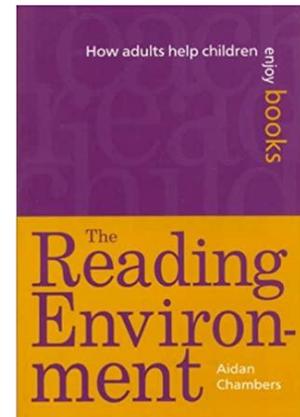


Welcome ! I hope you managed to fit in some reading for pleasure over the bank holiday weekend ? Jon Biddle (English lead at Moorlands Primary in Norfolk) writes regularly for the NEU's 'Educate' magazine. At the beginning of his article in the latest edition of the magazine, he says: *'Now that we're back in school, it's essential that the value and impact of Reading for Pleasure (RfP) isn't forgotten in the race to 'catch up'.....Providing children with books, reading aloud to them and giving them time to read independently and talk about reading is as important as ever. Arguably even more so.'*

Aidan Chambers: In his article, Jon talks about the importance of adults in school having a good knowledge of children's literature. Jon says: *'As Aidan Chambers argued so convincingly in 'The Reading Environment' (still an essential book), readers are made by readers – and in the school environment, staff are the enabling adults for the children.'* I read 'The Reading Environment' ages ago – but can't find my copy, so I've ordered a new one. As always, I'm happy to share.



Benefits of reading for pleasure



PERSONAL OUTCOMES

- Escapism
- Enjoyment
- Focus and Flow
- Knowledge of self
- Creativity and imagination
- Relaxation
- Emotional Intelligence

SOCIAL OUTCOMES

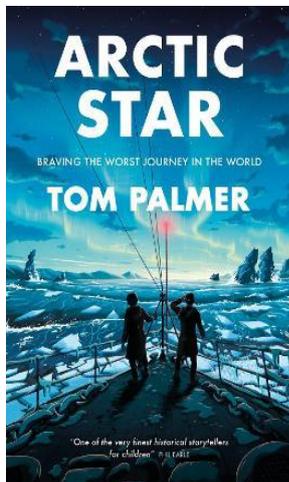
- Empathy
- Relatedness
- Parent/child communication
- Reduced depressive symptoms
- Self expression
- Communication skills
- Social and cultural capital

EXTERNAL OUTCOMES

- Attainment (across curriculum)
- Knowledge of other cultures
- Motivation to learn

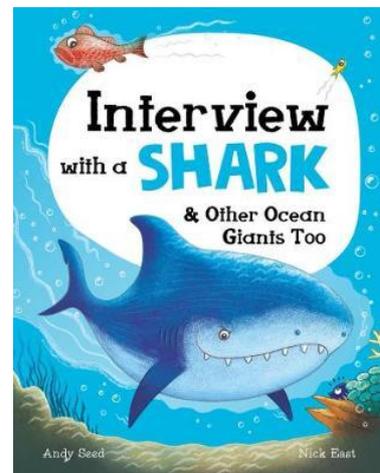
based upon the findings reported in Literature Review: The Impact of Reading for Pleasure and Empowerment, The Reading Agency, 2015

Please Get Involved: If you have any recommendations, book news, photos, thoughts, comments or ideas, please get in touch. Book reviews or recommendations from children are welcomed and encouraged. Thank you!



'Arctic Star' by Tom Palmer: This will be published on Thursday and is for age eight plus. It is a book of the month on www.lovereadingforkids.co.uk Here's the synopsis from the website: *'Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets. The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?'*

'Interview with a Shark & Other Ocean Giants': This is another book of the month on the LoveReading4Kids website. Written by Andy Seed and illustrated by Nick East, it will be published on May 13th and is for age five plus. LoveReading4Kids says: *'In this fun and fact-filled book, bite-sized text in a question-and-answer format is paired with colourful and engaging illustrations throughout - perfect for emerging or reluctant readers, or any young animal enthusiast who enjoys a bit of humour! (The book) features 'interviews' with a great white shark, blue whale, orca, sunfish, giant squid, narwhal, manta ray, octopus, conger eel, and an angler fish. Plus - ideas for how to do your bit to help endangered species.'*



Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (4/5/21)

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At home I'm reading **Ted Hughes: The Unauthorised Life** by Jonathan Bate.

In class I'm reading **The Truth of Things** by Anthony McGowan.

I'm also reading **Brand New Boy** by David Almond to 4PK.