

# WHS READING NEWSLETTER

March 2026 Edition



At Westhoughton, we want our learners to read at home as much as they can. If they do this, it is proven that young people are more likely to be employable as an adult and less likely to be disadvantaged in day-to-day life.

**"TODAY A READER. TOMORROW A LEADER."**



## READ Like a....

All subjects have prompts on display with what to look for within their subject to help with reading

Eg:

- Look for key vocabulary
- Look for key command words

### Read like a MATHEMATICIAN

**fx** Look for the key command words, functions, units and values.

**fx** Read formulae carefully and make links with things you already know.

**fx** Interpret data, graphs and charts carefully.

**fx** Look again at your answer to check that it makes sense.

What exactly are you being asked to do? Which functions will you need? What values are you working with? What units are you working with?

Have you done something like this before? Can you use a similar method?

What is the data showing? What can you infer from the data? Are there any trends or anomalies?

Does the answer you have make sense when you read it back? Are the units, decimals, values etc. correct?

*Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations or algorithms: it is about understanding.*

- William Paul Thurston

## NATIONAL Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading in the UK. The tag line is **'Go All In'**. We encourage you to **'Go All In'** with reading this year. The campaign aims to make daily reading a habit.



National Year of Reading 2026

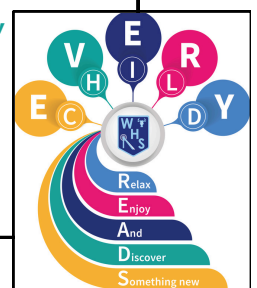
## Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March WORLD POETRY DAY

World Poetry Day is also this month Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Here is a short, original poem about Westhoughton:

### Howfen Heart

Beneath the shadows of Rivington's hill,  
Where the old industrial heart beats still.  
From Wingates cobbles to the quiet green,  
A warmer town you've never seen.  
With history deep and spirits bright,  
Westhoughton shines, a lovely sight.

*Based on local heritage, this poem touches on common themes found in descriptions of the town, including its location near Rivington, its nickname "Howfen," and the sense of community.*



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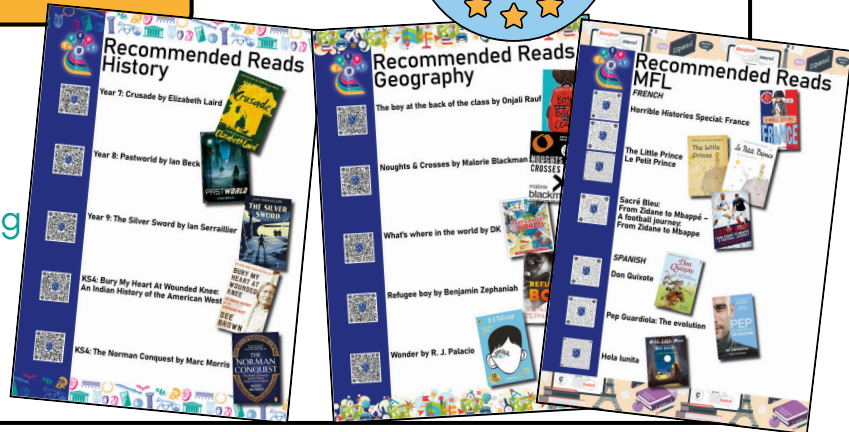
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## SUBJECT Recommended Reads

Each subject has a range of recommended reads that link with their subject. Take a look at what is recommended so far on our Reading web page on the school website:

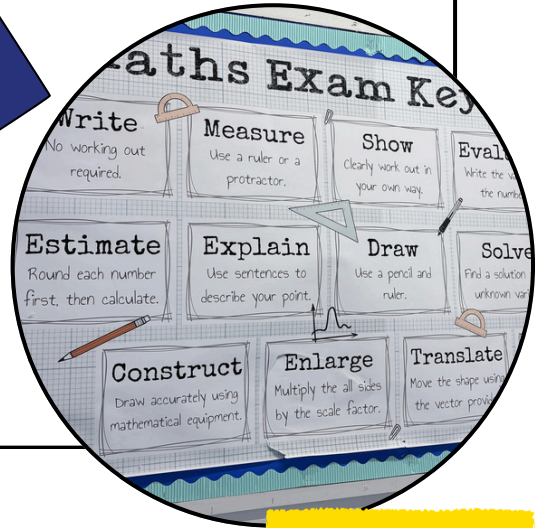
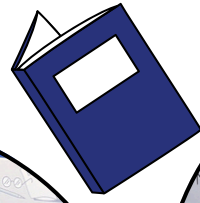
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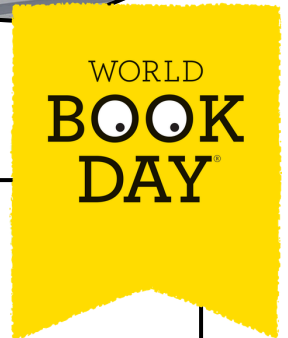
## READ Like a....

### Classrooms Displays

Each classroom has a designated display with key words to help with subject reading and understanding.



## WHS Celebrates



WHS celebrated world book day with staff dressing up, a book quiz in the library, book reviews and a speedy show and tell of your favourite book in the library. Students love their form time reading every day at WHS.

