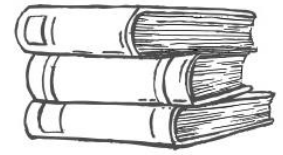




St Charles VA Academy

Reading Newsletter



ST CHARLES'
VC ACADEMY

Spring 2021



Welcome to our first ever reading newsletter!

At St Charles, we are passionate about reading and we want to share our news with you. As always, your support is hugely appreciated.

Mrs J Duncan (Assistant Head and English Lead)

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there..... they just may not have discovered it yet! There are ways you can help though. Reading with your child every day (even for a few minutes) can have a huge impact of your child's progress and love of reading. Look at the table below to see the direct impact that reading regularly can have on a child's ability. It is also a good idea to read to your child as well as listening to your child read as this can help your child develop their skills of using appropriate expression through your examples. It also gives you an opportunity to enjoy reading together. World Book Day 2021 was all about the importance of sharing stories/reading. Please ensure you or your child complete their reading records daily. Your child's teacher will monitor how regularly your child reads. It is expected that your child reads at home at least 5 times a week.

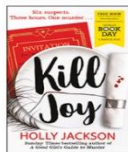
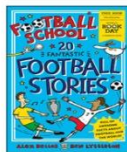
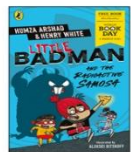
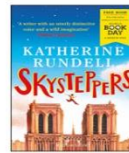
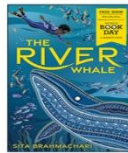
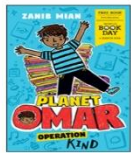
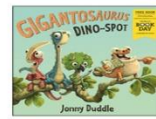
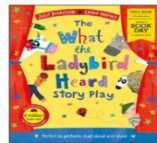
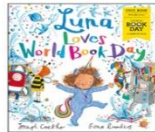
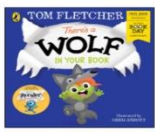
HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and is more likely to score in the 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



World Book Day 2021



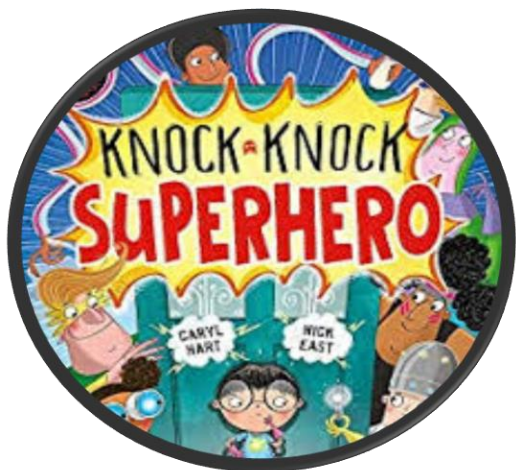
What happened this year?



What a fun day we had! The day was based around the book *Knock Knock Superhero* by Caryl Hart. We are so proud of all the wonderful costumes that the staff and children wore, and all the hard work and efforts made by everyone to make the day a success. The children had an opportunity to see photographs of the teaching staff reading their books, comics and recipe books at home. The children also had opportunities to complete activities based around superheroes such as our real-life superhero Captain Tom Moore. Children designed super spuds and superhero cars. Children were awarded certificates for their efforts during the day. The children had an opportunity to hear a story read by a teacher from another year group. There was even an end of day music and film clips quiz which was linked to books. I am passionate about reading and particularly love World Book Day and all that it stands for. Next year, I look forward to hosting it in school with all the children present. In the meantime, please use your £1 book token to purchase a book from selected retailers. More details on www.worldbookday.com.

St Charles can also email you a link to a digital version of the token if you wish.

