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Primary Library Newsletter

Librarian's Message:

Welcome to the School Library!

It was a pleasure to welcome all Primary classes for Library orientation sessions and book check-outs over the past weeks. The Library, nestled in the oldest part of the school, is a special and comforting place which children cherish.

As their Librarian, I feel privileged to cultivate their growth as readers and individuals through a series of Literacy initiatives and the exposure to a multicultural print and digital collection. Please continue to read for more information about our offerings.

Mrs. Wolfe



Borrowing rules

Each Primary class has a regularly planned weekly Library lesson during which students can borrow Library books or engage in Literacy activities.

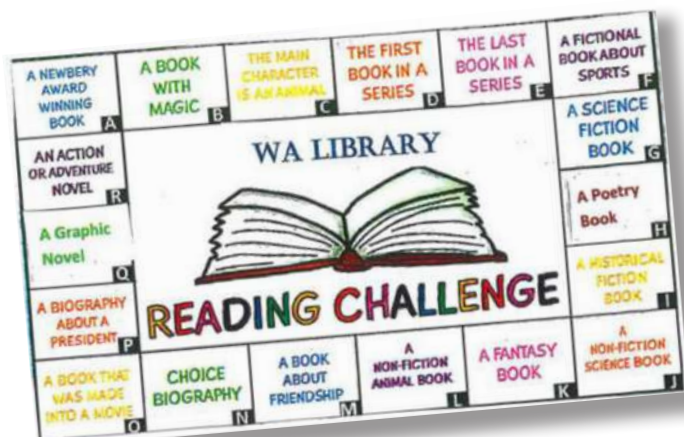
- Lower Primary students can borrow one book for a period of one week.
- Upper Primary students can borrow two books for a period of two weeks.
- Fiction books are the only materials available for renewal.
- Fines and Penalty.
- No fines are charged for overdue books, however replacement fees are charged for lost or damaged books.



WHAT'S NEW!

An Upper Primary Library Reading challenge was introduced this year to encourage students to venture outside their comfort zone and read a variety of genres.

Please see punch Reading Challenge Card below:



Although this challenge is optional, many students have already decided to participate. Please be aware of the following rules pertaining to this scheme.

- Taking care of one's card and remembering to bring it to the Library for each visit is part of the challenge. I will not replace any lost card.
- There is no time limit to complete the card. When completed, the student will receive a prize.
- Each box will be punched upon return of the qualifying book so that I can verify that the book was actually read.
- Picture books do not qualify for this challenge



Spotlight on:

TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY

TumbleBookLibrary has over 1100 titles for grades K-6, and includes unique animated talking picture books, read-along chapter books, non fiction books and videos, curated playlists, as well as books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features Graphic Novels – a student favourite!

To access Tumble Book Library and other Primary digital resources **click here**.

Food for thought:

Books are “Mirrors and Windows”:



“Children who feel left out of books risk feeling left out of life. Books, like mirrors, help reflect what we observe and know about the world we live in. It’s powerful to read or listen to a story about someone

like you. Books also allow us to view and understand lives that are different from your own, like a window onto other experiences.”

<https://reachoutandread.org/books-are-mirrors-and-windows/>

The Mirror/Window metaphor, first coined by American scholar Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop in 1990, has inspired the WA School Library’s approach to collection development for the past 20 years.



Just for Fun:

Look up a book and find out how long it might take to read thanks to this ingenious website:

<https://howlongtoread.com/>