



# English Newsletter

## October 2023

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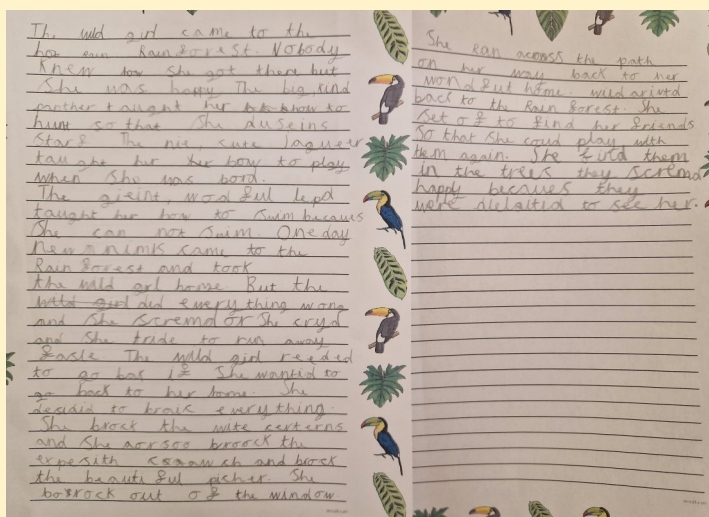
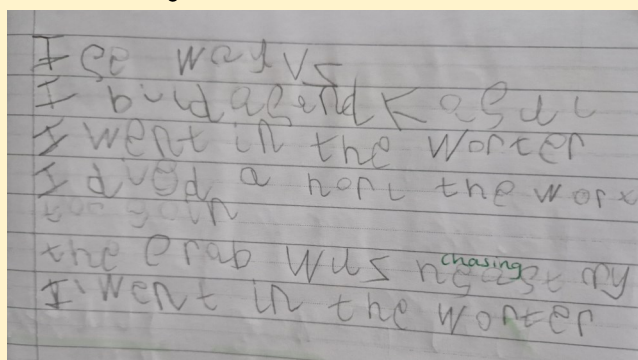
Welcome to Autumn Term's English newsletter; where you will see a glimpse of the various English activities that go on in school, and some examples of where we're up to so far this year.

Mrs Orbison (English Lead)

### Writing

We may have only been back at school for a few weeks, but already there have been some amazing examples of writing that the children have produced, right across school. It always takes a bit of time at the start of the year to get those pencils and pens going, but we are proud of the effort the children have put in.

Year 1 wrote a recount about a trip to the beach and Year 2 wrote a narrative based on the story Wild.



A really great effort for so early in the academic year. It was so hard to choose just the two examples! I'll share some Key Stage 2 examples next term.



Years 2-6 all have Spelling Shed logins so children are able to practise spelling rules, they have been learning in school. Please let your child's class teacher know if you need login details.

## Reading

### Reading Champions

This year we will again be celebrating our Reading Champions, by awarding the bronze, silver and gold badges, according to the amount reads which have been completed at home. We were impressed by how many embraced this challenge last year, proudly wearing their badges, and those who received their golden tickets to choose a new book at the end of the year.

For children in Key Stage 1, each separate read at home, is to be noted in the paper Reading Record, which children took home in September. For those in Key Stage 2, this is to be recorded on Boom Reader. Each class will keep a record of the number of reads and present the badges in celebration assemblies.

I wonder who will be the first to receive their bronze award this year!

### Reading for Pleasure

All children will have been provided with a book, matching their individual reading ability, to take home. As well as this, all children are welcome to take home a second book of their own choice, to enjoy with family members. Each class has a selection of books to choose from and these can be changed at any time.

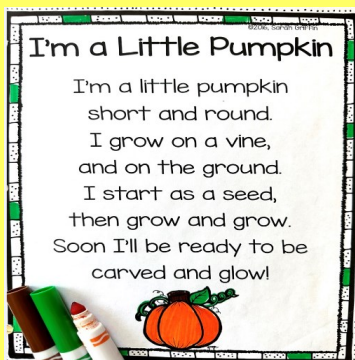
Brenda the Vendor is still operating, and there have already been plenty of children from across school, who have been awarded a golden coin to spend at Brenda and choose one of the books to keep. Well done to all those children so far. More books have been ordered to keep up with the demand!

Also, ask your children what books their teachers have been reading to them in class.

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

## Poetry Picks

Share these seasonal poems and nursery rhyme, with everyone at home. Read them, recite them, enjoy them!



### **Autumn Is The Time Of Year**

**Autumn is the time of year  
when changes start to happen here.  
The days grow short. It's cold outside.  
The birds fly south. The squirrels hide.  
The leaves fall off of all the trees.  
The garden pond begins to freeze.  
Another summer's left behind.  
It's winter soon, but I don't mind.  
For autumn is the time when I  
begin to dream of pumpkin pie.**

