



## The Power of Reading



A huge WELCOME BACK to Y4, 5 and 6 pupils and a huge WELCOME to our new Y3 children and their parents and carers. As many of you will already know, at Brockwell Juniors we place reading at the very heart of what we do. We hope that this first newsletter of the year provides introductory information and useful reminders about how we teach and manage the learning of reading – but also gives our new parents a flavour of how passionate we all are about books, libraries and everything reading!



All staff at Brockwell understand the importance of reading as a life skill and **we are passionate about delivering an exciting English curriculum to ensure pupils are skilled speakers, readers and writers.** Much thought is given to books that are chosen to share in English and whole class reading sessions, and also to reading material included in subjects right across the curriculum. **Do look at the English section on our website, which will show you some of the books that we enjoy sharing here at the juniors.**



If your child took part in this year's summer reading challenge, please encourage them to let their class teacher or me (Emma Crutchley) know. We can then celebrate their achievements in a Friday assembly!

At the heart of our school is our fantastic library. In here, the children will find a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, magazines and picture books. All our banded reading scheme books are in here too. The library is open every day to change reading books – but **Y3 also have a selection of banded books outside their classrooms too!** Y3 and 4 have set library days when they can come into the library, learn about how libraries work and choose an extra book to enjoy at home or at school. Upper school are encouraged to use the library more independently.

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST – please continue to work in partnership with school** to ensure your child reaches their full reading potential. Please share books and stories at every opportunity to help foster the love of books that we promote. There are tips and ideas on our website to help with reading to and with your child. **Please call in to see your child's class teacher or me (Emma Crutchley) if you have any questions or concerns, or would like more ideas on how to share stories or listen to your child read.**

***“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go.” Dr Seuss***

