



Farington Moss St Paul's

Reading Newsletter.

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'Thrive in the Gift of Life.' John 10 : 10 '



"Reading is dreaming with eyes wide open."

The Word Guerrilla Visit 2024

Last week we were treated to our annual visit from the inspiring 'Word Guerrilla'.

He spent two days with us, beginning with a fabulous performance showcasing his word wizardry. He then worked with all classes helping to write a variety of different poems all based around the theme of 'Children's Mental Health'. We rapped, recited and rejoiced in the wonder that poetry can provide for our mental health.



The children have continued to write poems in class this week. Examples of their work will be displayed outside the hall. Have a look, the next time you are in school.

The Benefit of Poetry.

Poetry is emotional expression. It provides a way for children to express, examine and understand their feelings. Children with a good awareness of rhyme tend to become better readers and spellers. The tunes and patterns of poems on the page support children in developing reading fluency, meaning poetry is a perfect vehicle for engaging more reluctant readers, as well as for encouraging more confident readers to pay closer attention to the words on the page.

Poetry themed activities to try at home.



[Making a Poetry Paper Chain – Poetry Roundabout](#)

[Making a Tiny Poetry Book – Poetry Roundabout](#)

[DIY Literacy: Rhyming Dominoes \(LIBRARY MAKE\) \(youtube.com\)](#)



Children's poetry archive

[The Children's Poetry Archive - Listen to the world's best children's poetry read out loud.](#)

Online Rhyming Dictionary

[RhymeZone rhyming dictionary and thesaurus](#)

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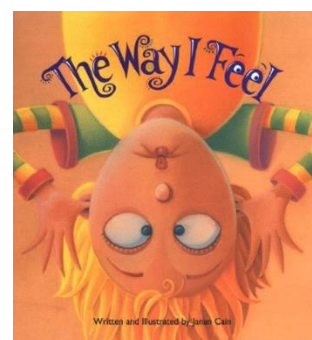
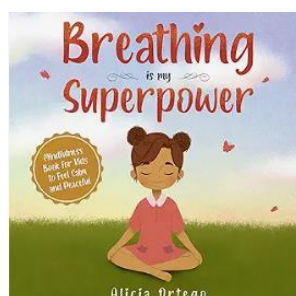
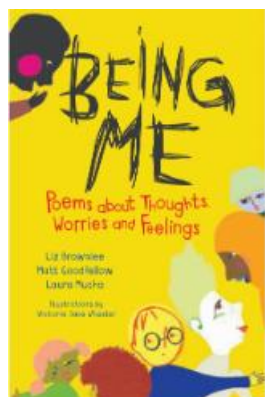
Children's Mental Health Week 5-11th February 2024



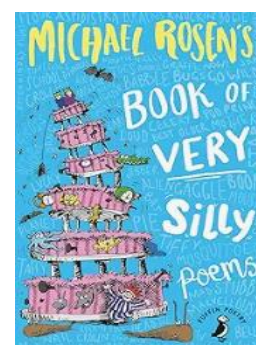
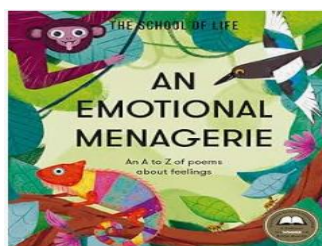
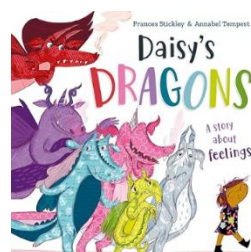
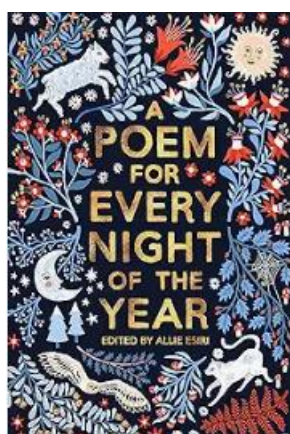
Poetry and story resources to help support mental health and well-being.

'My Voice Matters'.

Being Me is full of poems confronting issues many children struggle with – reading and listening to these poems gives children the ability to express their own thoughts, feelings and worries.



A book to help children understand their feelings, emphasising that it is ok to feel that way.



World Book Day – 7th March 2024



Look out on the Class Dojo for all the information you will need about our planned celebrations for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

Over half-term, check your local supermarkets for the special £1 Book Day books.



WE LOVE READING



Reading Breakfast

Reading breakfasts have already started for this academic year. Reception and Year 3 and Year 1 have already enjoyed theirs, both being fabulously well supported events.

Future Dates :

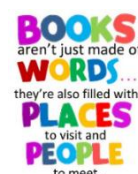
8th Mar 2024 – Year 5

17th May 2024 – Year 4

14th June 2024 – Year 6

28th June 2024 – Year 2

All are welcome to come along; have a coffee and a pastry and enjoy sharing a book with your child.



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