

Summer learning for school pupils



STORY TIME: Michael O'Leary with some of the children.

YOUNGSTERS were entertained by a professional storyteller as part of a summer literacy school designed to improve their spelling and reading skills.

Michael O'Leary made up stories for the children using a box of props, before encouraging them to have a go.

Other visitors at Testwood School, Totton, included poet David Orme and Saints players Chris Baird and Brian Howard.

The seven-day summer school for 11-year-olds was designed to ease the jump from primary to secondary school.

Organiser Liz Hansford said: "These kids have given up their summer holiday and they've done brilliantly. Their spelling and reading age has improved. It is worthwhile because it gives them an extra bit of confidence before the switch to big school."

Youngsters will have a prize day in September, rewarding them for best work, attitude and attendance.

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