

Library opening

Dear parents and carers,

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our new library will be opening on **Wednesday 27th September!** Our focus on Reading within the school has led us to purchase boxes of Home Reader books which you should find your child is bringing home with them. We have been careful to select quality texts that represent our modern and diverse society, mixing them with classics and a range of male and female authors. We also continue to teach Destination Reader, using high quality texts and teaching children language stems which help them to clearly articulate their views on the books they read. Our new English lead, David Foster, has set up a Book Club for Years 5 and 6 as well as a school magazine with KS2. We will ensure that children are read to by adults as well as given time to read independently with teachers and TAs during their week at school. We aim to inspire a love of Reading in every child and we believe that our schemes offer us the perfect opportunity to do that.

Our fairy tale library is totally unique! Built by Tandem Set & Scenery, who build scenery for the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, TV and festivals, they have created a space where our children will hopefully feel inspired and engaged. We are extremely proud of what we've been able to create in a short space of time. The new books are being catalogued and stacked by a number of children and some very wonderful parent volunteers! Thank you! We also want to thank another of our parents, Anita Luby, who has donated boxes of books from Redbridge Library. Enormous thanks! The PTFA have supported our requests for books and we hope this will continue as we build our selection.

Our library is being opened on **Wednesday 27th September at 10am by Michael De Souza** who wrote the Rasta Mouse series! He will run two assemblies as well as a workshop with year 6. After this he will cut the ribbon in front of the local press. As the space is small we will only be able to invite the PTFA committee members and governors to this event but will be opening the library space for **all parents on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September from the end of the school day** so that you all get the chance to see it.

Please remember that you can volunteer to read in school with children by contacting your child's teacher.

I hope that your children happily enjoy the space for many years to come.

Best wishes,

Verity Carter

Headteacher