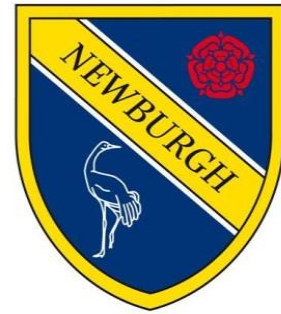


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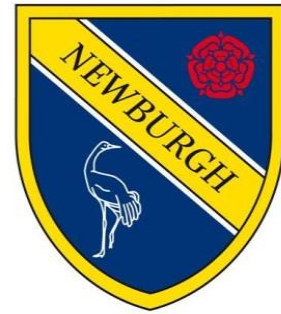
Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Welcome to the first Literacy newsletter from Newburgh School. As you will be aware we have recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Book Day! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for the occasion and we had some amazing costumes! We had a great response for donated books which allowed all children to choose a book to take home on the day. Any remaining books will be donated to local charities. The day consisted of lots of fun activities along with the reading and sharing of books. Team Crane had another guest reader in to share a book with them and Team Rigby even set up their own 'green screen' which allowed their book characters to come to life with a range of fun backgrounds. Team Rigby are developing an interactive book review page that can be viewed in the library so that all our friends will know which books we have enjoyed reading and recommend being read by others. Our School Council suggested that all monies donated should be forwarded to the Ukraine Appeal Fund.

We aim to promote a love of reading for all children who attend our school. Reading is a vital skill and allows many doors to open in life. Reading for pleasure is an entitlement of every child and allows them to be transported to another world. Our Literacy lessons allow the children to be immersed in high quality fiction and non-fiction texts enabling them to experience a range of genre and vocabulary. We encourage children to participate in reading challenges and competitions to develop and strengthen their skills.

Language is a key building block in a child's development and we aim to equip each child with the literacy skills they need. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children receive daily phonics lessons to commence the strong foundations of reading and spelling. The essentials of the English language continue to be built upon and developed daily throughout the school. These skills are not only taught as discrete lessons but also in a creative approach making the learning fun, memorable and purposeful.





How to develop your child's Literacy at home:

- Sharing books, making this time relaxed and enjoyable, a time to snuggle down, enjoy and discuss books!
- Talking, listening, asking and answering questions to develop a host of skills. Sitting down at mealtimes and discussing the events of the day.
- Practising writing skills by writing family names, lists, letters, stories.
- Following instructions – a recipe, a set of instructions for a game or building a toy. Creating your own set of instructions for a game.
- Reading road signs, leaflets, posters, planning your days out by gathering the details and information.
- Allowing children time to role play and enjoy imaginary play. We all love being in our own world, we feel safe and secure!
- Accessing online approved websites – Reading Eggs, Phonics Play etc.
- Accessing eBooks online.

If you have any questions about Literacy at any stage of primary school please do not hesitate to contact me.

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