

Reading is dreaming  
with open eyes!



## East Dene Reading Newsletter #7

Welcome to our East Dene Reading Newsletter. Each edition will include a wealth of information and activities to help support your child with reading at home. Happy Reading!

### Christmas half-term reading activities:

- Read 12 new books to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas
- Write a letter to Santa
- Read your favorite Christmas book
- Share a book with a family member
- Act out a story for your family
- Go Christmas Caroling
- Create some Christmas word art

Don't forget to share this with your class teacher on Dojo!



### 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

**1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)** Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

**2 Ask your child lots of questions** All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children!). So, ask lots of 'WH' questions, such as: Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

**3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read** If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

**4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read** When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big ideas of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

**5 Ask your child to write about what they have read** Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

**6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family** Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

**7 Maintain the motivation to read** Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight!'

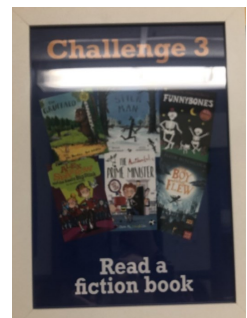
### Bookworm's Reading Challenge:

#### Challenge 3 -

The challenge for next half-term is to Read a Fiction Book.

Congratulations to our Autumn Term raffle winners:

Y1/2 - Alan (1/2MP)  
Y3/4 - Ario (3/4H)  
Y5/6 - Ruby-Jo (5/6AS)



### Celebrate an Author: Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl was one of the nations most successful authors from 1961-1991, writing books such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Twits and Matilda.



Visit the official Roald Dahl website for more information: <https://www.roalddahl.com/>

Tweet a picture of yourself reading a book by your favourite author to @eastdene\_

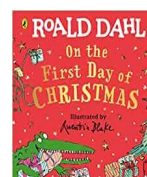
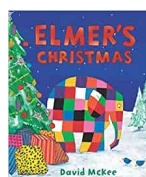
### Readers of the Term:

A massive well done to our Reader's of the Term!

Josh Tunstill FS  
Atra Mohammed 1N  
Evie Padley 1/2MP  
Dua Ahmed 1/2W  
Kane Morton 3/4H  
Bradley Keyser 3/4T  
Aminah Meharban 3/4C  
Joci Holmes 5/6M  
Ahmed Yumer 5/6S  
Mckenzie Barker 5/6AS



### Recommended Reads: click the books for more information!



**Christmas Poetry Challenge!** Write a Christmas-themed poem to share with your class teacher on Dojo.