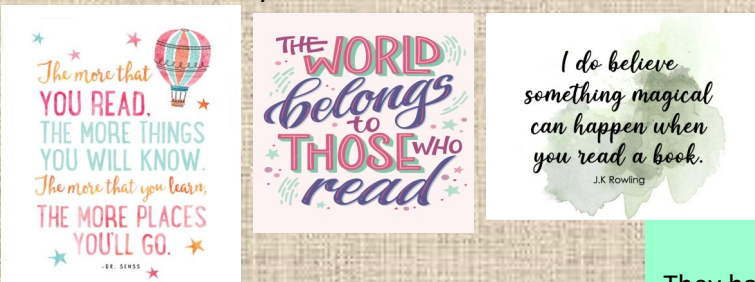


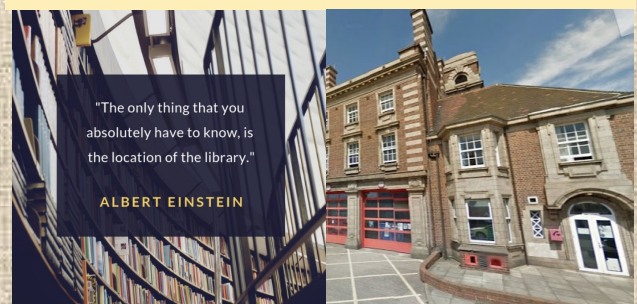
Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Prince Albert's reading newsletter! This newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date on all of the things that we are doing in school to promote reading for pleasure. We want all of our children to love reading and become lifelong readers. We hope that it will provide you with some ideas and inspiration to support your child at home.

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."
Bali Rai



Our team of reading ambassadors have been hard at work discussing and planning all things reading at Prince Albert. They have been looking after their classroom book corners, writing book reviews and setting up a very special surprise on the playground. Our reading ambassadors also talk confidently about why they love reading and they recommend and promote books to other children. They are doing an amazing job and we can't wait to see how they continue to help Mrs Patel, Miss Turley and Mrs Khatun develop reading across school.



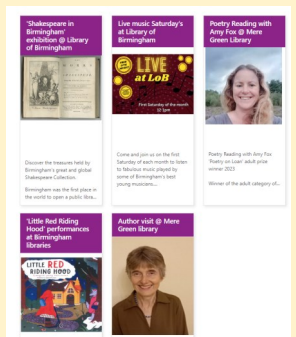
It is free and simple to join Aston Library. You can join online or pop into the library. You and your child can then borrow books as well as other resources like comics and magazines! They also have online resources that you can borrow including magazines, books, audio books and comics that can be read using a phone or tablet! Aston Library is open: Tuesday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm and Thursday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm. Why not pop in, join and choose a book! Aston Library is located inside Aston Fire Station on Ettington Road.

How can you help at home?
Visit the local library together-choose new books to read and attend events at the library or local bookshop.
Show them lots of different things they can read such as magazines, recipes and poems!
Read together. Even if your child is older, you can still share and talk about stories together.



Here is a poem to share with your child:
Smiling is Infectious
By Spike Milligan
Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

There are regularly events on at libraries across Birmingham which are often free to attend. Scan the QR code to find events.



Author Spotlight

Benjamin Zephaniah



Born: Handsworth, Birmingham—1958

Information

The British writer Benjamin Zephaniah is known for his poetry as well as novels, plays, and other works. His poetry is called “dub poetry,” which means that it is performed—the words are recited over the beat of reggae music.

His parents were Jamaican and even as a child he enjoyed the reggae music and poetry of Jamaica. He started writing poetry when he was very young.

His first book of children’s poetry was called *Talking Turkeys* and was published in 1994. Since then he has written much more for children. In 1999 he also started writing novels for teenagers. His first novel, *Face*, was about racial discrimination. His other novels include *Refugee Boy* (2001) and *Teacher’s Dead* (2007).

In addition to his poetry and fiction Zephaniah wrote plays for television, radio, and stage. He also performed in television shows and movies.

Benjamin Zephaniah sadly passed away on 7th December 2023.

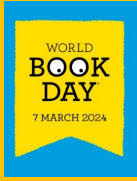
We will celebrate his life by continuing to read and enjoy his books in school.

School reading events

Reading shed launch—
Week Beginning: 19th February

World Book Day—7th March

Look out for more information about World Book Day very soon!



Latest Releases

These are brand new books that have recently been released.

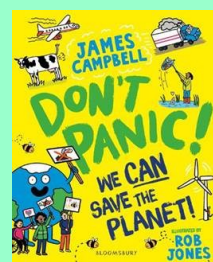
See if you can find them in your local library. If you read one, let us know!



The Great Henna Party
Humera Malik
A wonderful tale about tradition, family and celebrations.



Time Travellers
Sufiya Ahmed
A group of friends time travel back to 1911 and learn all about some fascinating characters from the past.



Don't Panic! We can save the planet!
James Campbell
A funny guide to saving the planet. Silliness and serious advice all in one!