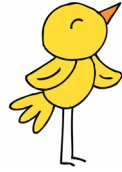




Wood Fold Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2024



Welcome back to our half-termly Reading Newsletter – a place for us to share reading news, recommendations and ways to support our children and their families in accessing and enjoying great books. Every class in school has been enjoying their class novel or class stories these last few weeks.

What a busy half term of reading it has been at Wood Fold!

There have been so many lovely book-related events happening in school.

We started the half term with a visit from local author, Sean Perkins, who delivered a number of exciting workshops to children across all of the school.

We then launched our school book vending machine where children can earn golden coins for excellent engagement and work in English lessons.

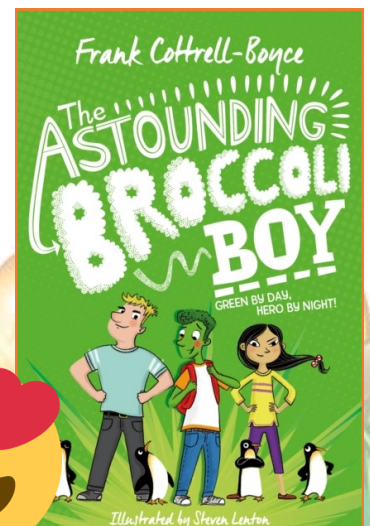
On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day and expressed ourselves as either our favourite book character, a word/colour or came to school in our chilling/relaxing clothing. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this wonderful occasion and it was really nice to see everybody engaging in all of the activities. Enjoy looking at the photos in this edition of the Reading Newsletter.

Following the school day on World Book Day, we ran our pre-loved book sale in the hall. We loved welcoming you all in to find your favourite books and we hope you enjoy them at home! Due to your kind donations, we were able to raise in the region of £140 that will help towards buying more English resources in school.

Read on to find out more and enjoy some holiday reading over the Easter break!

Miss Grady Recommends

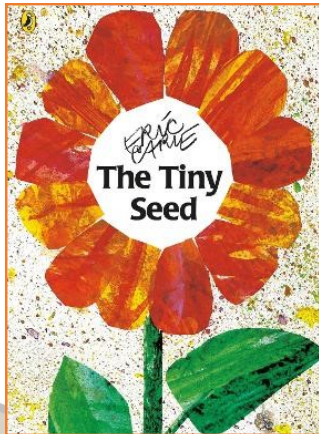
I couldn't put this book down! Not only is it knitted with hysterical humour, but it also jam-packed with action and thrills. The main character, Rory, hates school and the horrible peers he has to put up with until one day he turns green! Although he is rushed to the hospital in an attempt to treat this peculiar disease, he realises he's now a super-hero with an enhanced brain and the ability to teleport. He even finds that there are others with this strange 'greenness' too! Rory has to make the ultimate decision whether he will use his powers for 'good' or to seek revenge. If you enjoy exciting plot lines and a giggle filled page turner, this is a great book to try.



Recommendations based on our Spring 2 class texts

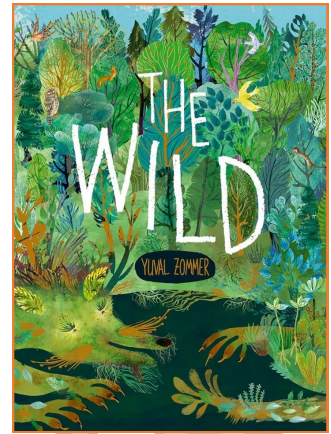
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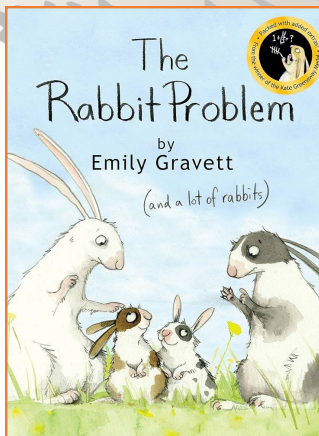


