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Literacy Newsletter

Welcome to Elvington's first termly Literacy Newsletter. At Elvington, our aim is to foster fluent, independent readers and writers from an early age. We have high expectations but also stress the importance of enjoyment in these areas. One of the main ways in which we do this is by encouraging reading for pleasure. Therefore, if you happen to have any unwanted preloved books at home suitable for children in any of our year groups, please feel free to drop them into school. We always welcome donated books and they are greatly appreciated by the children.

WORD SQUARE PUZZLES




@VocabularyNinja

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'



Check out these challenges from the Vocabulary Ninja website. Their resources are free and have the aim of developing vocabulary and spelling. These word squares are designed to give children the opportunity to generate as many different words as possible using the letters supplied. The ultimate challenge is to discover the single word that is made up from all of the letters within the square. (A is easier than B.)

Challenge A

	E	D
J		P
M	U	

Challenge B

U	B	B
B	E	U
G	L	M

Answers are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Literacy at home suggestions...

KS1

Write a shopping list. Use bullet points or commas to list the items.

KS2

Write a set of instructions for a favourite recipe or make up an imaginary recipe such as a potion to turn a teacher into an animal!



Did you know that the mobile library stops at the following places on alternate Wednesdays? Check out their website for more specific dates <https://exploreYork.org.uk/mobile-library/>

Wednesday	11.45-12.55	Elvington – Grey Horse
Wednesday	13.30-14.15	Elvington Surgery

Reading and phonics: How we encourage and support reading at school

Here are a few ways in which we support children to read at Elvington:

ERIC (Everyone Reads In Class): This is designated reading for pleasure time.

Bookshelf books: These are books that have been carefully chosen to match the children's current topic. Children are free to read these books throughout their half termly topic.

Reading bingo: Children in KS2 have a grid of different genres that they are encouraged to read (found in their planners). This is to encourage a broad range of reading.

Library slots: Children are encouraged to use their lunchtime library slot.

Guided reading: High quality guided reading texts that have been carefully selected.

VIPERS: We use VIPERS to teach the reading skills consistently throughout school (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising or sequencing).

For more information, please see:

<https://www.elvingtonprimary.org.uk/reading-and-phonics>

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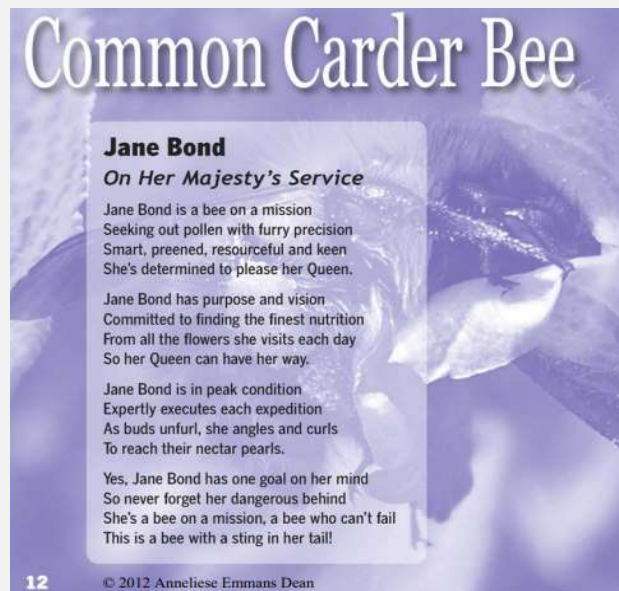
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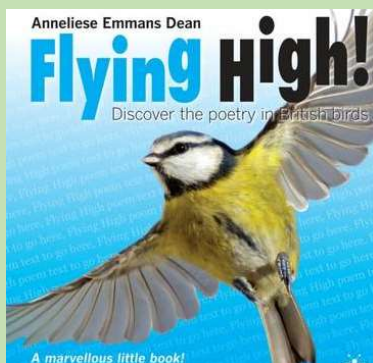
Featured Author: Anneliese Emmans Dean

Anneliese Emmans Dean is a poet from York. We have been lucky enough to work with Anneliese on a couple of occasions during previous World Book Days. Her books are award winning poetry-meets-science which is a fantastic mix! Each double page spread focuses on a different bird or mini-beast. One side features a poem; the other has interesting facts. Not only does Anneliese write wonderful poems, she performs them too!

Challenge – Can you write your own poem about a bird or animal of your choice?



Recommended books



<https://thebigbuzz.wordpress.com/books/flying-high/flying-high-book-reviews/>

Here is our list of the some free homework websites and apps suitable for children and parents/carers:

- **Oxford Owl.** This has some great tips on how to help your child at home. It also has a free e-book library.
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>
- **The Literacy Shed.** A collection of film clips that provide a stimulus for writing. Each clip comes with suggestions of writing activities.
<https://www.literacyshed.com/>
- **BBC Bitesize.** Useful child-friendly information, particularly for spelling, grammar and punctuation aspects.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>
- **Hatman Reads.** Andy Seed, an author, recommends books for 7-11 year olds.
<https://www.andyseed.com/hatman-reads/>
- **Phonics Play.** A selection of free phonics resources.
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

Thank you for your continued support, please remember that education is most effective when all parts are working together...



Answers: A jumped, B bubble-gum