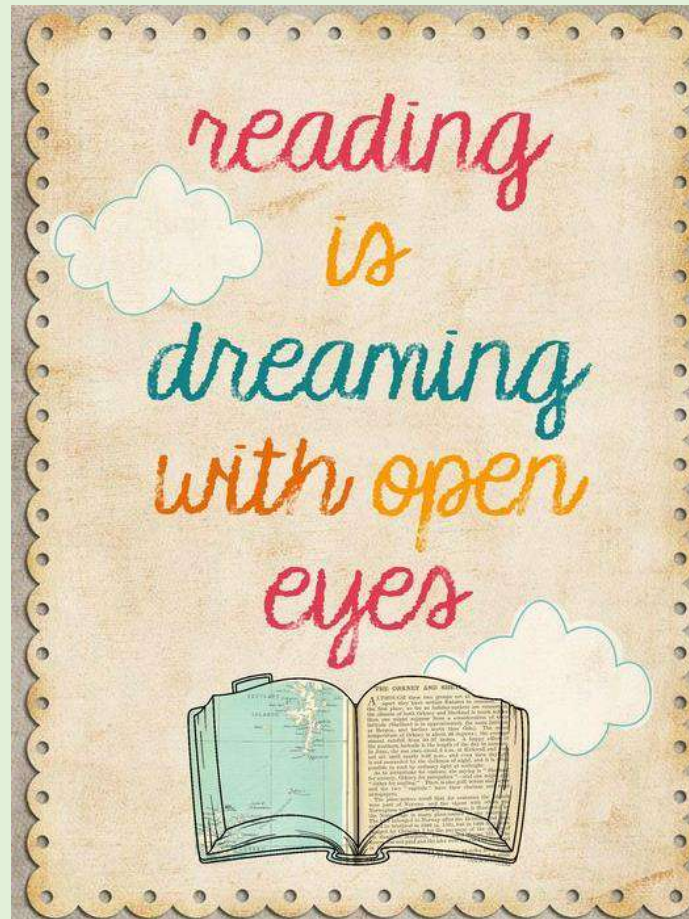




Woodies' Readers

Autumn 1 Edition



At Woodlands, we endeavour to foster a love of reading at every opportunity *as reading underpins everything we do.*

Woodies' Readers is your half-termly update on *everything reading* at our school!

Book Corners!

Book corners provide children with the opportunity to enjoy and interact with a variety of books, *in order to promote a love of reading.*

In the last edition of Woodies' Readers, we shared the book corners below with you...



These were Miss Booth's (Y6) and Mrs Whiteley's (Y3).

Did you get them right?

Can you guess who these book corners belong to?
Remember, lots of teachers have moved year groups.



Reading Club!

This academic year, 'Reading Club' takes place on a Tuesday during lunchtime and is available to children in years two to six.

The club provides children with the opportunity to fulfil their reading homework obligation in school time.

It is also there as an opportunity for those children *who just love reading.*



The smooth running of this club is currently supported by these fantastic Y5 volunteers:



Reading Squad!

This year, our Reading Squad will once again support some children with their phonic knowledge, improving their fluency and *ultimately their love of reading.*

It is currently supported by these dedicated Y6 volunteers:



Early Reading Meeting!

A few weeks ago, we held a phonics reading meeting for parents of children in Reception to inform them of how we teach phonics and how they can support their children at home; thank you to all of the parents who attended.

The following website provides parent guides for anyone who missed out or for those who want further guidance:

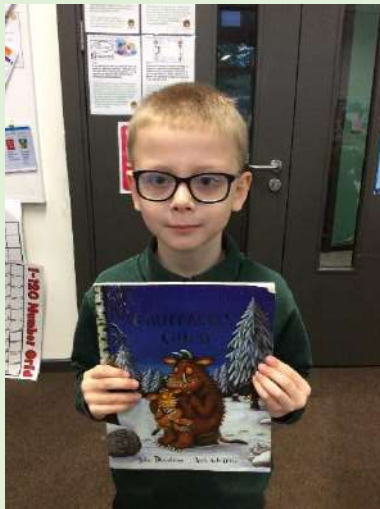
[Parent guide to Read Write Inc.](#)
[Phonics | Oxford Owl](#) (or google *Read Write Inc Parent Guides*)



RE Day in Y2!

For their RE Day at the end of last half-term, Y2 looked at what makes them special.

To do this, they thought about their favourite books...



Perhaps you could read one of these books?

Mrs Ellis recommends 'Treasury'. She says it is amazing and is one she will be purchasing.

