



Greentrees Primary School

Reading Round Up

Infant edition—July 2026

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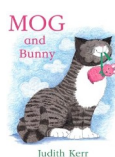
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The act of daily reading matters. Children who are read to daily can hear up to a million more words a year than their peers who are not read to by their parents or caregivers.' Alex Quigley, 2020.

Infant library

Thank you for supporting our school library this year through sharing your child's library book with them at home each week, visiting the library before or after school on a Wednesday and coming along to our 'Start the day with a story' sessions. The top three books borrowed this year were:



Have you read them?

A special mention to Otis and his family who have been regular visitors to the library after school on Wednesdays.

We will continue our Wednesday morning 'start your day with a story' in September.

Poetry Slam

We ended the term with an Infant Poetry Slam! Each year group shared favourite poems and rhyming stories from the year.

FS2 performed 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Year 1 have enjoyed Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen this year and we shared this. Ollie, Dotty, Lillie and Sanvi performed the poems they recited in our poetry recital earlier in the term.

Year 2 performed the poems they had written with our visiting poet Neal Zetter.

Reading Rocks Summer Book Boost

Designed for ALL readers aged 5–11 from bookworms to the "I-don't-like-reading" crew.

Keep your 5–11 year old reading, laughing, and learning all summer long - the easy way.

Click the link to find out more:

[Summer Book Boost - Reading Rocks](#)

Each week, you'll get:

- ✦ A fun author/illustrator **video** to watch together
- 📖 A juicy **snippet** from an exciting children's book to read straight away
- 🔊 A chance to listen to the **audio book** version
- 🎧 Easy follow-on **activities** to inspire your child
- 📖 A library-friendly **reading pick** (no need to buy!)
- 🎧 A child-friendly **podcast** link
- 🎁 Plus, an optional link to grab a **signed copy** at a special price if your child loves it

It's free, simple, and packed with book buzz.

Did you know?

Children who choose to read regularly are more likely to have better job prospects, higher earnings, and stronger social skills later in life.

— Source: OECD & The Reading Agency, 2015

Did you know...?

Children who read for pleasure are more likely to do better in school — not just in English, but also in maths."

— Source: OECD (2010), "Reading for Change"

Did you know...?

Just 10 minutes of reading a day can boost children's mental wellbeing, reduce stress, and help them feel happier."

— Source: National Literacy Trust (2021), "Children and Young People's Reading Engagement"

Poet Neal Zetter

We enjoyed a visit from poet Neal Zetter this term. He shared some of his poems with FS2. Neal shared a tall poem with Year 1 before the children had a go at writing their own poem. Year 2 had a go at writing poems called 'My Crazy Zoo'

Reading Shed

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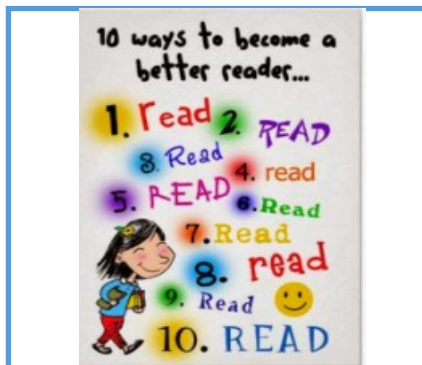
Junior edition— July 2026

Award-Winning Poet Neal Zetter Visit

On Tuesday 7th July, we welcomed the award-winning poet Neal Zetter to Greentrees. The day began with an inspiring assembly where Neal performed a selection of his favourite poems. His enthusiasm for poetry was infectious, and it set the perfect tone for the workshops that followed.

During these workshops, every class had the opportunity to create their own fantastic poetry guided by Neal. He also gave us some performance tips!

Neal remarked on the fantastic attitudes and behaviours of all the children, praising their enthusiasm and willingness to engage with the art of poetry. Thank you also to parents for supporting this visit.



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Poetry Slam

We ended the year with a wonderful Poetry Slam. Each class learnt a poem and performed it to the rest of the school. It was a fantastic success and a brilliant celebration of reading, speaking and performance skills. The children did an amazing job, and it was lovely to see them support one another so enthusiastically. I can't wait to see which poems will be performed

Reading Ambassadors

This year, for the very first time, Greentrees has had Reading Ambassadors, and what a fantastic job they have done! Jessica, Zakk, Zara, Cassia, Sophia, James and Evie, all from Year 6, have worked brilliantly to look after the library throughout the year. They have helped with events, supported younger children, and listened carefully as pupils read, always showing kindness and enthusiasm.

As we come to the end of the year, it is now time to appoint our next Reading Ambassadors. We were delighted to receive 31 applications from current Year 5 pupils, all sharing thoughtful and impressive reasons for why they should be chosen. It was a really tough decision, as every application was full of excellent ideas and a real love of reading.

We are pleased to announce that the new Reading Ambassadors for 2026-27 are Edith, Annabel, Thea, Sophia, Noah, Maia, Ginny and Jayden. Congratulations to you all — we know you will do a wonderful job!

Thank you for your continued support of our Reading Shed. Please ensure you borrow or swap a book before the holidays. Next term the Reading Shed will be placed in the playground so children can enjoy and swap books at playtime, lunchtime and at the end of the day.

Poetry books you can find in our libraries.

How many have you read?

