

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – 06.03.20.

SPRING TERM TWO – Reading Survey.



This week we celebrated World Book Day and as part of the activities we carried out a reading survey amongst the infant and junior classes in key stage one and two. We wanted to find out what everyone thought about reading. Altogether 170 children took part in the survey. We asked three questions and this is what we found out (*the figures in brackets are from last year's survey*):

Q1. As far as reading goes, school:

- a) Makes me dislike reading – 1/170 or 1%. (3/162 or 2%)
- b) Doesn't help me very much – 1/170 or 1%. (11/162 or 7%)
- c) Helps me – 66/170 or 39%. (44/162 or 27%)
- d) Helps me a lot – 102/170 or 60%. (104/162 or 64%)

Q2. How do you feel about reading?

- a) I don't like reading. It is never something that I would choose to do in my own time – 8/170 or 5%. (11/162 or 7%)
- b) I do read at home but only if there is nothing else to do – 43/170 or 25%. (31/162 or 19%)
- c) I like reading and it is something that I would choose to do – 42/170 or 25%. (55/162 or 34%)
- d) I love reading and it is one of my favourite things to do – 78/170 or 46%. (55/162 or 34%)

Q3. How often do you choose to read?

- a) Never – 1/170 or 1%. (0/162 or 0%)
- b) Very rarely – 9/170 or 5%. (15/162 or 19%)
- c) A few times a week – 35/170 or 21%. (71/162 or 44%)
- d) Nearly every day – 125/170 or 74%. (76/162 or 47%)

This shows us that the majority of children in our school like reading, read often and think that school helps them with their reading. It also shows we have more children now reading every day and describing reading as one of their favourite things compared to last year - which is fantastic.

We also asked the children for their ideas about what we could do to make reading even better in school. Here are some of their ideas: *expand the range of non-fiction books in school, have a bigger selection of newly published books and start a book club in school.*

Finally, we asked the children to sum up in a word what they thought about reading. Here are some of their ideas: *Fun, Wonderful, Good, Brilliant, Magical, Awesome, Educational, Fascinating, Calming, Amazing, Relaxing, Dramatic, Interesting, Spectacular, Escapism, Enjoyable & Enriching!*

We will be using the results of the survey to help our school make decisions to encourage even more children to enjoy reading and see it as something that they would say is one of their favourite things.

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