

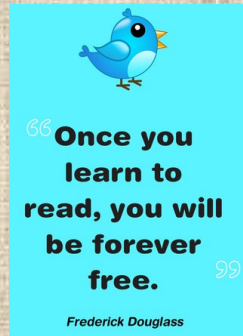
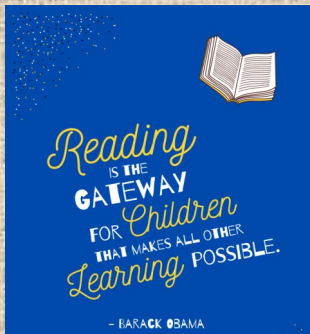
### Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Prince Albert's reading newsletter. This is to inform you about all of the things that we are doing in school to promote reading for pleasure. We want all children to love reading and become lifelong readers. Hopefully this will provide some ideas and inspiration for you to support your child at home.



There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS



Our team of reading ambassadors have been hard at work looking after the reading shed during break and lunch time. They have been promoting the joy of reading within the school. Our reading ambassadors understand the importance of reading so they have been supporting other children to develop there passion for reading.

The children have been looking at ways to create a cherished space that inspires a lifelong love for reading in each classroom.



There are lots of things happening at Aston library over the summer holiday and at all of the libraries across Birmingham.

All libraries are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Scan the QR code for more information.



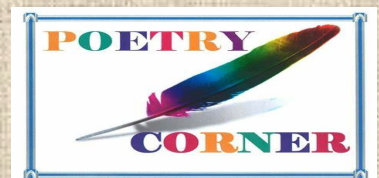
Please see the library information letters that have been sent to you on Arbor and on the school website for events

### How can you help at home?

Have a designated space for reading which is comfortable, quiet and has good lighting.



Let your children see you reading regularly. Read with your children and share your enjoyment for reading.



A boat beneath a sunny sky,  
Lingering onward dreamily  
In an evening of July –

Children three that nestle near,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Pleased a simple tale to hear –

Long has faded that sunny sky:  
Echoes fade and memories die:  
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,  
Alice moving under skies  
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,  
Dreaming as the days go by,  
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream –  
Lingering in the golden gleam –  
Life, what is it but a dream?

Here is a poem to share with your child:

**A Boat Beneath A Sunny Sky by Lewis Carrol**

## Author Spotlight

# Hamza Arshad



**Born: 3rd June 1985**

### **Information:**

In 2018 Penguin Random House bought the children's novel series *Little Badman*, created by Arshad and comedy writer Henry White. The first in the series is titled *Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties* and was published on World Book Day in March 2019. The second book, *Little Badman and the Time-travelling Teacher of Doom*, was published on 20 August 2020. The third book, *Little Badman and the Radioactive Samosa*, was published for World Book Day in March 2021. The fourth book, *Little Badman and the Rise of the Punjabi Zombies* was published on 7 July 2022. The books are illustrated by Aleksei Bitskoff.

*Little Badman* follows the story of 11 year old rapper Humza Khan who becomes suspicious when his school teachers begin to disappear and are replaced by evil aunties.

### **School reading events**

Our summer fayre raised over £1000 which is going to be used to enhance reading areas in classrooms and purchase books that children have been asking for.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our fundraising efforts!

Look out for reading events happening in the new school year.

### **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!



**Clarice Bean, Smile**

**Lauren Child**

A funny chapter book about Clarice Bean's latest adventures.



**New Arrivals at Willow Farm**

**Helen Peters**

Willow Farm is home to siblings George and Bethan, and their parents, farmers Annie and Joe. This delightful, illustrated chapter book contains two short stories about new arrivals on the farm.



**Nush and the Stolen Emerald**

**Jasbinder Bilan**

Can Nush find her family's emerald in Queen Victoria's palaces? A jewel of a book – shining a light on historical events through memorable characters and a pacy plot.