

## **Charles Darwin Community Primary School promotes reading for pleasure through various initiatives**

### **In School:**

Teachers who love to read and share the love of reading with our pupils

Leaders who support and promote the restocking of book corners and library and understand that learning to read is one of the most important skills we can teach our children

A reading programme that engages readers and provides them with skills they need to become competent readers

Our fabulous, well stocked library and classroom reading corners contain a huge selection of books. The school environment is inviting and conducive to reading.

Collins Big Cat Full Library of sets of reading books for our phonic readers

Class book boxes chosen to match reading levels accurately

Reading-Age appropriate sections of the library for our fluent readers

A school reading spine chosen using guidance from The Literacy Company and the Book Trust

Membership of the Education Library Service enabling us to swap books and provide new fiction and non fiction titles

OSCA provide funds to buy every child a book for Christmas

Valentines 'Fall in Love with a Good Book' books for each class

Secret/Mystery Book gifts for classes using funds from Book Fairs

Whole School Book Weeks – The Greatest Show on Earth

Daily "Drop Everything and Read": Dedicated time for students to read without pressure or tasks.

World Book Week: Special events and activities throughout the week to celebrate books. Past events have included:

- Dress up as a real person from a book (non fiction/autobiography)
- Character potatoes
- Heroes (real or fictional)
- Design a book cover to show your life story

Competitions: Encouraging reading through competitions and reading-related activities.

Bi-annual Readathon to promote reading and raise funds

School Library Bus: A mobile library available once a term, offering a wider selection of books.

Author/Poet Visits: Inviting authors and poets to interact with students, sparking their interest in reading.

Class Reading Journals: Students can document their reading experiences and reflections.

Book Fairs: Opportunities for students to purchase books and explore new titles. .

Visitors, friends and families are invited to come and read with our children

Linking Reading to Curriculum: Integrating reading into various subjects to make it more engaging.