

Vernon Park Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our last edition of the Vernon Park Reading Newsletter for this academic year. The Reading Ambassadors have done a fantastic job this year, taking on roles for World Book Day, being judges for the Stockport Book Awards and advocating a love of reading to all of the Vernon Park community.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter and our book recommendations.

Mrs Mickle met with our Reading Ambassadors and answered their questions about her favourite childhood book, *The BFG*.

Why do you love this book?

I didn't like reading until I found this book. I found the giant kind, endearing and funny. He makes up funny words, like I do!



How old were you where you first read this book?

I was 8 years old.

How does reading make him feel?

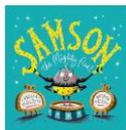
Reading makes me feel calm and relaxed. It takes me to a different place; a good mindfulness tool.

Where is your favourite place to read?

On the beach! It doesn't matter if it's cold, wet, windy or sunny – I love reading on the beach.

Reading Ambassador Recommendations

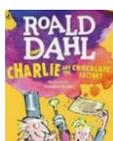
KS1: Matilda loves the message of this book; it always better to work together.



LKS2: This is Hope's favourite book.



UKS2: Izzy loves how descriptive this book is.



Authors of the term

Oliver Jeffers is an author-illustrator of children's picture books that he is best known, however, producing his debut, *How to Catch a Star* in 2004. This was the first picture book in the Boy series and was swiftly followed by *Lost and Found*, a heart-warming story in which the Boy discovers a lost penguin and attempts to return it to its home. *Lost and Found* won both the Nestle Smarties Book Prize Gold Medal and the Blue Peter Book Award and made Jeffers name.



Onjali Qatara Rauf MBE is the best-selling author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a touching but funny book about a young refugee boy, Ahmet, and the friendships he builds at his new school. Her latest book, *The Night Bus Hero*, is eagerly anticipated and explores the theme of homelessness. When she was little, she was always being told off in class for daydreaming – when really, she was “trying to spot a unicorn and thinking up stories!”





Waterstones Children's Laureate

Award-winning poet, playwright and author Joseph Coelho is the Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-24.

The Waterstones Children's Laureate is the foremost representative of children's literature, awarded biannually to a renowned writer or illustrator in recognition of exceptional talent. Joseph Coelho is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author based in Kent. He aims to inspire young people through stories and characters they can recognise and explores themes including fear, courage, diversity, gratitude, empathy and loss.

Coelho is inspired by magic, the ancient world and often draws on his own experiences transforming them into something universal that can be shared. Throughout his career he has highlighted the power of poetry and reading, championing and campaigning for local libraries and spotlights new voices and diversity throughout his work.

The children of Vernon Park will look at some of Joseph's poetry next year, in the meantime, here are some of his books for you to have a look at over the summer holidays.



Stockport Library Summer Reading Challenge 2022

This year, in partnership with the Reading Agency, Stockport Library plan to inspire children to use their imagination and creativity to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around us.

Read 6 books to complete the challenge and you'll be awarded the Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate. You can read anything you like!

We hope you have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to recommending more books and authors to you in the Autumn term. We can't wait to hear about all of the books you read over the holidays.

