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Summer Transition Texts

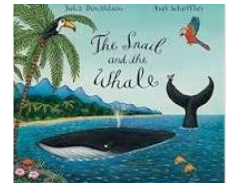


Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Rakegate, we value the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure' and understand the positive impact it can have on every child. Reading has many benefits including increased knowledge and skills in text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life and an increased general knowledge. Enjoyment of a 'good book' can also have a positive impact on our children's mental health and well-being. However, it is a worrying fact that children aged 7 – 11 today are on average reading for pleasure for 28 minutes less a week than their parents did at the same age. In fact, **half of children aged 7 - 11 in the UK (50%) read for less than an hour a week outside of school.**

In response to this and following last year's success, we have decided to continue with a 'Summer Transition Reading Challenge' and we are lucky enough to be able to provide every child in the school from Reception to Year 5 with a book to take home for the summer to read. Each year group has selected a different, age-appropriate, quality text to read. They are as follows:

- Reception – Whatever Next by Jill Murphy
- Year 1 – The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson
- Year 2 – George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
- Year 3 – Demon Dentist by David Walliams
- Year 4 – The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird
- Year 5 – The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf



Your child's current class teacher will be introducing the book to the children in the final week(s) of term and completing some work with them to engage them in the text. Following this, it will be their book to keep and look after over the summer. There will be no related homework set for this book. We simply want the children to just enjoy reading and sharing the book at home with you – more than once if they want to!

When the children return to school in September, they will need to return the book to their new class teacher. The book will then become a focus for our Reading and Writing lessons in school for the first few weeks back. The book that your child will be given will have a number inside and that book will be assigned to them. The book should be returned **week beginning 5th September**. Due to the school having to replenish a great number of books after they were not returned last year, if the book is not returned by the given date, **a charge will be incurred.**

Hopefully, the children will enjoy reading the stories we have selected, and they will be keen to discuss and share their thoughts with you. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in school or via the year group email address.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss M. Causer
English Lead



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