



The Power of Reading

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax - all you need is a book!" Dr. Seuss



We are hugely proud of our library at Brockwell Junior School and it plays an enormous part in our 'Every child a Reader' ethos. **We are delighted to say that we have just spent £2000 on new books for our pupils to enjoy (see pictures below).** There are new titles for our fiction and non-fiction sections, as well as new books in each of our book band colours. Each one has been carefully chosen with the help of a local reading consultant from Gemma Books. The very latest book titles, diversity and phonic development were just some of the criteria involved in our choices. **They landed on the shelves just before Easter and are already being enjoyed and discussed by pupils from Y3 to Y6!**



Not only is our library a fantastic resource for all things 'bookish', it is also a welcome space for those who want to spend the occasional playtime or lunchtime either reading or being creative. **Each day our brilliant Y6 librarians organise creative activities for year groups 3, 4 and 5, and pupils are of course welcome to visit the library to read too.** We certainly do not ask for silence in our school library and we positively encourage literary and creative chat, but we do insist that it remains a calm space for all to enjoy. There are also reading benches and spaces in the grounds, where readers can enjoy reading and book chat during the fine weather.





We are very excited to announce a date for your diaries –the afternoon of **Wednesday June 15th** - when **we will be joining with Brockwell Nursery and Infant School** to invite all our families to a **'Reading Picnic'**. We will have everything crossed for a fine afternoon, so that we can enjoy reading, creative activities and refreshments on our school field. **More details will be announced in our next newsletter and we will be busy planning in the meantime!**

Again, we **thank you** for working in partnership with us to promote reading and a love of books across our school community.

As part of our wonderful celebration assembly on Friday afternoons, we are introducing a new award – **READER OF THE WEEK**.

Readers can be given this award for many different reasons:

- Lots of reading at home.
- Reading aloud with fluency and expression on Seesaw.
- Recent improvement in their reading.
- Real enthusiasm for reading.
- A particularly brilliant reading performance.

Please look out for the **Star Reader sticker** that will be given to your child and do ask them all about it.

Please do continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home, both with you and independently.

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" – Mary McCleod Bethune

