as non-fiction, quick reads, graphic novels, adventure stories. You can put others aside for rotation later in the year.
- Try to have some books front facing.

3. Have a 15 minute book chat each week

Here's some ideas

- You recommend a read.
- Book/Library Scavenger Hunt.
- Have a 'judge a book by its cover' session.
- Discuss a question e.g. 'Which character would you most like to meet in real life? What was the last book you read that made you laugh?'