

Berkeley Primary School

Summer One June 2024 Reading Newsletter



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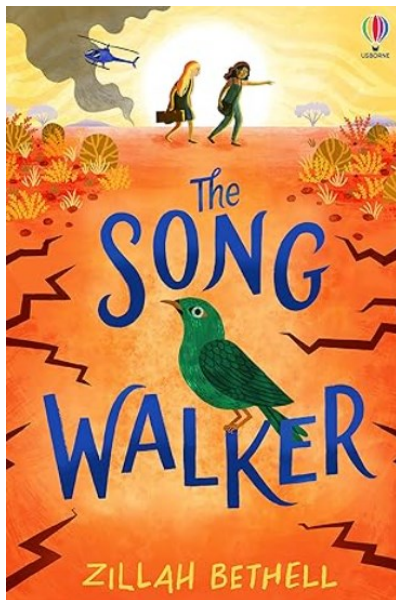
Hello, everyone! We are nearing the end of the school year and it has been another great one for all things reading ... but we still have lots more planned. Please have a look below to find out what we have been up to so far this summer term. Happy Reading!

Book Awards - The 2024 Yoto Carnegie Medals for Writing and Illustration

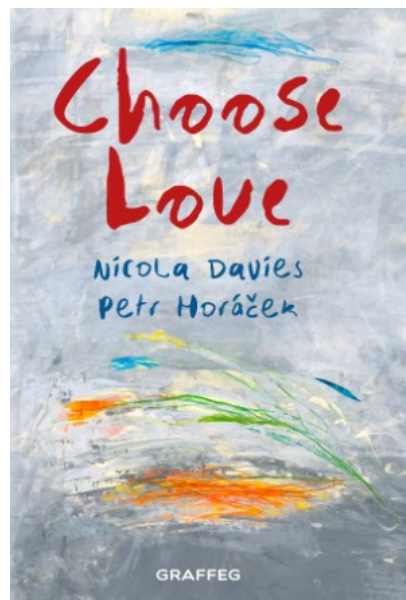


To make sure that we are always providing the children with the best books that we can, we have been looking into recent book award shortlists. One of the best around is the Yoto Carnegie Awards, and we have recently ordered these wonderful books and are really eager to share them around school. **Which ones do you like the look of? We can't wait to read them.**

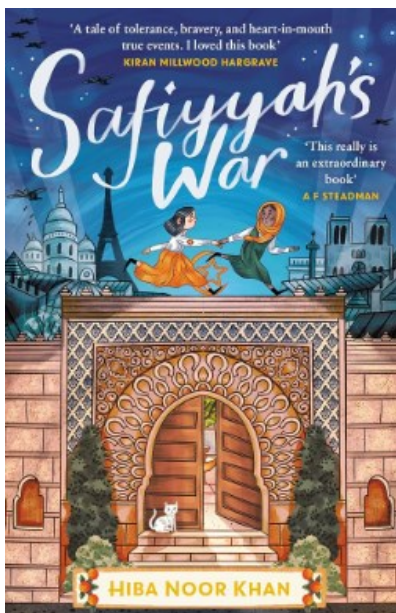
Medal for Writing 2024 Nominees



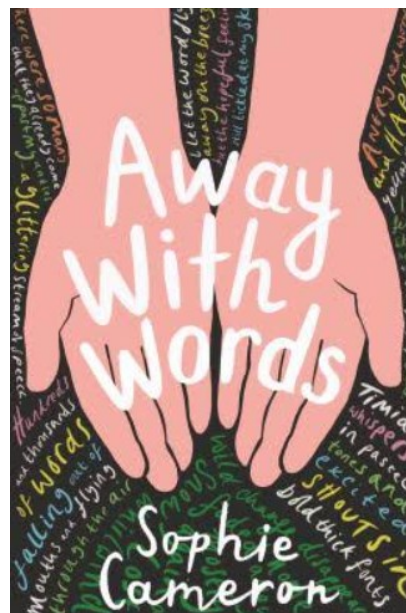
The Song Walker by Zillah Bethell is all about a girl who somehow wakes up in the middle of the Australian desert and has no idea who she is.



Choose Love by Nicola Davies contains poetry following the realities people face as they are forced to leave everything to seek asylum.

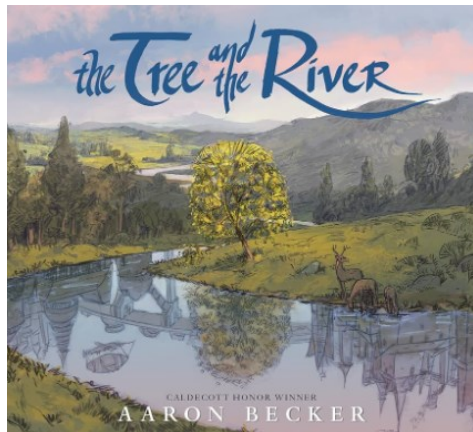


Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan is a true story about the role that the Grand Central Mosque in Paris played during World War Two.



Away With Words by Sophie Cameron tells the tale of Gala who doesn't speak much English and meets a friend with selective mutism.

