

PROMOTE READING

- Talk up AR achievements.
- Encourage reading in your sessions.
- Share your book passions.

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Literacy News

AUTUMN TERM, PART 2

004:20TH NOVEMBER

Literacy in Maths

First in a series looking at how we address literacy in each subject area.

Our focus in mathematics has been divided into three main areas. These are:

- spelling key terms correctly,
- promoting the use of mathematical language during lessons,
- developing literacy through discussion.

Spelling in maths

There are a number of simple ways to promote the correct spelling of key terms as we introduce and use them in the classroom.

- Break words in to sounds q-u-a-d-r-i-l-a-t-e-r-a-l
- Break words in to syllables cir-cum-fer-ence
- Use of the look, say, cover, write, check system when a word is first introduced
- Refer to words alongside related words e.g. multiple, multiply, multiplication
- Look for words in words e.g. hypotenuse to help students remember spellings
- Use of vowel-less key terms to assess students spelling e.g. prlllgrm, rhmbs, qdrltrl

Promoting vocabulary

By promoting and rewarding the use of correct mathematical vocabulary in class, students become more willing to try to use key terms in the correct context. Some of the techniques we are trying are listed below:

- Be a role model – use correct mathematical terms and expect students to follow suit
- Display mathematical vocabulary around the classroom
- Introduce new terminology but also consolidate previously used terms wherever possible
- Highlight new vocabulary as it is used in context so students begin to understand when to use it
- Create topic displays that include key terminology
- Students use a pen/highlighter to highlight key terms in worded questions
- Fill in the gap tasks. E.g. there are three equal angles and three equal in a _____ triangle. Each angle is equal to _____.
- Embed in marking policy.

Developing literacy through discussion activities

Some of the activities we have implemented to develop discussion in mathematics lessons to help further embed literacy include:

- *Always, Sometimes, Never* Students are shown a statement and are asked to decide whether the statement is always true, sometimes true or never true. Students should justify their answer with examples and non-examples to the class.
- *Presenting Work* We build in opportunities for students to present to the class, whether it be an organised presentation which they research for, or coming to the board to explain their solution to a given problem.
- *Odd One Out* 3 items – all linked (e.g. three triangles, all different types). Students must justify each one as being the odd one out in as many ways as they can.

COMING SOON

Bookbuzz Book Week

8th – 15th December

See inside for details

Every Lesson A Literacy Lesson

Accelerated Reader Updates

17 November 2017					
Accelerated Reader Quiz League Top 10					
		Quizzes	100.00%	Accuracy average	Points earned
1st	Jay	5	2	92.00%	16.2
2nd	Tristan	16	12	88.30%	11.3
3rd	Deano	3	2	96.70%	10.9
	Theo	5	0	72.00%	7.7
	George	2	0	85.00%	6.7
	Alex	5	2	86.00%	3.6
	Tyler H	4	1	85.00%	3.4
	Jack	5	3	88.00%	2.2
	Reece	6	3	78.90%	2.2
	Antonio	1	1	100.00%	2.0
Totals		52	26	87.19%	66.2
			50.00%		
Weekly School Pass Rate = 88.2% (up)					

If you are educated to degree level, you likely know around 75,000 words.

In the average teenager, a third of speech is made up of just 20 words.

In English, a new word is created every 98 minutes.

16 November 2017				
	Quizzes		Word Count	
	Passed	Taken	2017-18	This week
Jay	5	5	117,820	39,756
Deano	3	3	73,971	73,971
Tristan	16	18	56,893	3,954
Theo	4	5	51,859	
George	2	2	49,068	
Alex	5	5	31,042	
Tyler H	4	4	25,423	6,401
Phoenix	2	2	12,918	
Antonio	1	1	12,651	
Jack P	5	5	9,220	
Callum	2	2	8,913	
Aaron	1	2	8,625	8,625
Harvey R	1	1	8,367	7,177
Denham	1	1	6,489	
Harvey C	1	1	6,087	6,087
Jacob Q	2	2	5,786	
Isaac	2	2	1,558	1,398
Reece	5	6	1,406	817
Joshua PT	1	1	908	
Armani	1	1	554	
Bradley	2	2	290	
Totals	67 (+15)	75	489,848	148,186
Northern House: Words Read				
489,848				

Northern House Book Week

Each November **The Book Trust** charity holds its annual book week. **BookBuzz** is the school face of this event, which focusses on providing subsidized books for pupils across the country.