The Tiny Seed
Eric Carle

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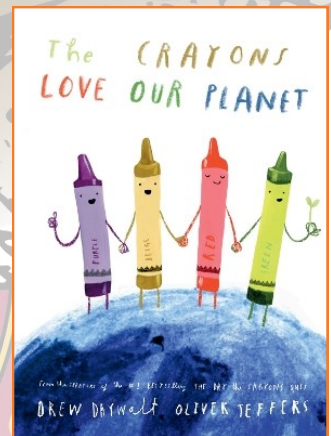


The Wild
Yuval Zommer

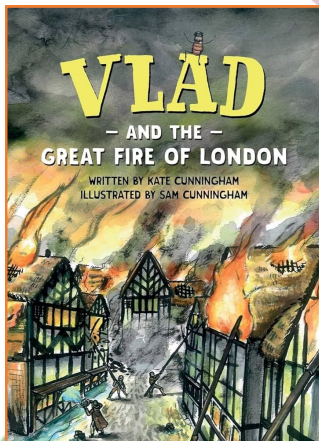


The Rabbit Problem
Emily Gravett

Year 1

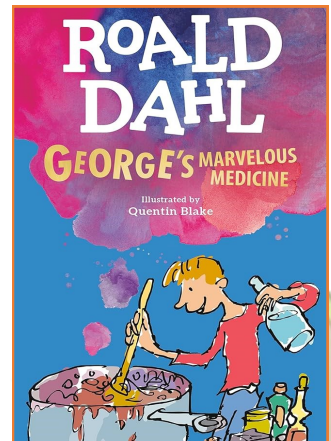


The Crayons Love our Planet
Drew Daywalt



Vlad and the Great Fire of London
Kate Cunningham

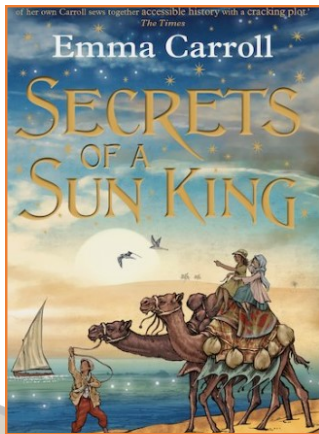
Year 2



George's Marvellous Medicine
Roald Dahl

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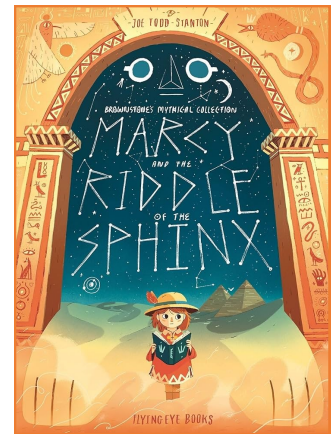


Secrets of a Sun King
Emma Carroll

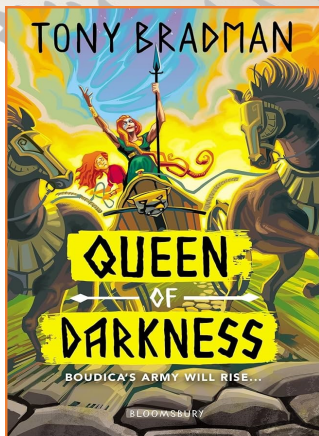
Year 3



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Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx
Joe Todd-Stanton

