

Read Aloud 2018

Deal Parochial C.E. Primary School celebrated this year's Reading Recovery - Read Aloud on Thursday 8th March 2018. This was in combination with celebrating World Book Day and Poetry Recital Day and the children and adults came to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

The school's Reading Recovery children past and present, held a 'tea party' in the school library, to which they had invited their special guests.

Each child wrote an invitation to their guests, who included Mums, Dads, friends, Headteacher, school cook, teachers and Sports Coach.



In preparation for the tea party the children made Fork biscuits (year 1) and iced fairy cakes (year 2).

Amira writing an invitation to her friend Zoe



Jayden concentrating on mixing his biscuit dough



Year 2 Reading Recovery children prepaing their fairy cake mixture

On the day, children welcomed their guests and offered them refreshments and then selected books to share with them. Mrs Bridgeland, the Reading Recovery teacher was delighted at the confidence the children showed to chose books they had not read before and enjoy the opportunity to share them with their guests. Despite having 30 minute slots in the library the children were so keen to continue to read, that invariably they stayed longer, which was fantastic!



Harley's Mum was so pleased with his reading, saying he has come so far; he seems so confident, reading bigger and longer books.

The year 2 teacher commented, "What a treat to hear Majid read so confidently and with such enjoyment."

Harley, dressed as Horrid Henry, read a selection of new books to his Mum.



Parents really did enjoy the opportunity to come into school. One parent commented, "Days like these are fantastic for engaging children in the joy of reading."

Jake-Daniel reading to his Dad



Ms Brown, the Headteacher, dressed as the hungry Caterpillar, heard Alba read the *Gruffalo*. She was pleased that "Our library was a place of relaxed, confident reading. The *Gruffalo* story voice was a joy to hear from our thriving young readers."



Mr Earl, the Sports coach, heard Kian read. He commented, "Fantastic reading from Kian, he was able to break down tricky words, before reading it, read very clearly and pausing when needed."

Since this opportunity, Mr Earl has now been recruited as a reading partner in Year One.



"Zoe, What a lovely reader! Thank you for asking me", said Jude the school cook, who took time out of her busy morning to help provide the refreshments, and partake in the tea party.

Hopefully this day, will long remain in the memories of these young children, who will continue to make blossom in their reading, and in their love of books.