



## Autumn 1 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Autumn 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!

### National Poetry Day at CTK

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October, CTK celebrated National Poetry Day across school. This year we all focused on the theme 'Refuge'. We thought about what makes us feel safe, safe places in our school and journeys people might have to take in our world to find their safe place.

Children in all year groups listened to poems read to them by their teachers and famous poets online. They then created class, partner and individual poems using poetry techniques.

On Friday afternoon, children performed their poems to a large audience in a special KS1 and KS2 poetry performance assembly. Staff and children thoroughly enjoyed listening to poems and sharing their creations.

### 2HW's poem 'My Treasures, Your Treasures'



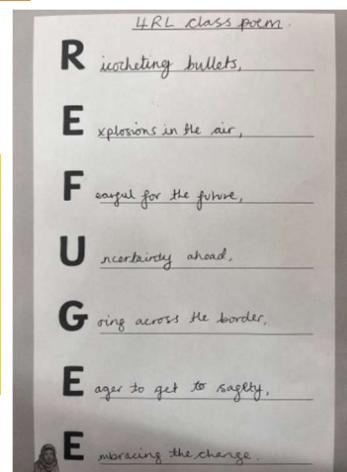
Year 3, 5 and 6 performing their 'refuge' themed poems.



Year 1 looked at safe places in our school as inspiration for their poetry writing.



4RL wrote a class poem together around the theme of refuge, before creating their own in pairs.



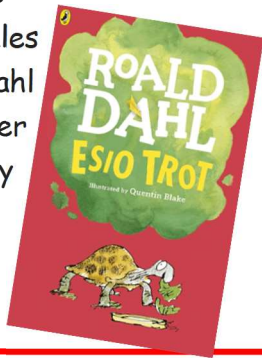
## New Reading Ambassadors and Reading Buddies

We have elected our new Reading Ambassadors (yr6) and Reading Buddies (yr5) here at CtK for this academic year. They have got to work straight away spending their mornings reading with years 1 and 2 during the soft start. They will be helping staff to run book clubs after half term and will be part of the Book Talk that takes place in each class once a week, recommending books to children across school.

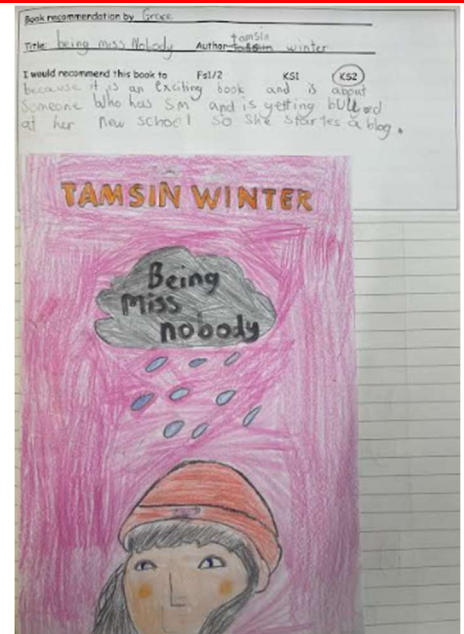


## Recommended Reads

2HK have recently finished reading Esiotrot and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We loved how silly Mr Hoppy was and how much Mrs Silver loved him. We also found a link to the fairytales we have been reading; Roald Dahl said that they lived 'happily ever after' just like lots of the fairy tale characters did. We are looking forward to more Roald Dahl books.



Year 6  
recommended  
read.



# ★ READING AT HOME TOP TIPS ★

We appreciate family life is very busy but we would like to give you some ideas and inspiration to get your children reading and enjoying it.

- 1) Make sure there is time set aside for reading. This does not have to be in the evening before bed, you can change where your child reads each day to keep them engaged and enjoying reading.
- 2) Make it fun - take it in turns to read with your child so that they can enjoy reading and listening to you read too. At the end of the book or chapter, you could do a fun activity for example; change the ending, rate the book out of 5 stars.
- 3) Children can read a variety of texts they do not just have to be storybooks. If you have been on a day trip at the weekend and picked up a leaflet you could read that together, or perhaps a magazine about their favourite sport.

For lots more ideas for reading with children from all age groups visit: [Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#) There is even a 'Book Finder' page to help you find appropriate books for your child's age and interests.