Y3/4 Virtual Author Event!

Y3 and 4 enjoyed a virtual author event with author Mel Taylor-Bessent, whose books are all based on Christmas.

The children learnt about her characters, who all love Christmas, and how to start a story. She said a good story opener is always 'have you ever?...' followed by something exciting or unexpected! Miss Roberts' class came up with the opener, 'have you ever seen a cheerful dinosaur skipping into a classroom?'

She also told the children that good story ideas are things which come from your imagination – which is why hers are based around Christmas as she loves it so much!

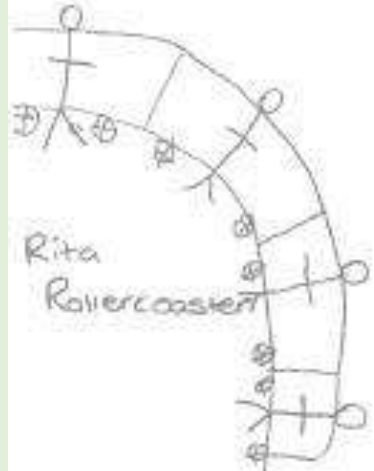


Archie - 'It was really good. I definitely want the book for Christmas! I'm going to ask my mum for it.'



Levi - 'I might be an author one day!'

this is my work



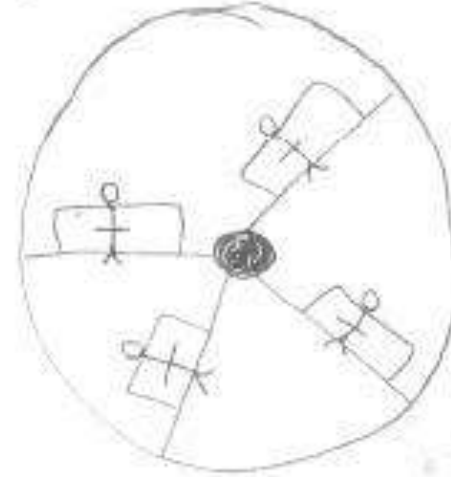
Rita
Rollercoaster



car

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excursion gives this market 100
lyons 😊



Fastest
ferris
wheel



pool

tent



dog

This is Kyra's dream house (Y4 DW) following the virtual author event. Mel talked about writing books about your dreams which you knew could not come true.

Reading Shout Out!

Mikey – Y4 DW:

Mikey's Mum says...

Mikey has been counting down the days for the new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' Book – number 17! Him and his friends are very excited for its release on 25th October. In Y3, he read all sixteen of the collection so far and met the author, Jeff Kinney.



Well ,Mikey, I think you'll like the next slide →

Another Jeff Kinney Event in our Local Area!