As ever, the selection of titles this year is exciting. Normally pupils would be given opportunity to look over these books and choose their own for us to order. As time was short this year, and as our pupils are still learning to appreciate reading, we trawled through and tried to predict those which would most appeal to our pupils, across both sections of the school.

Free Books

We will obviously be using the

BookBuzz stock to ensure we can give every pupil a title to take away at the end of this week.

Author Visit: Alex Wheatle

Thanks to Frances reaching out after hearing him on the radio, we are thrilled with anticipation at the prospect of Alex Wheatle visiting on 8th December.

As one of our country's foremost writers, and one of the few black writers dealing with the black experience of contemporary Britain, he is a unique voice. Taking account also of his unusual background and that he is now writing for the YA audience, he really is a remarkable author and we are incredibly lucky to have him come.

Frances will be leading on this and arranging the pupil sessions. Many of our students are already enjoying 'Liccle Bit' in their English lessons.

Staff Involvement

We would like to show the pupils the range of reading the staff enjoy, so expect a 'Mr Fidget is currently reading...' template to come your way. And, you don't need to be reading classic literature—anything from *101 Score Recipes* to *The Angling Times* or *Blue Planet II* is great!

If you have any unwanted books, suitable for school, please keep them for our book swap too.

EVENTS

Thursday
3:10—3:30pm
Literacy Drop In for teachers. (English room)

If you have any queries about literacy, AR or other issues, drop by.

Friday options

Pilot library opening in options time.

Coming Soon

December

8th—15th

Book Week & author visit.

CPD: AR REMINDERS

- Log in at the school portal.
- Star Reading reports provide you with basic reading information. Search my class to find your group.
- Accelerated Reader will provide data on book quiz performance and word count. It also shows progress towards reading targets that have now been set.
- All training and information is in the staff drive, under 1.Northern House 2017 > literacy.

Fundraising

On the back this week you will find an advert for our account at TheBookPeople.

On their website, you can browse thousands of titles.

If you are buying books, please consider using this site as the school is paid a percentage of your spend for us to reinvest in books.

KEYWORDS

ZPD

The range of reading to target for the most effective improvement in reading.

Book Bands

Colour coded classification of books to guide readers.

STAR Reading

The baseline testing to provide analysis of pupil strengths and weaknesses in reading.

Recommended Reads: Tom Gates

"It's a lot easier to be angry at someone than it is to tell them you're hurt."

— Tom Gates

Tom Gates is an irreverent teenager who takes much delight in torturing his older sister Delia. He is a master of excuses, expert doodler, self-proclaimed comic story writer extraordinaire – and the bane of his grumpy teacher, Mr Fullerman.

In fully illustrated diary format,

with scribbles all over the page, the books feature fabulous dialogue and enough unfortunate events to distress Lemony Snicket. Will Tom ever manage to impress Amy Porter, who sits next to him? And, what of the Dog Zombies?

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates was shortlisted for Roald Dahl Funny Prize: The Funniest Book for Children in 2011. There are already more than a dozen titles in Liz Pinchon's series.



Recommended by: Pupil popularity

Recommend a favourite book by mailing me the author & title and a sentence or two about it.

"England is the only country in the developed world in which adults aged 55-to-65 perform better in literacy and numeracy than those aged 16-to-24"

25% of the working aged population in England, including 1 in 5 undergraduates, lack functional literacy, meaning they cannot read things such as aspirin bottle labels.

48% of those 16-34 in England are functionally illiterate. OECD, 2016

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