

FLORA NEWS



Miss E Kelly's Blog

Hello Flora Gardens Children and Parents,

It's a pleasure to be writing this week's blog! We have all had a very busy week which included celebrating World Book Day! Thank you to Ms Woodcock for organising a wonderful assembly and The Masked Reader competition. I certainly enjoyed trying to guess which teacher was reading each book. How many did you correctly identify?

Why is reading for pleasure so important?

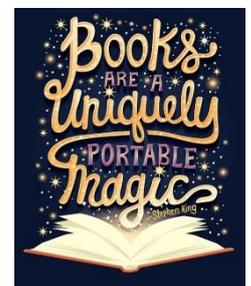
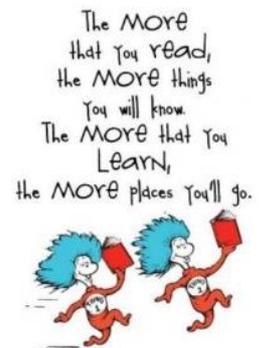
It is so important to take time out of our busy lives to sit down and read for at least ten minutes every day. We all know that reading improves our spelling, vocabulary and comprehension and therefore improves our writing, but what else can it do for us and our wellbeing? Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for us, we are transported to new places and get to meet new characters, as well as acquiring opinions, understanding emotions and developing empathy!

At the beginning of 2021, I set myself a challenge of reading 30 books this year. I am currently reading my 7th book, so, so far I am on track! I will be delighted if I manage to complete my challenge! I would like to see if you can set yourself a reading challenge for the rest of the year. How many books do you think you can read? Make sure it's an achievable target! If you see me around school over the next few weeks, let me know how many books you are challenging yourself to read!

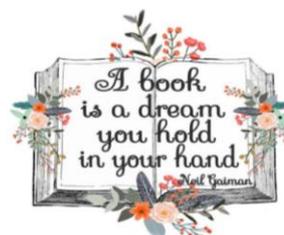
What are your teachers currently reading?

Even teachers like to take time out from their busy schedules to read for pleasure. Here's what we are currently reading:

- Miss E Kelly – The Switch by Beth O'Leary.
- Miss Elven – Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by JK Rowling.
- Ms Graham – Making Thinking Visible by Richhart, Church and Morrison.
- Mrs Brand – Nomad by James Swallow.
- Mrs Matoshi – A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini.
- Miss Newlands – Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah.
- Mrs Koka – Message in A Bottle by Nicholas Sparks.
- Miss Horne – Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.
- Mrs Hughes – The Distant Echo by Val McDermid.
- Ms Owolabi – Ninja Bread Man by Katrina Charman.
- Mr Mason – Dune by Frank Herbert.
- Ms Campbell – The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison.
- Ms C Kelly – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman.
- Miss Farley – Eternal Echoes by John O'Donohue.
- Mrs Asserati – Jennie Churchill: Winston's American Mother by Anne Sebba.
- Mr Carter – Gotta get Theroux this by Louis Theroux.
- Mrs Sultan – The Girl Next Door by Phoebe Morgan.
- Mrs Grippman – Tuf Voyaging by George R.R. Martin.



"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."
-J.K. Rowling



Just a little reminder for Year 6 parents that Miss C Kelly will be placing the order for the leaver's hoodies on Monday, so you have until then to get your orders in on SIMS Pay.

Ellie Rose has just joined our Nursery class and she is already producing some amazing work! Take a look at her drawing of the gingerbread man.



Liana made some fantastic gingerbread men!



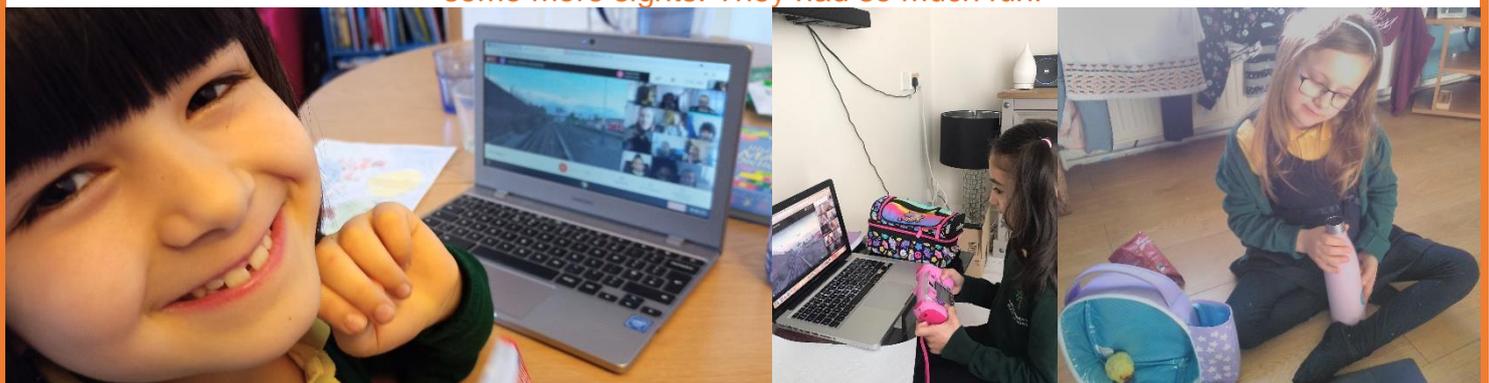
Alex has been enjoying reading at home.



Year 1 have been exploring the local area, celebrating Pancake Day, baking and making artwork!



Year 2 went on a trip to see the Tower of London! They all met virtually at Flora Gardens (on Google Meets) and virtually travelled by tube to Tower Hill. They got sick of walking so hopped on the City Cruise boat and saw some sights from the River Thames. They went inside the Tower of London and even got to see the Crown Jewels! Before they went home, they got to ride the London Eye and see some more sights. They had so much fun!



The children were asked to decorate a potato as a book character for Ms Woodcock's World Book Day competition this year. Can you guess who they are?