19 Nov 2022 - EXCLUSIVE Event in Oswestry with Diary of a Wimpy Kid Author Jeff Kinney

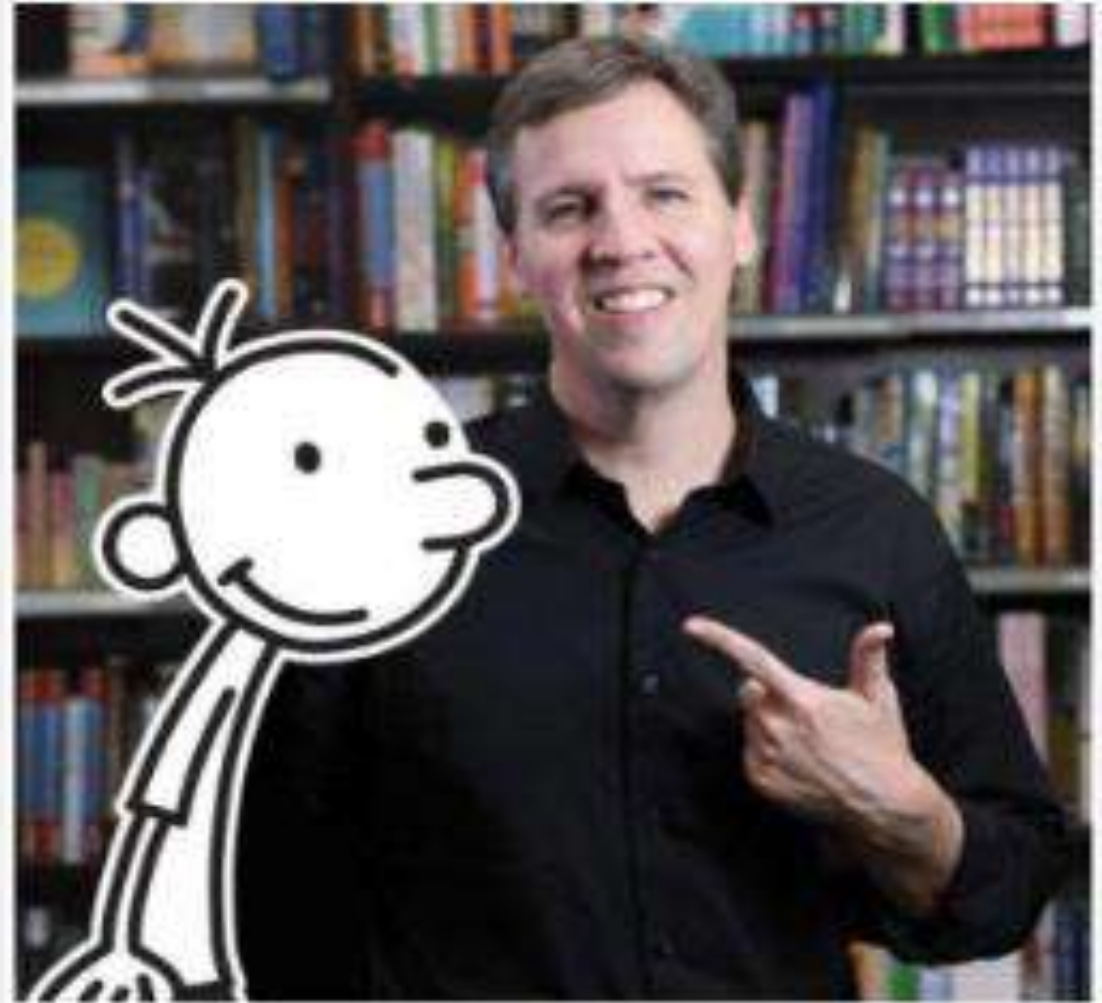
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Linghams Booksellers of Heswall present Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of A Wimpy Kid, in an exclusive UK show

Are you ready to rock? Join Jeff Kinney for "The Diper Överlöde Show," an in-person rock concert featuring Rodrick Heffley's band, Löded Diper. Jeff will MC the epically entertaining show, which will feature performances from Löded Diper as well as opportunities for concertgoers to show off their singing, dancing, and musical talents onstage!

Come dressed like a rockstar and join Jeff for a hugely entertaining family event as part of the exclusive Löded Diper UK tour. For Families, and children aged seven and up.

Linghams bring you this fantastic event, in conjunction with Booka Bookshop.



CREDIT: Rita Wink

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Diper Överlöde Show | Booka Bookshop](#)

An Author Interview!

Miss Booth stumbled across an exciting interview with Maz Evans - author of 'Who Let The Gods Out?'

What would you ask your favourite author given the opportunity?

Let Miss Booth know and she will try to get in contact with them for you.

Perhaps yours could be the next author interview in Woodies' Readers...

» We talk to Maz Evans, author of the popular Who Let The Gods Out?

Q You've had great success with the Who Let The Gods Out, Vi Spy and Scarlett Fife series – what's coming next?

A You're very kind! Next year is very exciting for me, as I have three books out! The final Scarlett book, The Stormy Life of Scarlett Fife, is out in May, then I have two top-secret projects out later in the year.

I'm not allowed to say too much, but I hope that fans of my Who Let The Gods Out? series will be happy...

Q How do you come up with such amazing ideas?

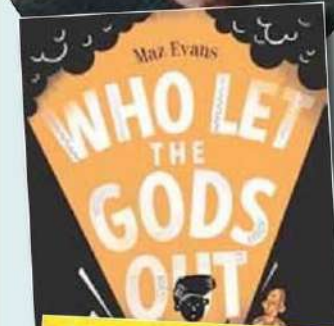
A Haha! not all my ideas are amazing, let me tell you! Ideas are a funny business – you can sit for hours straining to have one, then a really good one just pops into your head when you're in the supermarket!

I think the key is to be ready to recognise them and catch them with your net – and always write books that you would want to read yourself.

Q You do a lot of work with schools as well. Is that fun?

A It's great fun! Meeting my readers and making new ones is one of the very best bits of my job. It's been so annoying not to be able to get out and about thanks to silly Covid, but I'm very happy to be back on the road this year.

Q Why are books and reading so important for children,



especially when they have so much technology fighting for their attention?

A I think everything in life is about balance. There's nothing wrong with screens, but you have to do other things too.

