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Literacy Newsletter

Welcome to Elvington’s Autumn newsletter. We hope you find the enclosed information useful. As we are now welcoming visitors into school, please speak to your child’s class teacher if you would be interested in helping out with listening to children read.

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

O		Z
E		R
F		N

Challenge B

A	I	S
L	Z	R
Z	B	D

Answers are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Literacy at home suggestions...

KS1

Write a thank you card to someone who helped you this summer.

KS2

Write a thank you letter to someone who you have spent time with this summer (a grandparent, auntie, uncle, cousin).

Upcoming competitions:

National poetry day was on Thursday 6th October this year. This year's theme is the environment. If you would like to write and share a poem on this theme, please pass your named poem to Mrs Holmes by Tuesday 1st November – prizes to be won!

On November 1st, we'll be introducing a story writing competition in our Newsday Tuesday assembly linked to National Novel Writing Month. This will be similar to the writing competition we held last year. We were so impressed with the entries last year and we're looking forward to reading many more this year!

Usborne books

We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Usborne books to give our learners the opportunity to further develop a passion for reading.

Our Usborne **sponsored reading challenge** will help to promote reading for pleasure AND will enable us to earn FREE BOOKS for our school. Keep an eye out for upcoming information in November, including a sponsorship form.

This event will be followed by our first ever virtual book fair – just in time to order any Christmas gifts!



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Featured Author: Lily Dyu

Lily Dyu is an author who is described as having a passion for nature. Check out two of her popular children's books:



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>

Answers: A frozen, B blizzards