



# St Oswald's Reading Newsletter

## Spring 2025



Welcome to this special Easter edition of our Reading Newsletter. Every half term we find out about the wonderful reading happening here in school and at home. You will also find more information about the many benefits of reading and the ways in which we can help the children with their reading outside of school.



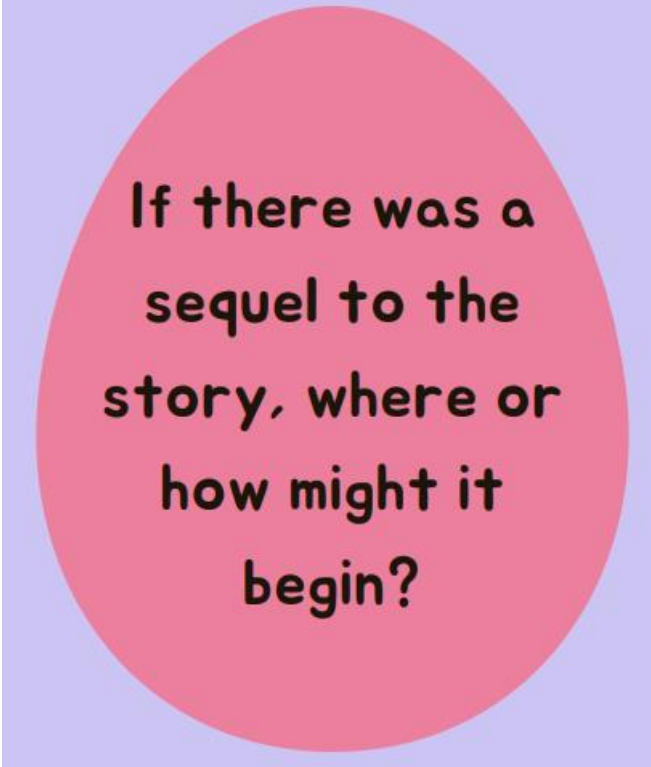
Reading is..... being so excited about your new book that you just have to start reading before even finishing your lunch!



If you get any good photographs of you enjoying some reading during the Easter holidays, please share them with us - send them in and we will feature a few in our next newsletter. Send your photographs to: [stoswalds\\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stoswalds_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk)

Book Talk It's really important to talk to children about the books they read. These chats can happen at any time but will really help to develop the children's vocabularies, while also helping them to get excited about books, creating a lifelong love of reading!

In the 'Book Talk' section of each Reading Newsletter, we will offer some ideas of sentence starters and questions for these discussions:



**If there was a  
sequel to the  
story, where or  
how might it  
begin?**

### Benefits of Reading

As well as being a lovely way to spend some quality time with the children, there are so many benefits to reading and sharing stories with them.

We would like to share some 'Recommended Reads' from The Reader Teacher, a fantastic website dedicated to children's books with reviews and booklists for each year group. These titles are taken from the 'Top Three' section, which shares recommendations from children's authors on different themes such as friendship and rainforests.

**TOP THREE**  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

CHOSEN BY M. EVAN WOLKENSTEIN  
AUTHOR OF TURTLE BOY

FOR MORE TOP THREE FEATURES, VISIT [THEREADERTEACHER.COM](http://THEREADERTEACHER.COM)

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**TOP THREE**  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS ABOUT THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

CHOSEN BY EMMA REA  
AUTHOR OF MY NAME IS RIVER

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For fans of David Baddiel here are some super book suggestions from a selection of other great fun authors...

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St Oswald's Spring Writing competition....

Every picture tells a story...



What is happening? Think about how to describe what you can see, hear, smell, feel.

How do you want to share your ideas?

Use your imagination to write a description, a story, a poem or a newspaper report. Use your best handwriting!

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The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



## Reading for pleasure

If you can encourage your child to read for pleasure, they will really reap the benefits. It might not seem like a particularly important task, but actually, research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.



"READING IS A PASSPORT  
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."  
- MARY POPE OSBORNE



"YOU ARE  
NEVER ALONE  
WHEN LOST *in the*  
MAGIC *of* BOOK."  
- MARIE LU

Happy Reading!!