Reading grows your mind and your heart – and it's just a scientific fact that people who read more do better in this life. And what's nicer than curling up with a good book – lovely!

Q What were your own favourite books as a child?

A Like many people my age, I was a massive fan of Roald Dahl as a kid. Learning more about him as an adult, I don't think he and I would have seen eye-to-eye, but I can't deny the huge impact his books had on me as a child and as a writer.

His books are funny, but have some serious points to make. I try to do the same.

Q What other children's authors do you admire?

A So many! I'm great friends with AMG Leonard and Lisa Thompson, whose books are just incredible.

This is a tough business, so people who have been doing it for a long time, like Cressida Cowell, Malorie Blackman or Frank Cottrell Boyce, have my huge admiration. And really anyone who is trying to inspire young minds – what a great thing to do.

Q Finally, what advice would you give children who find writing a challenge?

A I promise you, you can do it. It's like anything – some people just find it harder than others.

And it's all about practice. I can't kick a football to save my life, but if I did a bit every day, I'd get a lot better very quickly. Writing is the same – a little bit every day and you will get there, I promise.

Some reminders...

At Woodlands, we encourage children to read as often as possible to further encourage a love of reading.

Every time your child's/children's reading diary is signed by an adult at home, we reward them with a raffle ticket.

Every term, the raffle is drawn and a winner is chosen from each class, winning either a book voucher or a book of their choice.

The next draw will take place next academic year, before we break up for the Christmas Holidays.

**REMEMBER...YOU'VE GOT TO
BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

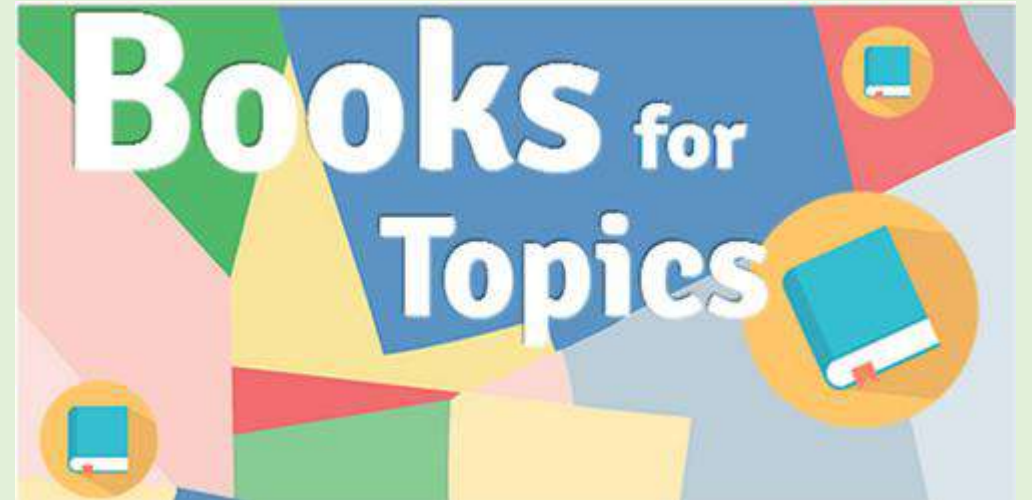
Books For Topics!

Books for Topics is a fantastic online resource providing recommended books for children based on the topic or age range, as well as the latest recommended fiction.

Books for Topics believes '*this is a golden age for children's literature and it is not always easy to keep up to date with the wonderful texts that are available*'.

They are here to make it a little easier to know where to start.

Books for Topics: www.booksfortopics.com



Library reminder!

Just a reminder that our school library is open to all children and their families every **MONDAY afterschool** – note the change in day.

Our library has a range of wonderful books, that you can take home with you and enjoy together, including fiction and non-fiction.

We are really pleased to be able to offer this opportunity; we look forward to seeing you there!



Madeley Library!

As well as the fantastic library we have here at Woodlands, you can also access the Telford & Wrekin library in Madeley.

It is free to join and children can borrow up to 16 books at a time!

Pop along for more information.

This table shows the opening times for Madeley Library.

DAY	TIME
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm* (*Open for Self-Service only)
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 3pm* (*Open for Self-Service only)
Saturday	10am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

This may differ on
Bank Holidays 😊

Exciting News!