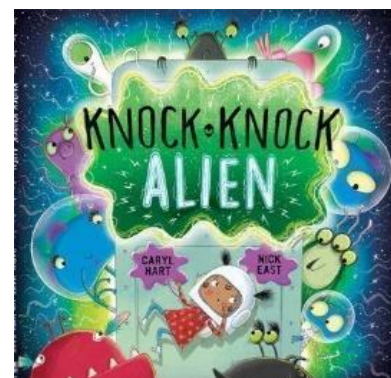
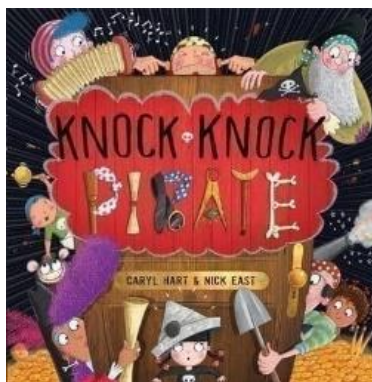
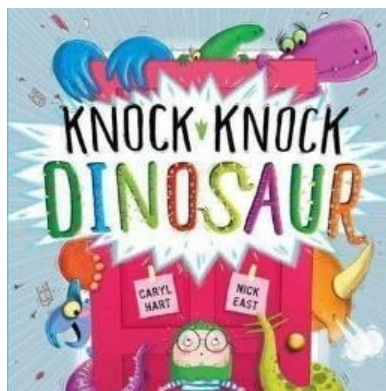
Author Spotlight Caryl Hart



A special message from Caryl

We were lucky enough to have a virtual visit from this author this half term. Caryl led a very exciting session for the children at St Charles. She read us Knock Knock Superhero and taught us how to plan and write our own Knock Knock book. Caryl has written many books including Knock Knock Pirate, Knock Knock Dinosaur and Knock Knock Alien. She also played her ukulele and taught us a superhero song. We had an opportunity to ask Caryl lots of questions. We really appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to us. Who knows? Maybe Caryl has inspired your child to become a writer! We are very excited to take up Caryl's writing challenge this term.

Check out Caryl Hart's website www.carylhart.com



School Library Service

We will continue to work with the Hull Library Service this year. We are grateful for the many services they provide us. One of their invaluable services they offer is providing access to quality books for our school library as well as our Guided Reading lessons. They also provide us with exciting resource boxes which are linked to our Science and/or History/Geography topics. Foundation Stage benefit from story sacks which include puppets and other resources. I will also be arranging for the service to come into school and deliver story time sessions for every year group. This a huge success before the pandemic and really enjoyed by the children.

Ready Steady Read

We love to Read at St Charles

St Charles are excited to be working with a charity called Ready Steady Read. They are a non-profit organisation established in 2016 to help primary school children in Hull and East Yorkshire to improve their reading. We will be shortly launching two exciting projects organised by this charity.



Reader of the week

St Charles will be choosing a pupil who has impressed us with their commitment to reading at home and in school. In order to celebrate this achievement, the lucky pupil will receive a prize which has been kindly provided by sponsors SPS Security Limited. We will celebrate Reader of the Week every Friday.

Half Termly Reading Challenge

We will be challenging your child to read a minimum of four books during this half term. Children can read books in school or at home. All we ask is that your child completes the special reading record which will be given to them by their teacher. Every time they read a book, your child will receive a special sticker. When your child has read four books, they will receive a certificate and they will be entered a prize draw. We will announce the winner the winner during the last week of term and a prize will be awarded.

We want to express our thanks to Ready Steady Read for allowing these fantastic opportunities to happen. We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading in our school!

Look out for winners of Reader of the Week and our Reading Challenge on Twitter.

You can follow Ready Steady Read on twitter @readysteadread or check them out at www.readysteadyread.org

Events

Our School Library Re-Opening Soon.....

Last year Hull Library Service helped us to make a whole school library for the children to borrow books to enjoy at home. We look forward to reopening the school library as soon as possible. We will be training some of our six 6 pupils to be library monitors.

A big thank you to Ready Steady Read and Hull Library Service for their recent book donations.

Stay and Read Sessions

We Look forward to inviting parents to our stay and read sessions when it is safe to do so. More details to follow.

Hull Central Library Visits

We also look forward to taking your child to Hull Central Library for a visit and an opportunity to join the library. More detail to follow.

Look out for our next reading newsletter next term!