



Coulson Reading Newsletter Spring 2 Author of the Month

What an exciting term it has been full of many Reading adventures!

Throughout the second half of the Spring Term at Coulson, we have been continuing to read for pleasure and enjoy a wide range of stories, poems and non-fiction. During this term, we have also celebrated National Storytelling Week and World Book Day, both wonderful opportunities to share our favourite books with one another. In addition to this, we had an author visit and continued our visits to the library. We have also enjoyed visiting other classes to read alongside them and share our love of reading as a whole school. During Shakespeare Week, all classes learnt about one of the greatest authors of all time and have worked hard to create their own examples of writing based on his work.

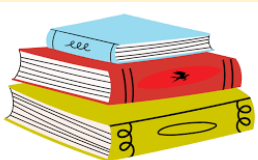
Hopefully, you will all have some time together over the Easter holidays to share some stories with each other as a family.

March – William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare is probably the most famous author of all time! He was a renowned English poet, playwright, and actor born in 1564 in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Shakespeare was a prolific writer during the Elizabethan and Jacobean ages of British theatre and he even performed his plays in front of the monarchs of the time. Shakespeare wrote in various styles including plays, poems and sonnets. His legacy is worldwide as people all around the world have had the opportunity to see his plays performed at the theatre but also as films or television series and they have also been adapted for children including animations.

William Shakespeare continues to be one of the most important literary figures of the English language and he was responsible for many of the words that are used today. Many tourists from around the world, travel to Stratford-Upon-Avon every year to visit the place where he was born, lived and is buried, often watching one of his plays being performed such as: Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet, The Tempest and many more.





Reading Challenge Checklist

1 Caught Reading

Where is the most unusual place you can be caught reading? Ask someone to photograph you in your unusual reading place. Challenge the rest of your family to do the same and create a display of wacky reading spots.



2 Video Call Storytime

Arrange to video call a friend and read a story to each other.



3 Audio Story

Listen to an audiobook. This could be fiction, non-fiction or poetry.



4 Book Swap

Do a book swap with friends where you trade a book you no longer want with one of theirs. This way, everyone gets a 'new' book without spending any money.



5 Animal Facts

Read a National Geographic article about your favourite animal.



6 Dress Up (With a Difference)

Decorate a potato as your favourite book character. Can your family and friends guess who it is?



7 Masked Reader

Use an online tool to make your character/pictures 'read' a story. Record yourself or someone in your family reading the story first. Share the video with friends and see if they can guess which member of your family is the masked reader!



8 Story Share

Hold a group storytelling session or video call where one person starts off a story by saying the first line. The next person continues the story and so on. The story can be as random or as funny as you'd like to make it.



9 Love a Library

Visit your local library and borrow a book. Find out how many books you are allowed to borrow at once. You may be surprised!



10 Instruction Interlude

Read a recipe and follow the instructions to bake something tasty or read the instructions for a board game you have not played before.



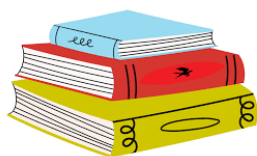
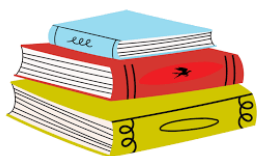
11 Author Bio

Search your favourite author's website and see what interesting facts you can find out about them or their books.



12 Book Club Buddies

Host your own online book club with friends. Decide in advance which book you are going to read before the meeting and come up with some questions to discuss about it.





Quiz Time

Who Am I?

I have to do all the housework.
I go to a ball in a pumpkin carriage.
I lose one of my glass slippers.



Pinocchio

Who Am I?

I am a wooden puppet.
I don't want to be a donkey.
My nose grows when I lie.



Evil Queen

Who Am I?

I can be fierce and scary.
Inside, I am kind and gentle.
My curse is lifted when a girl falls in love
with me.



Cinderella

Who Am I?

I must be the fairest of them all.
I have a magic mirror.
I dress up as an old lady selling apples.



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