

Hello!

Welcome to the fifth instalment of The Dringhouses Reading Newsletter! Are you having a sort through of your children's book shelves in the next couple of weeks? If so, our school library is always happy to accept donations!



Children who read

Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem



They feel more secure and develop deep bonds with parents and carers



They have better sleep and lead healthier lifestyles



They have a better foundation for healthy social-emotional development



They have better mental wellbeing and self esteem

Book Trust,
March 2023

Outdoor learning day, Thursday 18th May!

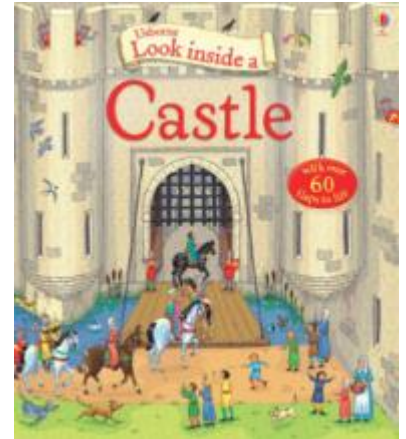
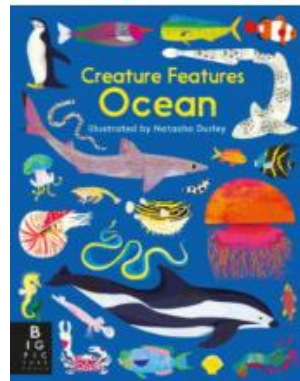
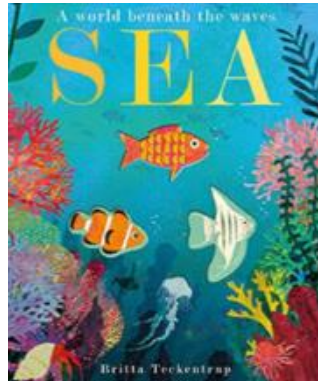
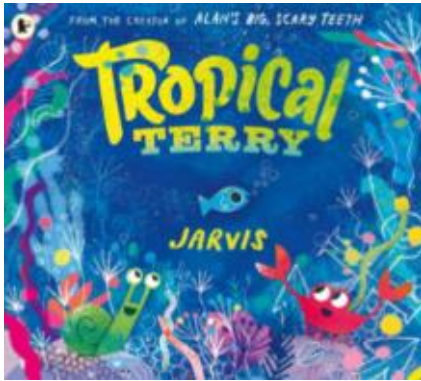
There were so many great outdoor learning activities happening across the school on Thursday 18th May. Class 3 even took their reading outside and did some excellent, supportive partner reading!



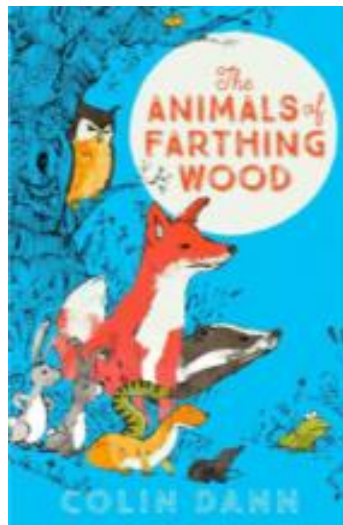
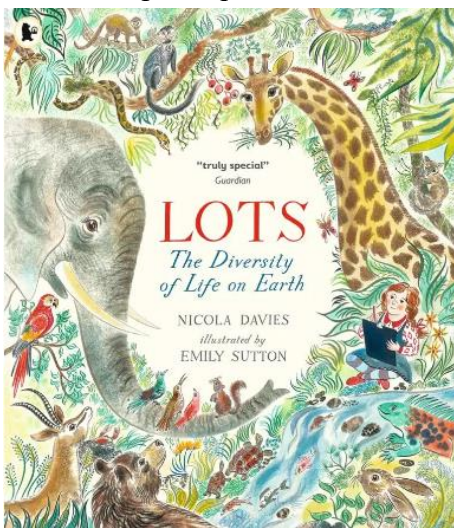
Why not get a heads start in your learning?

After the holiday each phase will be busy with their learning projects. Why not get ahead by reading some of these fantastic books in preparation?

Reception – What's in the deep, blue sea?



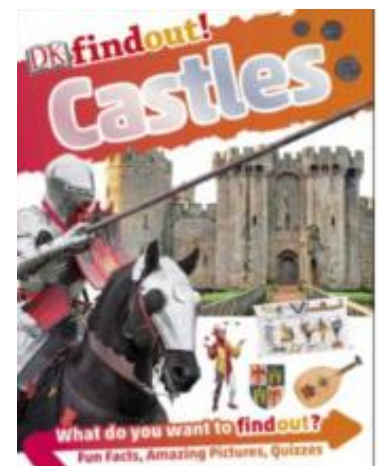
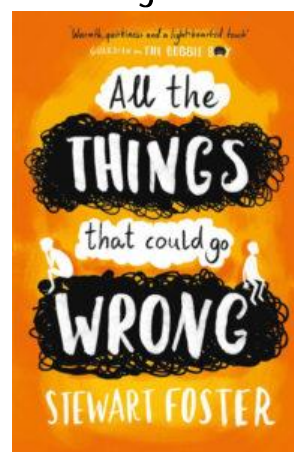
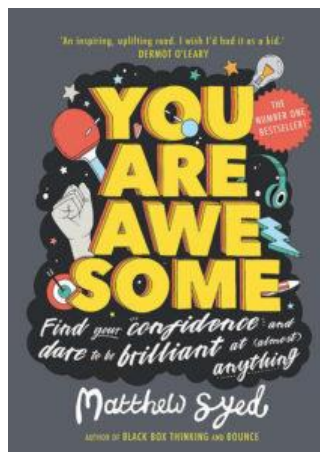
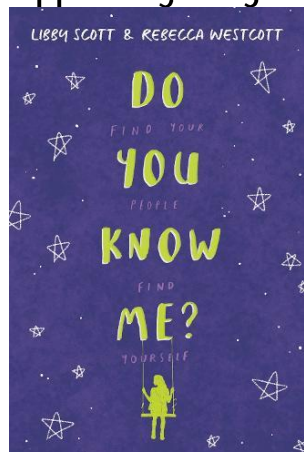
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – All Creatures Great and Small