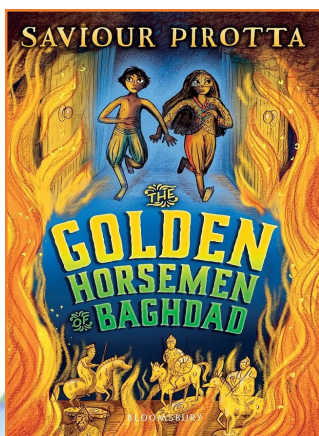


**Queen of Darkness:
Boudica's Army will Rise**
Tony Bradman

Year 4

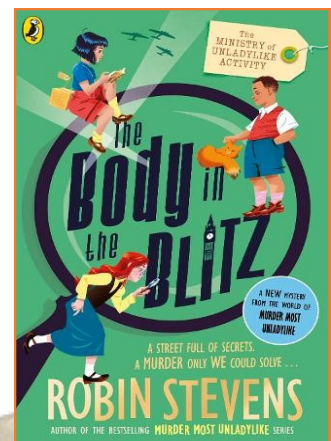


My Brother Plato
George Myerson



**Golden Horsemen of
Baghdad**
Saviour Pirotta

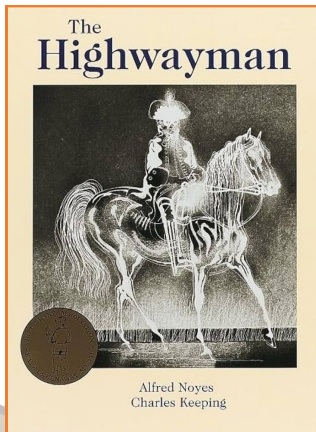
Year 5



The Body in the Blitz
Robin Stevens

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We read this...



The Highway Man

Alfred Noyes

Year 6

...so now try this



Impossible Creatures

Katherine Rundell

NEW BOOKS

New!

After Norse god Loki played one too many tricks in Asgard, Odin banished him to live on Earth as an eleven-year-old school boy. With Thor, Heimdall and the giant Hyrokkin pretending to be his family, Loki must record his deeds in a magical (slightly sarcastic) diary to prove he's learning how to become more virtuous.

It's a bit of a work in progress.

In this diary entry, Loki recounts three spectacular stories, including:

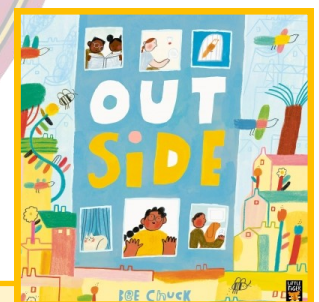
- 1) Triumphs (and failures) as Loki and Thor take on three tasks for Heimdall.
- 2) The Norse tale of Thor almost marrying a giant.
- 3) Loki as a robot. Sort of...



Imagine a world in which we couldn't leave our houses. Many of us don't have to imagine, we can remember, but Bee Chuck's vibrant picture book brings home to those too young to have experienced the COVID pandemic just how much the outside matters, how much we need to be there.

Bright, bold, child-like illustrations show us how the fun of cosying indoors becomes boring and how outside, once 'too dirty, or noisy, or buzzy', becomes more and more tempting. Finally free to enjoy it again, the book's characters realise that 'outside had broken free' and more a change had happened inside them too, and they take time to stop and notice.

This is much more than a story of the pandemic, it's a celebration of all that the wild world is and gives us if we take the time to look. The story and its execution delivers a sense of joy and excitement to readers and it's a wonderfully rewarding book to share.



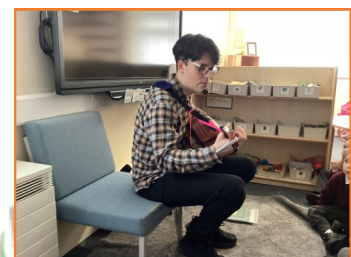
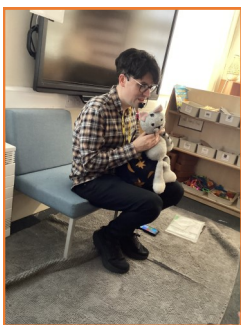
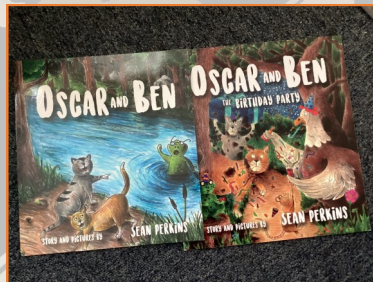
SEAN PERKINS

The whole school enjoyed the chance to meet author and illustrator Sean Perkins during a number of special book workshops.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children listened to Sean read some of his own published books involving the main characters, Oscar and Ben.

