



## Deer Park School Reading News



Our school is taking part in The Spark Book Awards this year. The awards are an independent set of awards supported by the Richmond and Kingston boroughs and Achieving for Children. We are really excited about receiving the shortlisted books and being involved with choosing our favourite books! Here is a link to the website for more information:

<https://sparkbookaward.co.uk/>

At Deer Park School we have lots of initiatives in place to encourage Reading for Pleasure. In Reception, we have 'story bags'. Inside each bag there is a book for the child to read with their family at home and a list of activities for them to do after reading the book. There is also a soft toy character from the story and either a game or other fun prop for them to play with. Each week a child is chosen to take the story bag home and our Reception children have really enjoyed having fun with the activities at home!

"Eliza loved bringing the story bag home this weekend. We read the Gruffalo, played the game lots of times (and Eliza won every time), made a chair for the Gruffalo toy and then he slept on her bed."

"Charlie was very excited to bring home the Gruffalo story bag. He enjoyed reading the story and then following the recipe for Gruffalo pie, which he made in the park (with a few extra ingredients!)."

Our Year 4 children have been enjoying making their own bookmarks. Each time they finish a book they get a sticker on their bookmark and once they have earned a certain number of stickers, they get a reward.



In Year 5 we have set up a special post box for children to use to recommend books to each other. They have been given postcards to send to each other with a space to write about a book that they would like to recommend to a friend. Every morning, Ms Coward hands out the post and the children have really enjoyed receiving it!