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) – Inside the Castle Walls



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) – Earth and Beyond



Have you got any brilliant books at home that link to your learning project? Why not bring them in to share with your class?

What are you reading at the moment?



Name: Sophie L

Year: 1

Book: Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

I'm reading Owl Babies because it's my mum's favourite book and it's kind of cute.



Name: Lola D

Year: 2

Book: Sleepy Sammy by Rose Impey

Reading helps me to learn new words and I love reading fact books.



Name: Annie W

Year: 2

Book: The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl

I'm reading the Magic Finger because it looks cool and I want to know how to turn something into something



Name: Archie B

Year: 3

Book: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

My number 1 reason is that my teacher has read it and I really liked it. My number 2 reason is because I want to see the hidden images.

What are you reading at the moment?



Name: Isla F

Year: 3

Book: The Midnight Gang by David Walliams

I chose this book because the characters go on really interesting adventures. I really like Amber because she's always mature.



Name: Connor S

Year: 5

Book: Beano comic

I enjoy reading the Beano because they're funny and easy to read. My favourite character is Dennis because he's always mischievous.



Name: Rosa B

Year: 6

Book: Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

I love Michael Morpurgo because he's really interesting. You just get lost in his stories.



Name: Jess G

Year: 6

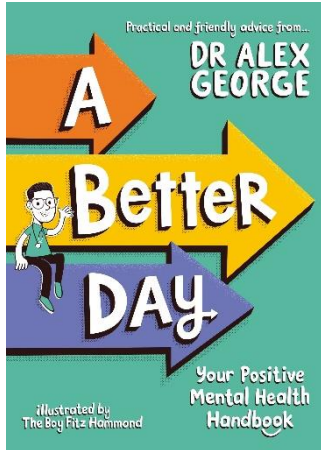
Book: The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

This book sounds interesting and particularly mysterious. I can't wait to find out what happens.

The British Book Awards!

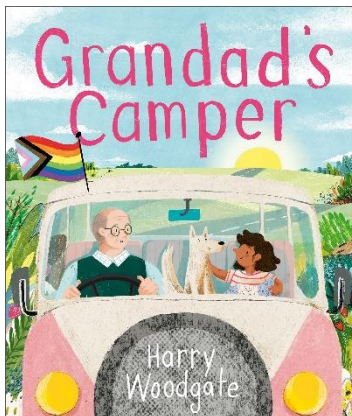
The British Book awards took place on Monday 15th May celebrating both adults and children's books.

Winner of the children's non-fiction book of the year:



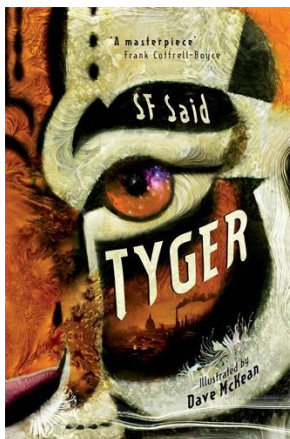
Dr Alex George, UK Youth Mental Health Ambassador and a former A&E doctor, brought his personal experience to *A Better Day*, an empowering mental health handbook aimed at children aged nine to 11. The title is taken from the author's regular social media message that "there is always hope of a better day". The handbook format with curved edges was admired by our judges, who also praised the balance between the text and the illustrations by The Boy Fitz Hammond. "It's a book that will really save lives", agreed our judges, as it offers practical techniques for young readers to use when faced with issues from exam stress to peer pressure.

Winner of the children's illustrated book of the year:



The judges fell in love with the "beautiful" and "joyous" message of Harry Woodgate's picture book, *Grandad's Camper*. This "gentle and heart-warming" tale, a celebration of love in all its forms which was inspired by the lack of older LGBTQ+ characters in children's books and was also awarded Best Illustrated Book at the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2022. The story is all about how a long time ago, Grandad and Gramps spent many happy days travelling the world together in a camper van. But now Gramps isn't around anymore, Grandad doesn't feel much like having adventures. As she listens to his wonderful stories, Grandad's granddaughter has an idea to cheer him up...

Winner of the children's fiction book of the year:



S F Said's Blakeian adventure, strikingly illustrated by Dave McKean, was nine years in the making, with publisher David Fickling Books determined not to rush the book to market until it was fully ready. Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late? One judge said: "This to me feels like a book I really want children to read and have access to." The "synergy" between the text and illustrations was applauded, by the judges agreeing that *Tyger* already "felt like a classic". A "stand-out", they all concluded

To find out what was shortlisted in each category or which books won in the adult categories then go to <https://www.thebookseller.com/awards/the-british-book-awards?tab=book-of-the-year-winners>

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