

# BLPS - Reading Rocks

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Welcome to our new newsletter all about reading. We have many activities and special projects going on here at school that encourage children to have a love of books and become better readers.

Our early readers begin with phonics and we use the Read Write Inc. scheme which has super 'Ditty' books with fun stories and illustrations which help children to learn their phonic sounds of which there are three levels.

Further up school we use a LEXIA program to help with our reading and especially spellings and our Accelerated Readers in UKS2 have great fun trying to be the best 'Word Wizards' in their class.

All children have access to our school library which has a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, reference books, newspapers, magazines, poetry and activities linked to some of our favourite authors and book characters.

We also have a secret library but only those who are true bibliophiles (book lovers) know its location. So sshhh...! Many of the secret library's books come with strange and wonderful objects which take reading for pleasure to a whole other level!

Throughout the school year we run book competitions, celebrate special book days in the calendar such as National Book Day, National Poetry Day or the popular World Book Day where we have the excellent excuse to dress up as someone or something out of our favourite books and stories. We even have a FREE BOOK FRIDAY weekly event.

This newsletter will give you an insight to what's going on, some helpful websites to help with reading at home and announcements of some of our great readers in school and their achievements.

A copy of this reading newsletter can also be found on our school website :

<https://www.bullionlane.durham.sch.uk/>



## Accelerated Reading

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading management and monitoring programme that aims to foster independent reading. The internet-based software assesses reading age, and suggests books that match pupils' needs and interests. Pupils take computerised quizzes on the books and earn AR points as they progress.

This term our reading wizards are...

Tyler cummings on words and



LEXIA is a brilliant way for children to become better at reading and spellings. There are 21 levels and we celebrate everyone's achievements. Here are this terms top students who have all gone up at least one level. YEAR 2: Charlie Smith, Katie Fraser, Lillie-Mae Hardy, Andreyha Perez Shilon. YEAR 3: Jasmine Burns, Miruna Pucasu, Cody Spinks,

Spencer Murphy, Charlie Trewfoot, Aurora Brennan, Ayesha Kumar, Emily Stokoe, Molly-Mae Johnston, Jaxon Hart, Lexi Ferguson, Laula Mordy, Heidi McGuffie, Ollie Quinn, Libby Marshall, Alison Turnbull, Jacob Wilkinson. YEAR 4: Ted Dodds, Stevie Jamieson, Tia Avery, Michael Reeve, Thomas Petit YEAR 5: Jacob Leach, Brenda Aiello, Alicia Craggs. YEAR 6: Ryan Craggs.

Special mention to Ellie-Mae Cox who has completed ALL 21 levels ! A special prize of a book of your choice awaits! Well done everyone and keep up the great work.

## Competition Winners



This year's book completion kicked off with a Roald Dahl quiz since September is known globally as Roald Dahl Month. Children had to look at some picture clues and guess which famous stories they were. There were three winners who all received a bookmark, certificate, goodie bag and special James and the Giant Peach pencils. So well done to ...

Thomas Petit, Molly Follwell and

Sere ....



## Handy Websites

Check these out for more information on reading at home with your child.

### Book Trust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

### Oxford Reading

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

### Literacy Trust

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

## Teacher's are Reading...

This term the class books read by teachers have been...

### Cuthebert and Bede Class

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

### Penshaw Class

Mr Stink! By David Walliams

### Waldridge Class

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

### Lambton Class

The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley

### Wear Class

Frankie's Magic Football: Frankie vs the Rowdy Romans by Frank Lamphard

### Lumley Class

Class Two at the Zoo by Julia Jarman

## Outdoor Reading Areas (KS1 yard)



## Author Spotlight - Joseph Coelho



Exciting news tis hat we have a new Children's Laureate. Joseph Coelho is a British poet and children's book author who was elected Children's Laureate in 2022. He has dedicated his career to making poetry accessible to all, with a focus on children and young people. So what does the role of children's laureate involve? Well, the role of Children's Laureate is awarded to a famous and highly successful writer or illustrator every two years. The recipient must have worked on children's books during their careers, but not exclusively. They are given the title to celebrate their work and to honour the outstanding contribution they have made. Past laureates have included Michael Rosen, Julia Donaldson and Anne Fine.

To find out more and explore his brilliant books check out his website.

<https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/>

## Free Book Friday

Each Friday we bring out our Free Book Trolley. Children can take a book for free and keep it or return it.

If you have any books you would like to donate to our Free Book Friday Trolley please send them into school with your child who needs to bring them to Lambton Class.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

An interview with...

**Ms. Baird**



**What are you reading at the moment?**  
Madly, Deeply, the Alan Rickman Diaries

**Favourite childhood books ever?**  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
Secret Seven Wins Through  
Treasure Island

**Favourite books you enjoyed reading to your own children.**  
Burglar Bill, Funny Bones, Squash and a Squeeze, Guess how much I love you?, Owl Babies

**Favourite genre?**  
Mystery Adventure

**Which famous author would you like to meet?**  
Alex Millway, the author of the Hotel Flamingo series

**Weird Facts:** I own the largest book in school and also the oldest. I can read books written in Dutch.