COMING SOON

PARK LANE CENTRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Selected childrens and adults fiction
as well as
a variety of factual and well being books

Funded by



**Pride in Our
Community**
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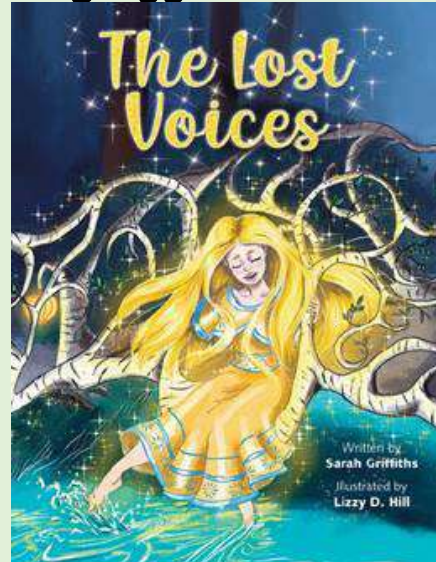
Events coming up to further
promote a love of reading...

Upcoming Author Visit!

On Wednesday 17th November, children's author Sarah Griffiths will be visiting our school to share her new book 'The Lost Voices'.

Children have been given the exciting opportunity to purchase a copy of her book which she will then sign on the day! **Orders need to be returned to school by Friday 4th November.**

Visit her website to find out more: sarahgriffithsauthor.co.uk



Upcoming Book Fair!

On Thursday 8th December, the Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving at Woodlands!

Scholastic believe *'reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing'*.

Every book purchased results in free books and resources for us in school, which is always brilliant.

Details to be confirmed nearer to the time.



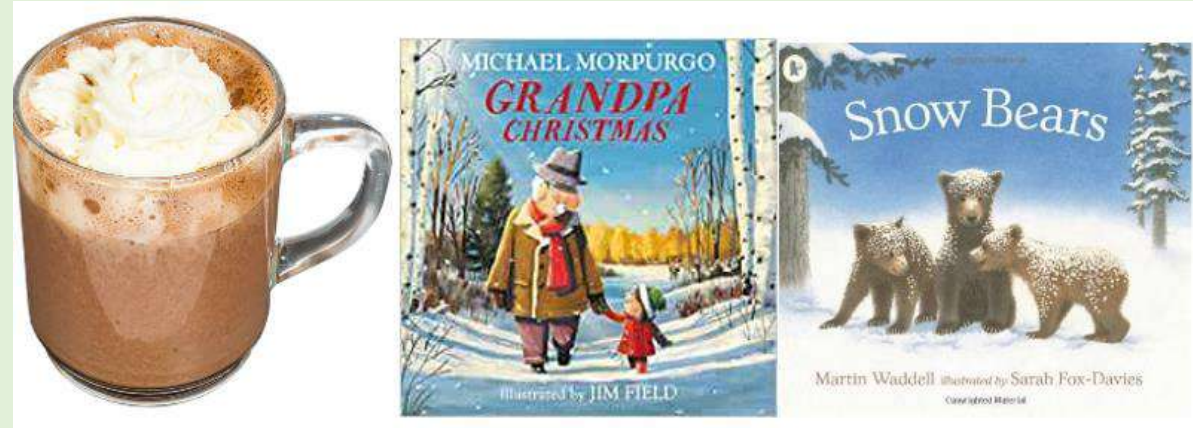
Upcoming Bedtime Stories!

Bedtime Stories is always a very popular event at Woodlands.

Children are invited to stay after school, change into their pyjamas and experience a range of Christmas and winter-themed books with various adults across our setting.

The children also enjoy a treat of hot chocolate topped with marshmallows so that it really feels like a typical winter's evening!

This event will take place on Monday 28th November - details to be confirmed nearer to the time.



Upcoming World Nursery Rhyme Week!

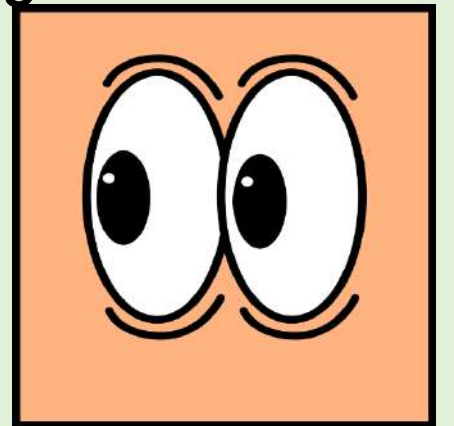
EYFS and KS1 are looking forward to celebrating this in a few weeks time!

Woodies' Readers Autumn 2 Edition will share some of what we get up to.



In the Autumn 2 Edition:

- The winners of the reading raffle announced
- Celebrating the success of our Book Fair and Bedtime Stories
- Teacher's favourite Nursery Rhymes following 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'



Remember...

