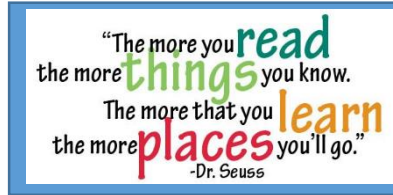


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Reading, handwriting and oracy newsletter

Reading Lead- Mrs Spencer



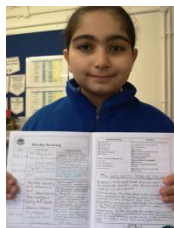
Pen Licences

Every Friday, children across the school are awarded with their pen licences due to their wonderful handwriting. Congratulations to the following children: Misha (Bolivia) Zihui (Bolivia) Gizem (Venezuela) Nisa (Venezuela) Oussama (Venezuela) Isaiah (Venezuela) Mahnoor (Puerto Rico) Evelyn (Colombia) David (Camobia) Maria (Espana) Mia-Olivia (Espana) Ayoub (Chile) Ayman (Chile) for recently receiving their pens

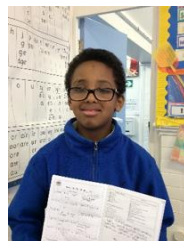


Reading Journals

At Alexandra, we prioritise reading and want to instil a passion and love for reading amongst our pupils, not only at school but at home. We expect children to write in their Reading Journals every day and bring them to school for their teachers to celebrate. Well done to the following children who have been using their journal consistently and to a high standard.



Lorin- El Salvador



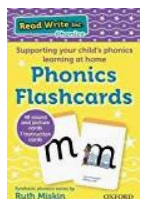
Abdi- El Salvador



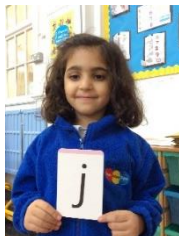
Olu- Espana

Phonics

Our children have been making so much progress with their phonics sounds. You can support word reading with your children by revising sounds for a short amount of time each day. We sell phonics cards which can be purchased from the office for £5.



"This makes j like jam"
- Leyan



"This makes rrr like rain"
- Nikhil



Destination reader

In years 3-6 we use Destination Reader which helps children develop their critical thinking. Children learn to: infer, predict, summarise, evaluate, make connections, ask questions and clarify. We aim to read a variety of texts and this is what we have covered this term.



Year 3: A Stone Age Boy, The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths, Who Is Jane Goodall? Faery Tales, Once Upon a Snowstorm

Year 4: Beowulf, The Name Jar, Wangari's Trees of Peace, The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas, Who was Ben Franklin?

Year 5: Pandora's Box, Walter Tull's Scrapbook, A Christmas Carol, Women in Science, Macbeth, They Boy at the Back of the Class

Year 6: Private Peaceful, Women in Science, Boy at the Back of the Class, A Clockwork Crow, Tales from West Africa



Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have recently begun their Debate Mate Club. The aim is to increase speaking and listening attainment and improve a range of higher-order thinking skills and non-cognitive abilities such as confidence, teamwork, and leadership. This is what some of the pupils said:

Aidan, El Salvador-
"I like that you get to debate with other people and you learn good tips on how to debate nicely."

Alejandrina, Venezuela-
"I enjoy debating because we can learn strategies to help us speak our opinions."

Nyahla, Espana- "I enjoy Debate Mate because you can say how you feel about the topic."



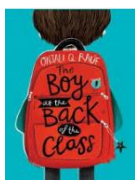
Winter Word Search

Q	W	R	C	O	L	D	W
M	I	T	T	E	N	S	I
E	N	J	T	L	S	N	N
H	T	P	E	Q	C	O	L
A	E	K	N	S	Y	W	M
T	R	Q	C	O	A	T	I



Winter	Hot
Cold	Coat
Snow	Mittens

Mrs Spencer's Book Recommendation



Congratulations to the parent of Nabilah and Nasrah for winning £20 vouchers for attending our Reading Mornings.



Fun Events

This term, we had poet, Neal Zetter, visit and perform some of his hilarious poems in assembly. He then went to each class to deliver some exciting workshops teaching children how to write poems.

