

This week in school...

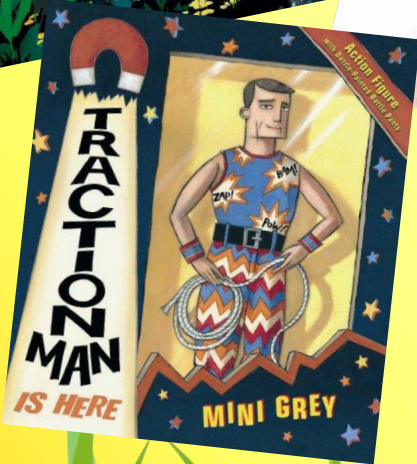
Welcome back to the last half term of the school year. It's going to be an action-packed 6 weeks and we have lots of lovely things to look forward to. Year 4 have blown everyone away this week with their fantastic engagement on Bug Club Independent and they are going to be doing a very special reading newsletter takeover next week so watch this space!

Brand New Books

This week, the reading ambassadors have been tasked with reviewing three beautiful story books that are new to our library and available to borrow. The reviews will be available in the library very soon.



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Emily Gravett



Our Reading Ambassadors



Huge congratulations to three new reading ambassadors who have reached their gold level this week. Poppy, G, Cameron and Beth from Year 3 will all be displaying their hard-earned new badges and helping me with special book tasks around school.

I did enjoy this book because of the lift-up flaps and letters...it is quite short and very interesting and fun to read.

Alice

Recent Research

A recent report by Waterstones Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell MBE, has stated that:

'The pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on children's mental health and these libraries have provided a special space for students to find 'shelter', to relax, to regulate and to share their new-found love of books and reading.'

We are very fortunate to have such a lovely library in our school now – hopefully it will have this sort of impact.

What's going on in class?

This week, in **Year 3**, we have continued our new class reader called '[A Mummy Ate My Homework!](#)' by Thiago De Moraes. In our English lessons this week we have been thinking about mystery stories and have begun '[Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.](#)' by Chris Riddell.

This week **Nursery** have loved sharing '[The Old Lady who swallowed a fly.](#)' We have enjoyed sharing different versions of the story and singing the song.

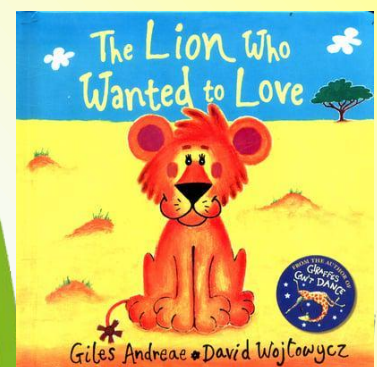
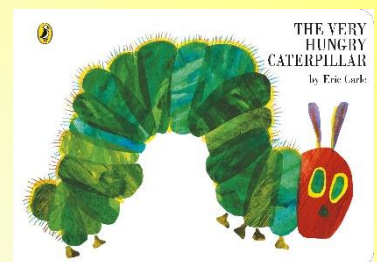
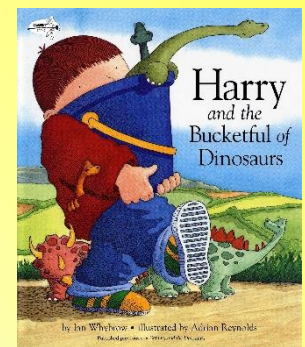
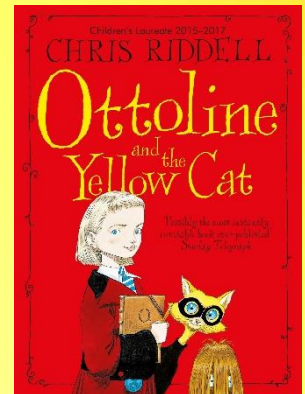
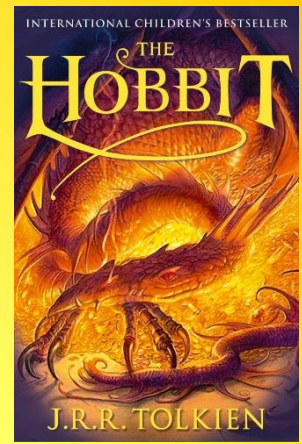
Year 5 are getting to the really juicy bit in '[The Hobbit](#)' and this week enjoyed getting inside the mind of Peter Jackson, who had the challenging task of creating scenery for the films based upon Tolkien's words and sketches.

Year 6 have written some beautiful setting descriptions this week based upon an award-winning short film called '[Little Freak.](#)' They have really been challenged to stretch their use of vocabulary and incorporate more complex punctuation throughout their work.

To start our Minibeast topic, **Reception** have been reading '[The Hungry Caterpillar](#)' by Eric Carle. We have focused on the life cycle and the changes that happen to a caterpillar. The children have described both a caterpillar and butterfly and then talked about similarities and differences.

This week, **Year 2** has been enjoying reading '[Harry and the Dinosaur](#)' stories. We especially enjoyed it when he went on holiday to Australia because Australia is our new topic in Geography.

This week, **Year 1** have read '[The Lion Who Wanted to Love.](#)' It taught us that it is important to love each other and that we can help others by caring about them.



Brilliant Book websites

www.Lovereadings4kids.co.uk – A super website full of inspirational new book finds and lots of competitions.

www.booktrsut.org – Again, full of recommended reads and lots of information about authors.

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com – An absolute must for all David Walliams fans.