



# Edmund Waller

## READING NEWSLETTER no. 1



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### Community Resource

**New Cross Learning** (formerly known as the New Cross People's Library) is a community-run space offering a library service and a bookshop as well as a wide range of learning activities. NXL is wholly volunteer-run.



The centre provides free computer/internet use, Wifi, newspapers and magazines. NXL has desk spaces to work, and they also run learning activities and workshops, including writing and knitting workshops. They continue to run a lending library of over 5,000 books. NXL is becoming a venue that puts community learning and sharing on the map.

### Reading Space

You may have seen our beautiful new reading and learning space in Blume building.



Ms Greenbank and a dedicated team of teaching assistants have now organised the new and existing stock, so that teachers can easily access a range of quality books to read with groups of children in class.

### Bug Club

Don't forget that Bug Club provides a wealth of books that children up to Year 3 can access. The online resources can be found at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

At Edmund Waller, we are passionate about the children developing a lifelong love of reading. Book Talk has quickly become a popular feature on the weekly newsletter, with children clamouring to share the brilliant books they have discovered with the Edmund Waller community. In fact, there is so much to share and celebrate that we have decided to publish this termly reading newsletter. The pace of life in the 21st century can be unrelenting. We hope that the Easter break provides an opportunity for your family to enjoy some new books together.

Reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day can make a HUGE difference to their reading skills.



**On the reverse of this letter, you will find a book list. The aim of this list is to flag up some quality books that you may not be familiar with. This is not a reading list that children are expected to read through in isolation; it is to support your ongoing relationship with your child and books. You may recognise some old favourites and discover some new ones. Enjoy sharing them together and don't forget your local library! Book lists for each year group are published on the school website.**



### Talking About Books

These questions (from Aiden Chambers) encourage children to develop confidence in expressing their opinions about books. Children need to know that it is alright to dislike something!

#### Likes

- Was there anything you especially liked about this text?
- Anything that caught your attention?
- Anything you would have liked more of?

#### Dislikes

- Were there any parts that bored you?
- Did you skip any parts?

#### Puzzles

- Was there anything that puzzled you or you thought strange?
- Anything that took you by surprise?
- Any parts you did not understand?

#### Patterns

- Were there any patterns or connections you noticed?
- Can you make any links between parts of the text?
- Does it remind you of anything else you've read?

