

'Reading is the key to our future'

The new school year has begun and it is wonderful to have the community together again. Over the holidays, staff have been working hard to create spaces around school to promote the children's love of learning. This has included a sprinkling of fairy magic out in our Wild Area, the instalment of two fantastic orienteering courses and our brand new 'Reading Space'.

At St Oswald's we are passionate about reading. We encourage our pupils to become life-long readers, reading for both pleasure and curiosity. Drawing on their wide experience, our teachers have worked together to design their own, personalised reading spine (collection) that includes a breadth of high-quality text types, genres and authors. From the books the pupils will share together in classrooms, we have carefully selected our '100 books to read before you leave St Oswald's' and the Reading Space is a place where these books can be shared and enjoyed.

Our parent community overwhelmed us with their generosity and purchased all 100 books for us. We were delighted to host an open evening this week, where parents and carers joined us in school to mark the start of the new academic year, giving them the opportunity to see the space they supported us to create.

I will end this entry with a few photographs of the Reading Space and wish you all happy reading in month ahead.

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