



## Spring 1 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Spring 1 2023. In this newsletter and those that follow, we would like to share updates with our community about what is going on in school to promote a love of reading for pleasure. At CtK, we aim to open the minds of our children through the power of reading. Using our wide and growing collection of books we want to; inspire and engage children, support their understanding of the wider world including culture and diversity and provide role models for the children through a variety of authors. We hope this newsletter keeps you up to date and provides you with ideas and inspiration to foster a love of a reading at home with your child. If you have any recommended reads, please let us know!

### Story telling week...

CtK celebrated National Storytelling week this half term. Across school, the children have been engaging with lots of different story times and learning to retell stories.

FS1 have been reading *The Smeds and the Smoos*. They acted it out, held a character from the story and sang a song. KS1 had story time with Mrs Jones and KS2 had story time with Mrs Procter listening to them read their favourite children's books. In FS2 and Year 1 family members have been invited into school to read a story to the class. If you would be interested in getting involved in this, please speak to your child's class teacher. All children across school have been writing a fictional narrative this half term, and have used story-telling time to help them orally construct and write their stories.



FS1 listening to and retelling *The Smeds and the Smoos*.



Mrs Procter's story time book for KS2.



KS1 enjoyed story time with Mrs Jones in the hall.



Year 1 story time with parents



### KS2 Author Visit

KS2 were lucky to have an author visit from Helen Rutter, who is the author of 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh'. She came into school to read snippets of her new book that was launching that week; 'The Funniest Boy in the World'. Helen inspired the children to collect all of their ideas, create a character and build a story. Year 5 went back to class that day and were very inspired! We created our own character and job role, and our own 'baddie'. Then, we told our stories aloud to our classmates.



**INTRODUCING...** CTK's Reading Ambassadors and Buddies. Our year 5 and 6 children applied for the new roles this half term and these were the successful applicants. We have four year 6 Reading Ambassadors and eight year 5 Reading Buddies. They got straight to work and have been reading with year 1 and 2 children once a week in the morning. Our Reading Ambassadors have also been helping Miss Yates plan **World Book Day** in school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Look out for more updates from these children including recommended reads.



### Recommended reads from year 1

In year 1, the children have been recommending books to each other. They can borrow books from school, or choose one from home and take a teddy to read it to. They then write a book review and bring them back to share with their class.



## ★ TEACHER RECOMMENDED READS ★



In addition to children recommending books to each other, teachers are recommending their favourite books to the children. The children can read or listen to why the teacher has recommended the book and look through the book in the corridor on their way to the dinner hall. If you have any books to recommend to our children please let us know through your child's Seesaw, we would love to add parent recommendations to our display.