



## Berrywood Reading Newsletter Summer 2024

Dear parents and guardians,

A few updates from Mrs Adams - avid reader and all around bookworm.

**Hampshire Library Summer Reading Competition - *Marvellous Makers*** - runs from July 13th to September 7th 2024. Head down to your local library and sign your child up; a wonderful incentive to keep your child reading all summer long. All the children need to do is read 6 books. Each time they will collect special stickers to fill up their reading booklet. On completion, each participant will receive a certificate and medal - don't forget to bring this into school in September and show it off to all at Berrywood.

There is still a buzz around Berrywood in regards to our home reading – a reminder that children are expected to read at least 4 times a week to be entered into our 'Berrywood Home Reading Raffle' and a chance to win a book from our reading vending machine.

**Workshops** - thank you to all of the parents and guardians that joined us for the summer phonics workshops. We hope you enjoyed learning about our new systematic phonics programme as much as we love teaching it. Planned workshops for the autumn term include Phonics for those parents joining us with children in Reception and then there will also be comprehension workshops - something which was requested in our parent survey. Dates to be confirmed and will be shared with you in September 2024.

**E-library** - all year groups have access to online libraries to enable children the opportunity to read any time, any place. Early Years and Key Stage One can access decodable books from [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) using their school log-ins (children have been given another copy of these in their home reading records). Key Stage Two children can access books, magazines, comics and more from [www.sorapp.com](http://www.sorapp.com) . Children have been logging into these in their computing so they know how to access their reading. Reading online for more than 15 minutes counts towards one of their home reading slots.

**Home Reading Books** - you should have noticed your child bringing at least two books home to read. If they are in KS1, they will be bringing home a decodable book linked to their phonics stage (Oxford University Press books) which they will be able to read independently to you and then they will also have a 'read for pleasure' book - a book they have chosen from the library; they may not be able to read this independently but you can enjoy as a family. In KS2, they will bring home a decodable book and a read for pleasure book.

**Share-a-story** - thank you to those of you that have come in and shared a story with your child and their class. We hope to continue more share-a-story sessions in the autumn term, should the sunshine hold out! Stay tuned for an exciting event in the autumn term: Stories Before Snuggles - more information to come.

*Keep reading - it is one of the most marvellous adventures one can have.*

