

## Reading for Pleasure at Bolney CEP

At Bolney, reading for pleasure is and continues to be our main goal. We want our children to be life- long readers and to see reading as a window to the world.

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss*

As teachers, we always show our own love of reading through sharing books every day. We use high quality texts for reading and writing, we make sure we read to the children, making time for story time where we can share books. We choose books we think the children will enjoy and often introduce them to different types of books to the ones they would choose to read. We use classic texts as well as ones that are recommended to us from other schools and professionals. We support children with selecting the right book for them and we spend time discussing authors and genres. We talk about books the children read at home as well as at school and encourage the children to talk about books they have read with each other. We feel it is important that children are read to by adults, as well as reading themselves, so they can listen to texts and be transported to new places in their mind and encourage parents to read to their children.

Recently, we have been developing a new library space in the school with famous book characters hidden amongst the trees on the newly painted walls! We have re-organised the



fiction books into genres that we feel will excite the children, including: mystery, fantasy, adventure, humour and history. This way no matter a child’s ability, they will all be able to find books that interest them and then challenge themselves by trying other genres too. There will also be a section for specific authors, for those children that enjoy certain writers.

We welcome authors to school to inspire the children, have weekly visits from Flo the reading dog and have recently celebrated World Book Day, where the children dressed up and engaged in a variety of activities linked to celebrating reading, including decorating a potato as a book character!



If you would like to volunteer to come and read in school with our children, you would be most welcome. Do call on 01444 881352 or email Zoe in the school office: [office@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:office@bolneyprimary.school) for more information.

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