

Havannah Reads!



Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

At Havannah First School, we are always striving to develop a love of reading in all of our children across the school. Our new Havannah Reads! Newsletter will come home each term so that we can keep you up to date with all the wonderful reading and reading events that are happening in school. We also hope to hear more from you about the things you love to read at home.

Reading Ambassadors

A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 4 children who have applied for the role of Reading Ambassadors at Havannah First School!

We now have a brilliant team of 20 Reading Ambassadors who are already working hard to promote reading throughout the school.

The Reading Ambassadors hear children in Year 1 and 2 read each week and they share books and stories with other children in the Library on a Thursday lunchtime.

After half term, they will be helping to keep the library tidy and organised and creating interesting displays in the library to encourage other children to read their recommended books.



Library

Since moving into our new building, we have been using the library with individuals and groups of children. After half term, all children will be using the library and will be able to swap books and bring them home. By this time we will have sorted the library properly so that children can independently find books which they will enjoy.

If you have any children's books at home, including picture books, which are duplicates or which your children have outgrown, please feel free to donate them to school, we are always very grateful for books!

Book Swap for Parents and Carers

Also starting after half term, we will have a parents and carers book swap trolley which will be outside school at the end of the day. This will be for books for adults and you can take a book in return for a book you've already read. We are doing this to raise children's awareness of adults reading for pleasure and to encourage everyone to read more! Research shows that children are more likely to read if they see adults reading. If you have any donations to get us started, please bring them to the office. Thank you.

Seven Stories - Key Stage One took part in an online author event with Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's books, last week. The children loved hearing Nick Butterworth read Percy the Park Keeper's latest adventure, as well as finding out about how he creates the animal characters for his books! We have more events with Seven Stories planned across the year to keep inspiring our young readers and budding authors and illustrators!

Share your recommended Reads with #HFSReads

In school, we endeavour to be good reader role-models and to share our enthusiasm for the books we are reading. We are encouraging everyone (children, parents and staff) to tell us about the books they are reading and to recommend books they have enjoyed.

We will do this through Twitter (@Havannah1st) and also in school whereby children can bring in the books they recommend or pictures/writing about what they have enjoyed reading.

We will also enjoy sharing with you what we are reading in class through class Twitter pages and on the school website.

We really hope that you will join in with our recommendations and we hope that it will provide inspiration for ideas of books to read for everyone

Happy Reading!



Havannah Readathon!

Keep your eyes peeled for information coming after half term to tell you all about the Havannah Readathon taking place in November! We hope the children will rise to the challenge of raising money for both Children In Need and our Havannah First School Library!

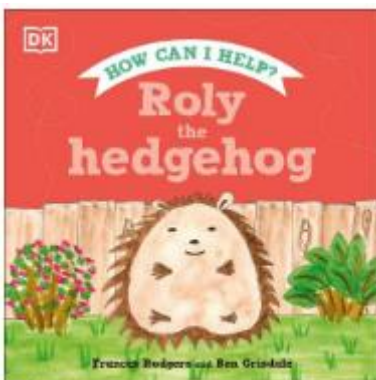


Happening at Half Term

There are some great activities happening over half term. Here are a few that you may be interested in:

Come and Meet Roly the Hedgehog!

Come and meet Roly the Hedgehog, and learn how to care for the wildlife in your garden! You'll also have the chance to make your own bees!



Tuesday 25th October 2022
14:00 at Waterstones, Morpeth.

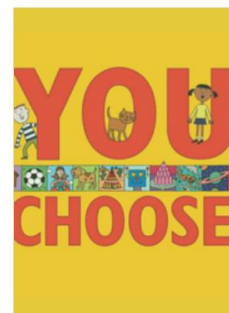
Meggie Magica!

Meggie Magica is a fun-packed family show. Meggie's in a race against time to impress at the local talent show. Full of magic tricks, music and surprises.



25 Oct, 10:30 & 26 Oct, 11:20
Gosforth Civic Theatre

Seven Stories:



You Choose!

Saturday 22nd October and Sunday 30th October:
11.30am, 2pm and 4pm A brand new interactive musical show for all the family based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt.



Let's Draw! Everyday Monsters with author James Harris

Monday 24th October. Fun, interactive drawing workshop for 7+ with Middlesbrough author James Harris.

Plus many more!

Visit: www.sevenstories.org.uk/whats-on