

News from the Association of Bramfield, Brampton and Ringsfield

This term we have been focusing on improving reading across our Association.



In Early years and KS1 we have ensured that the children are reading phonics match sounds books. We have also encouraged the children to select a love of reading book i.e., a picture book from the reading corner or a non-fiction text from the library. All children at KS2 have reading books carefully matched to their reading ability.

We have also notified our parents via newsletters and the school website of the importance of continuing to hear the children read across the age ranges. The children are rewarded for reading at home by moving up our reading tracts (a tree or beanstalk), which are prominently displayed in the classrooms. Once the children reach the top of the reading tract they are presented with a reading certificate in our Friday Celebration Assemblies.



A new initiative for this year has been the KS2 reading hour. Once a week the KS2 children are split into small groups and take part in additional reading activities. The more able readers are using Reading Gladiator books and resources. The feedback from these sessions has been fantastic. The children find the books captivating and look forward to starting new texts. They especially love the twists and turns in the plots and the references to other books and authors.



The other groups include teacher led 'Take One Book' groups, less able reader group, SEN groups and the Ha Ha Boing group. We have used the Ha Ha Boing books and resources to engage some of our reluctant readers. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading this genre and find that working in a small group helps to boost their confidence.



We have also re-launched our Headteacher reading challenge. The challenge consists of 6 challenge grids one pitched at each year group, from year 1 to year 6. The children receive a small reward (pencil or eraser) for completing a line on the grid. If they complete the whole grid, they win a book!



This half term the Association has also taken part in the MAT 'Book in a Jar' competition. We had lots of entries across all three schools. The children worked really hard to produce some fantastic jars about their favourite books. Well done Alfie for winning the lower KS2 category!

