

## Welcome to our new and improved library...

We are very excited to finally have our library up and running and ready for the children to use. Throughout this week, children from across the school have been popping in for a nosey and a little look round and they have started to borrow some of the lovely new books.

A huge thank you has to be given to Jackie Barnes from the Schools Library Service, who has put many hours into weeding out the old stock, selecting our new stock, moving furniture, filling shelves and labeling! Wow - we couldn't have done it without her. She will be popping back to help us with our new library management system too.

The library is now well organised and clearly labelled so that children know where to look for their new books.

The non-fiction section is helpfully colour coded with lots of books on display to entice the children. The fiction section is now alphabetised and easy to navigate and has an additional section for QUICK READS and EARLY READERS.

## New Books

Incredibly, over the last term, we have added 820 new books to our shelves. That's not just in the library, but it also includes brand new additions to our coloured book bands for the children across school who are bringing home levelled reading books to practice at home. It also includes a class based book box of Reading Spine titles in every year group.



# And there's more...

Every year group will be given time during the week to change books and browse the shelves. Within the library there are book review templates, interactive displays, newspapers, magazines and activities so that library time can be about much more than picking a book.



There were a lot of old books on our shelves that were looking a bit shabby or were a bit outdated. These have been replaced with lots of popular new titles and relevant children's authors. We have a display of some of our favourites on the wall too, including our local author friend Kylie Dixon, whose books are also on the shelves. We have added extra copies of Reading Spine books to the shelves as well as exciting new series' of books for the older children to get their teeth into. Some of the Year 6 book journaling is going to be added to the walls along with stand out book reviews completed by children from KS2.



## What's next?

In May, our new Library Management system will be installed. We have chosen a company called Libresoft. Their software will help us to track all of our library books as well as make the borrowing process quick and easy. Children from across Key Stage 2 will be trained to look after the library and use the system so that they can support their peers to use the library independently.

# Libresoft

None of this would have been possible without the enthusiasm and generosity of your fundraising efforts – thank you once again for making our school community so special.