



News from the Nest

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had a good start to 2021. As I said to you before the holiday, I know for many of us, due to restrictions that have been implemented, Christmas was different, but I hope you found some joy and made special memories in it somewhere.



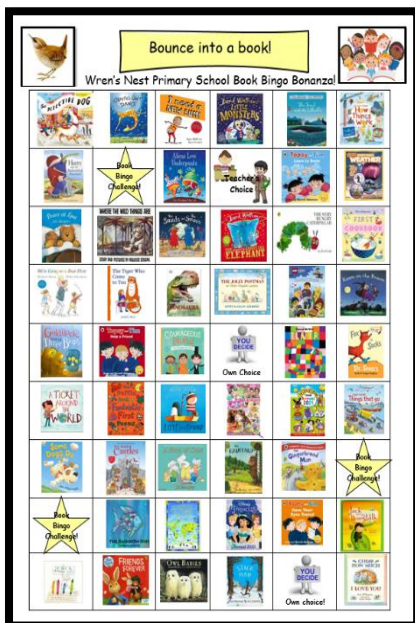
As you are aware, each year, all the staff and children at school, make a "Wren's Nest New Year's resolution." We build on this resolution during the course of the year through assemblies and in lessons. This year our resolution will help our children to develop their knowledge within their education, supporting them in being successful and happy in life. Our resolution is to: **"Bounce into a Book!"**

Yesterday in assembly I talked to the children about 'Bouncing into a book,' and what it meant. We discussed that reading lots and a varied selection of texts gives you many vital skills for life, as well as it providing you with great enjoyment when reading for pleasure which also brings many health benefits. We read a poem written by Julia Donaldson, a famous children's author which told how books can take you into another world; the world of your imagination, igniting the flame of reading for pleasure and fun.

I Opened a Book

"I opened a *book* and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a *book* inside me."

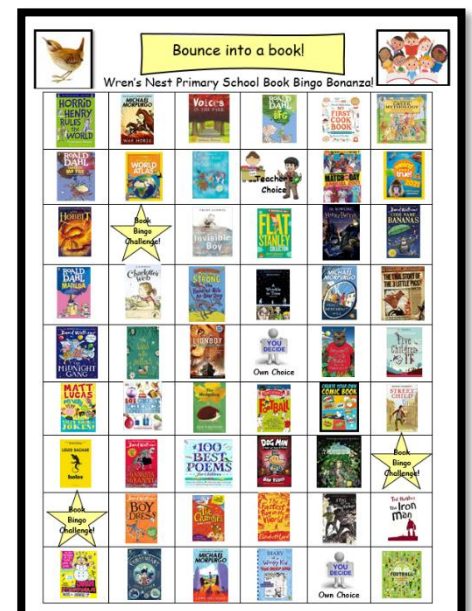
— Julia Donaldson



Over the coming year we will help the children, through lessons, assemblies and our 'Book Bingo Bonanza!', to explore a wide variety of texts they can enjoy and then critique which will aid them in their reading for pleasure. They will **'Bounce into a book'** for enjoyment. We will use the phrase widely in many applications.

We would love you to help us achieve our New Year's resolution. Please can you support us and your child by asking them about the books they are reading as part of their 'Book Bingo Bonanza' and the stories they have heard at school.

Your child will have access to a great selection of books to read for pleasure and by doing so, will receive prizes and rewards.



How does it work?

These prizes will be given for each book that's read, then a row, a column and then when a full house of books read is achieved! The prize for a full house is a Mad Hatter's Tea party with Mrs Parkes. After your child has read each book, they will be asked to complete a small challenge which ranges from thinking of questions they may have for the author of the story to drawing a character or a scene from the book they have read. Please ask your child's teacher, Miss Moren, Mr Snape or myself for more information about our Book Bingo Bonanza should you require it.

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Your child may not be able to read the book they bring home independently, but they will be able to tell you about the illustrations and even make up a story to match the pictures (this too is a part of becoming a reader) and then you can both share the book together with someone in the family. All children are read to by their teachers - even in Year 6! Sharing a book, the characters, the drama and the plot is something special, no matter what the age of the child.

As a school, we will continue to ask the children to be responsible in their learning - having a good positive attitude to lessons and remembering to read and share stories at home. This will allow them to be supported in their reading for pleasure as well as supporting them to be a great citizen of the future within the Wren's Nest community.

I am sure as parents, you would wholeheartedly endorse the importance of our children developing their love of reading further, as well as reading for pleasure by "Bouncing into a Book! I know you all want your child to grow into a knowledgeable, responsible and respectful young person who leaves Wren's Nest ready to get the best out of their secondary education and the world beyond. I can think of no greater gift than to give children the love of reading - and that's what we aim to do at Wren's Nest in 2021!

We also have a range of books in school for adults to borrow - there is a big book case in the adult training room. Mrs Armitage is always very pleased when parents borrow books - and loves donations to the library as well! Be a role model to your child and read a book too!

So we welcome a hope-filled 2021 year ahead of us!

As always, take care and stay safe,

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Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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Holiday Dates



Half Term:

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.
Children return to school after half term on Monday 22nd February.

Easter Holidays:

Break up from school on Thursday 1st April.

Teacher Training Days: School will be closed to children on Monday 25th January and Monday 15th March 2021.

Parents' Evening:

Advance notice:

Following the success of our new style Parents Evenings during the Autumn term, Parents' Evening will be held over 2 evenings on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd March - KS1, Rainbow Room and Sunflowers.

Wednesday 3rd March - KS2, Pumas, Shooting Stars and The Pod.

Your class teacher will provide you with an appointment slip.

Had a new phone for Christmas?

If you do have a new phone please remember to let the school office have your new number. Thank you



New adult training courses starting this term!



Look out for a letter - Mrs Armitage will be sending this week informing parents of a range of new courses that are starting at Wren's Nest. We are extremely proud of the high quality training and opportunities that we offer to our parents and members of the local community. Come and join us!

Advance Notice!

Key Stage 2 SATs week: Monday 10th May - Wednesday 12th May 2021

Year 4 Multiplication tests:
Week beginning 7th June 2021 (three- week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments: two-week period beginning 10th May 2021

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week: 7th - 11th June 2021

Christmas Grand Draw!

Thank you for all of your support with this. We, as a school community, raised **£1206!** How amazing! This money will be spent on books to support our New Year's resolution of 'Bounce into a Book!'

Snow!



Hopefully, we have had our share of snow for this Winter! However, January and February are the two months when statistically we are most likely to get snow.

If we have to close due to heavy snow (and we do try to stay open if it is safe to do so) we will post a notice on the front page of our school website:

www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

and



We will also post on our Twitter Page:
<https://twitter.com/wrensnestschool>

Any closure would also be announced as part of the local radio snow line school closure news.

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Y6 SAT national tests 10th - 12th May 2021

All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time.

Thank you.