

Welcome to Woodpecker class!

3rd October 2022

Dear Parents,

Last term I applied for my class to be part of the judging panel for the Royal Science Society's Young People's book prize. I'm so pleased to say that I was successful (as there were a lot of applications!) and we are now officially part of the judging panels for this prestigious award.

Every year schools and youth groups to join the collection of judging panels from across the UK who pick the winner of the Young People's Book Prize. We join over 450 judging panels that have received a free set of shortlisted books – it's a great opportunity to read six brilliant books aimed at enthusing and exciting children about science. You can find out more at: www.royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize/

The children will be bringing home some of the books over the next few weeks on a rotation basis as there are 6 books to share between our class of 27. Some of them are quite long. The children can borrow them for up to a week to allow them time to look at the book, read some or all of it, and form an opinion about it. It is fine for this reading to replace the usual reading book in school and please continue to make a note of it in the reading records as normal. Any comments or thoughts please also add these to the reading records so we can go back and find them later on.

Please share the book with your child, look after it carefully and return it to school as soon as you are finished. The quicker we get through them the more they can look at, however I do want the children to have a chance to read the books as thoroughly as possible. We will share bits in class too.

If there is anything I can help you with, please do get in touch and I will try to reply as soon as I am able. You can email or phone the school office or catch me on the gate in the morning.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cotterell