He then delivered poetry workshops to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, and taught us how to write poems using tail words. All of the children had a fantastic time and we can't thank Sean enough for coming in and working with us!

You can find out more information about Sean on his website:
<https://www.seanperkinsauthor.com/> or on X (Twitter)
[@sean16_writes](https://twitter.com/sean16_writes)



SMALL, DAILY ACTS OF READING MATTER



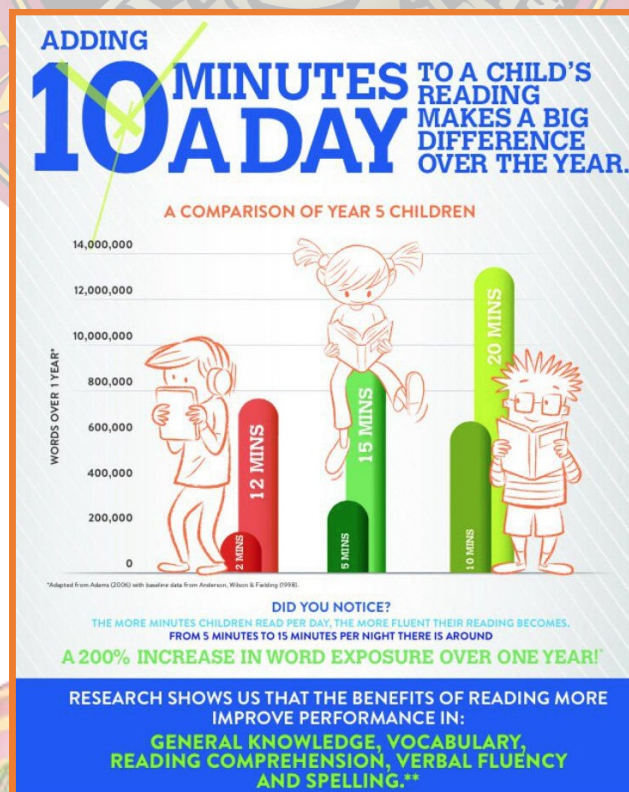
This is the message from Alex Quigley who is an expert on 'closing the reading gap'. At Wood Fold, we want to support your child to make daily reading a habit.

In school, we encourage all children to read at least three times per week. Thank you for supporting us with this and recording your child's reads in their reading records.

Some of our pupils have shared that they like to read:

- As soon as they get home, with a drink and a snack;
- Before bed, to wind down and get away from screens;
- Together with a parent or grandparent;
- With siblings after tea;
- Before school starts in the morning;
- In the car.

Talk to your child about when is best for you and your family and help them timetable in that precious time every day. You will see the difference it makes!



WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At Wood Fold, we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. Children took part in lots of book-themed activities throughout the day and everybody had a great time!

It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school expressing themselves. Thank you for all the effort made. We celebrated together as a whole school and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits! Children were sent home with a £1 book token that they can spend in any book store or participating supermarkets. They left with lots of book recommendations!

Below, and on the following pages you will be able to see some of the wonderful costumes that the children wore and some of the fun activities that they participated in!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Spring Reading Bingo

Well done to all the children that participated in and completed the Spring Reading Bingo! All children will receive a certificate and have been entered into a prize draw to win a book from the book vending machine!

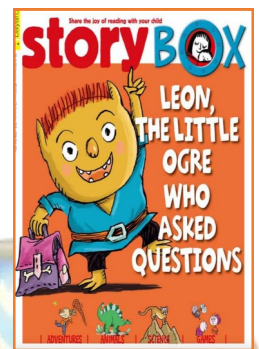
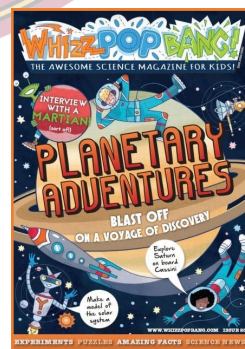
It was great to see so many children enjoying reading in a number of ways outside of school!

Congratulations to everybody that took part and we hope you had lots of fun!

Keep your eyes peeled for more Reading Challenges throughout the Summer Term!!

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