

St Leos and Southmead Reading Newsletter

OCTOBER 2022



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Year One and Year Two Parents and Carers are invited to a Read Write Inc Reading workshop at 2.15 on Wednesday 16th November 2022 in the school hall. This is an opportunity to find out how Read Write Inc is used.

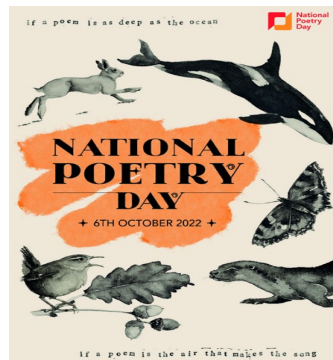
**BOOK
SALE**

This year on Parents Evening on Wednesday 9th November there will be a book sale in the school hall. This is an exciting opportunity for parents to buy low priced beautiful books for their child to enjoy

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss



Welcome to the second reading newsletter of the new year! October has been a very busy month in school. This month's newsletter will update you about all of the exciting reading activities and share some new book recommendations.



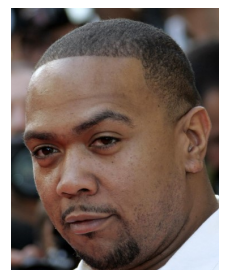
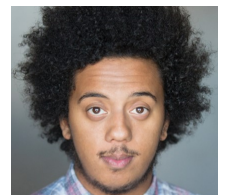
On Thursday 6th of October the whole school enjoyed a variety of poetry activities. The children enjoyed reading, writing and learning poems from a variety of poets from around the world. The children had so much fun we now celebrate poetry every Monday.



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

October is the month nationally recognised as a month to celebrate the continued achievements

and contributions of Black people to the UK and around the world. It's also a time for continued action to tackle racism, reclaim Black history, and ensure Black history is represented and celebrated all year round. Each class has enjoyed reading books written by black authors and discovering facts about the authors behind the books read. Authors explored include Malorie Blackman, Nathan Byron, Amanda Gorman, Priscilla Mante, Bob Marley and Cedella Marley, Timbaland and Em Norry.





Birthday Books

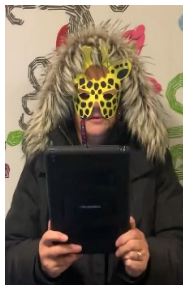
A big thankyou to all the children who have donated a beautiful book to their class library in celebration of their birthdays. If you have a birthday coming up soon and are unsure what book to buy in celebration of your birthday please visit the class web pages on the school website for ideas.



This year as part of our whole school poetry celebration the Masked Poet competition was a huge success and it is wonderful to announce that the masked



poets were Mr Clarke, Mrs Tambourini, Miss Morris, Miss Ryan, Mrs Smith, Miss Rainford, Sarah and Miss Edwards. Winning entries from each class the winners each received a certificate and a prize to enjoy at home.



5 Reasons to READ to Your Child

1. It helps you and your child bond
2. It helps to increase your child's vocabulary.
3. It helps to grow your child's imagination.
4. It helps develop a love for reading.
5. It helps in academic growth.

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Groups and Activities

Adults



PRESCOT READERS
First Tuesday monthly 2:15pm



GAMES MORNINGS
Tuesday 10:30am – 12pm



KNIT AND NATTER
Friday 1pm

Children



GAMES CLUB
Wednesday 3pm – 4:30pm
Saturday 10:30am – 12pm



LEGO BUILDERS
Thursday 3pm – 4:30pm
Saturday 10:30am – 12pm



SING AND STORY
Friday 11am

The Prescot Centre, Prescot Shopping Centre, L34 5GA

October Book Recommendations

Early Years

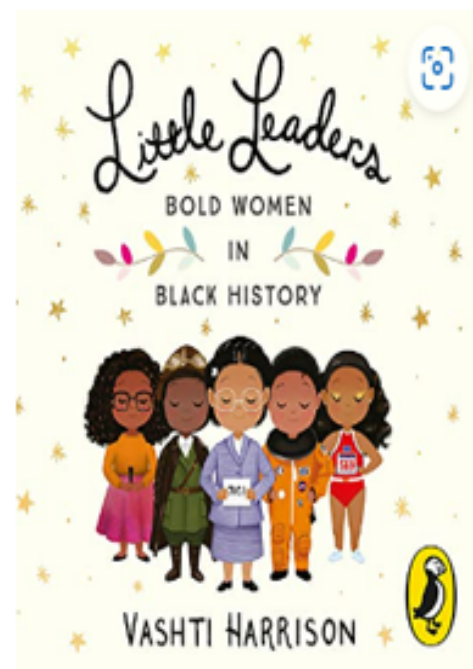
Discover incredible black men and women from around the world in My First Heroes: Black History! Push, pull and slide the scenes to find out about Maya Angelou, Stormzy, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela, and be inspired by their incredible achievements.

With scenes to explore, fun facts to learn and bright, bold illustration by Jayri Gómez, this is the perfect introduction for inquisitive pre-schoolers to these amazing heroes.



Key Stage One- Years One and Two

Meet the little leaders. They're brave. They're bold. They changed the world. Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations. Debut author Vashti Harrison tells the stories of both iconic and lesser-known female figures of black history - from nurse Mary Seacole to politician Diane Abbott, mathematician Katherine Johnson and singer Shirley Bassey. Among these biographies' listeners will find heroes, role models and everyday women who did extraordinary things.



Lower Key Stage Two- Years Three and Four

Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this celebration of inspirational achievement—a collection of stories about changemakers to encourage, inspire and empower the next generation of changemakers. Jamia Wilson has carefully curated this range of black icons and the book is stylishly brought together by Andrea Pippins' colourful and celebratory illustrations. Written in the spirit of Nina Simone's song "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," this vibrant book is a perfect introduction to both historic and present-day icons and heroes.



Upper Key Stage Two – Years Five and Six

Delve into the unique, inspiring and world-changing history of Black people.

From Frederick Douglass to Oprah Winfrey, and the achievements of ancient African kingdoms to those of the US civil rights movement, *Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies* takes kids on an exceptional journey from prehistory to modern times.

This DK children's book boasts more than 30 timelines, which explore the biographies of the famous and the not-so-famous - from royalty to activists, and writers to scientists, and much, much more. Stunning thematic timelines also explain the development of Black history - from the experiences of Black people in the US, to the story of postcolonial Africa.



