




Reading for Pleasure




Matthew A. Cherry



Matthew A. Cherry is a special person who loves telling stories through movies and books. He was once a football player, but then he decided to make movies and write books instead. One of his favorite works is a book called *Hair Love*, which is about a dad learning to do his daughter's hair. This book even became a short film and won a big award called an Oscar! Matthew loves creating stories that make people happy and think about important things. When he isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

If you like this book you might also like...



Poetry

Types of Poems		
Serious Poems	Acrostic Poems	Keenings
Ballads	Limericks	Free Verse
Performance Poetry	Shape poems	Sonnets

Poetry Toolbox

- rhythm**: Count it, tap it out, clap it, march it, sing it!
- line breaks**: Write in stanzas, think in lines, use white space.
- metaphor**: One word made into something is something else.
- simile**: It is like... that, something is like... for something else.
- imagery**: Use them, help us, think in pictures, think about.
- personification**: Give human qualities to animals or that isn't human.
- alliteration**: Use words that start with the same sound.
- repetition**: Repeat words or phrases.
- rhyme**: Use words with similar sounding final syllables.
- onomatopoeia**: Use words that create the sound of the thing or with that describe.

Story Time:

At Hitherfield Primary School, Story Time sessions are integral to our curriculum, designed to promote a love of literature and reading for pleasure. Research shows that children who are read to daily are more likely to read independently for pleasure. Across all year groups from Nursery to Year 6, our daily Story Time sessions feature a rich variety of genres and forms, with core texts aligned to our Reading Progression Framework. After exploring core texts, teachers supplement these with additional books that reflect both term themes and class interests. We also integrate themed books throughout the year, including those for Pride Month and anti-bullying initiatives, coordinated with our PHSE and anti-racism leads. These efforts ensure that reading is integral to our educational approach, fostering a deep appreciation for diversity and varied experiences among our students.

CELEBRATION

Celebration books highlight and embrace diversity, exploring themes of inclusivity, acceptance, and the unique qualities that make individuals and cultures distinct. They are fiction books.

Features of Fiction Texts

The writing in this story is... This is a...
 Characters
 Setting
 Plot
 Language
 Style

Ibrihaj Muhammad

THE PRODIGAL BLUE

Using Muhammad is an amazing author who is known for her ability to bring the world to life in her books. She has written more than 20 books for children and young adults. Her books are full of heart, humor, and hope. She has a special way of writing that makes you feel like you are part of the story. Her books are not only fun to read but also teach us about ourselves and the world around us. She is a true storyteller and a wonderful role model for young girls.

Also by this author...





Reading for Pleasure



Hitherfield Heroes:

For the last two years, we have had incredible success with our Hitherfield Heroes volunteer reading programme, ensuring that every class in the school has at least one volunteer reader from the community each week. The Hitherfield Heroes read with three children per session, chosen by the class teacher. This one-on-one reading has an incredible impact, helping to build inherent motivation, fluency, and comprehension.

Feedback from both pupils and volunteers has been overwhelmingly positive, with 100 percent of survey respondents stating that they enjoyed the experience and felt that it was beneficial.

Could **YOU** be a Hitherfield Hero?!





Reading for Pleasure



World Book Day:

A whole school, whole day, celebration of reading to encourage a love of reading within our pupils.

- ❖ Fancy dress and costume prizes!
- ❖ Storytellers!
- ❖ Costume parade!
- ❖ Book themed lessons for the day!
- ❖ Drop everything and read and cross-year group reading sessions!
- ❖ Big Book Swap after school, to ensure that every child in the school is able to take home a high quality text of their own!



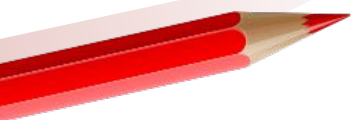


Reading for Pleasure

Library Time:

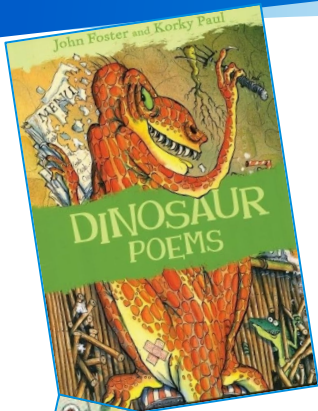
Every class has a safeguarded weekly library session where learners can choose books to take home for independent reading or to enjoy with adults. This dedicated time allows students to engage with literature purely for their enjoyment, giving them full autonomy to explore their passions as readers. Additionally, the library is open on designated days after school, providing a calm space for children to share a book with their adults, with our brilliant librarian available to assist.

Learn more here: [Library | Hitherfield Primary School](#)





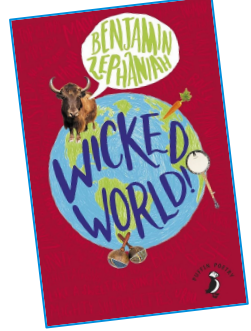
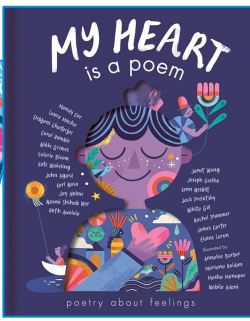
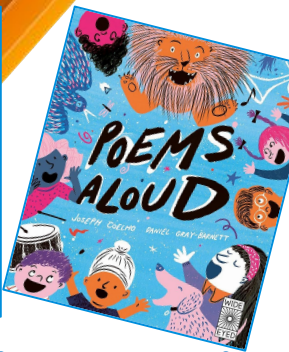
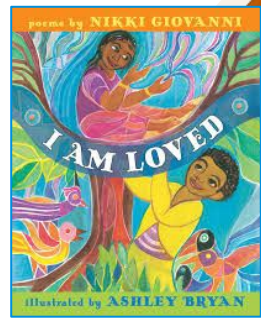
Reading for Pleasure



Assemblies:

In term three, our Story Time sessions focus on performance poetry, culminating in our annual poetry assembly. Here, representatives from each class showcase one of the poems they have learned, building their repertoire of literary works and celebrating the art form of poetry. This event both promotes public speaking skills and builds appreciation for the creative expression found in poetry.

Additionally, every term, we host dedicated book assemblies where a member of the Senior Leadership Team or another staff member shares and discusses a newly discovered book. These assemblies model positive reading behaviors, such as exploring new genres and authors, and inspire students to expand their reading horizons. These assemblies reinforce our commitment to nurturing a community of enthusiastic readers and lifelong learners at Hitherfield Primary School. We also hold a World Book Day assembly every year.





Reading for Pleasure



Book Fairs and Author Visits:

We enrich our reading for pleasure offer with a variety of Book Fairs and Author Visits. Throughout the year, we host age-appropriate author visits, aiming to feature a diverse range of authors. As well as this our after-school book fairs are organised in collaboration with anti-racist and multicultural retailers, as well as large publishing houses, ensuring a wide selection of inclusive and engaging books for our students.