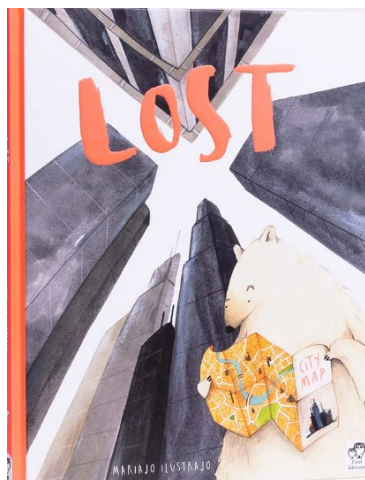
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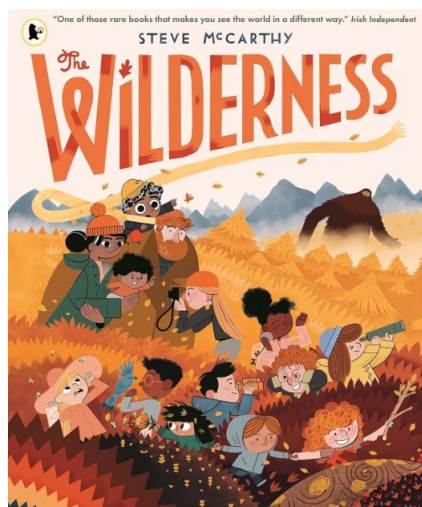
The Tree and the River comes from the creator of the Journey trilogy, Aaron Becker. It is a beautiful picture book about the impact of human-kind on the world.



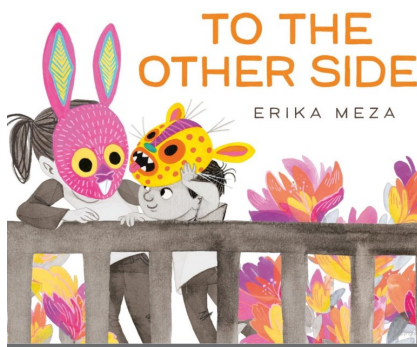
April's Garden by Catalina Echeverri and Isla McGuckin tells a story of hope and a dream of having a lovely home.



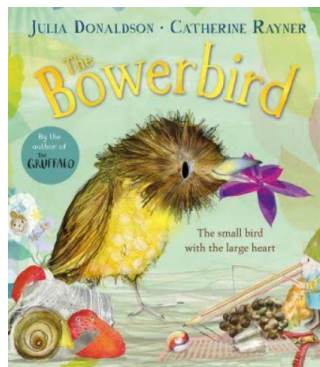
Lost by Marija Ilustrajo is the story of a polar bear who finds himself lost in a big city, the importance of true friendship and the impact that finding this can have.



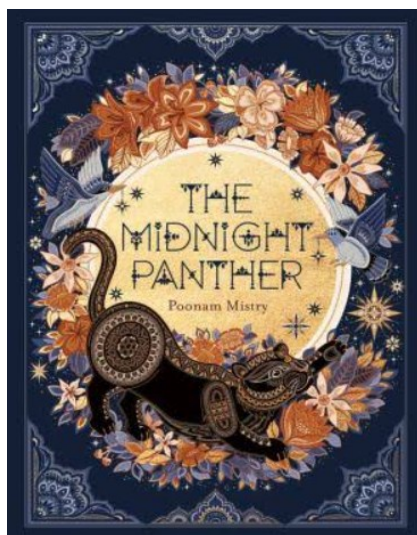
Wilderness by Steve McCarthy follows the adventurers of the Vasylenko family. It is all about finding friendship in unexpected places.



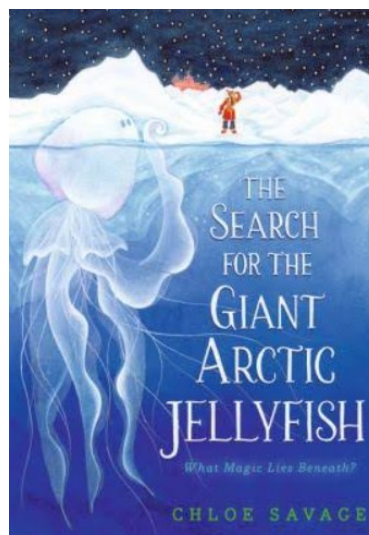
To The Other Side by Erika Meza tells the story of two young refugee children who are going in search of a safe haven.



The Bowerbird by Catherine Rayner and Julia Donaldson is the story of Bert, 'the small bird with the large heart'.



The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry is one of the most beautiful books. It tells the message that it is ok to be, look and feel different to your peers.



The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage is about the journey to discover the Giant Arctic Jellyfish that no one has ever seen. Will Dr Morley find what she is searching for?

Which do you think will win?

When we are reading, paying attention to our fluency is so important and Mr Goodall has shared his top tips below for you.



TOP TIPS FOR FLUENT READING

Reading with fluency means reading the words in front of you with appropriate pace, expression and pauses. Reading in this way, helps us to understand the meaning of the text.

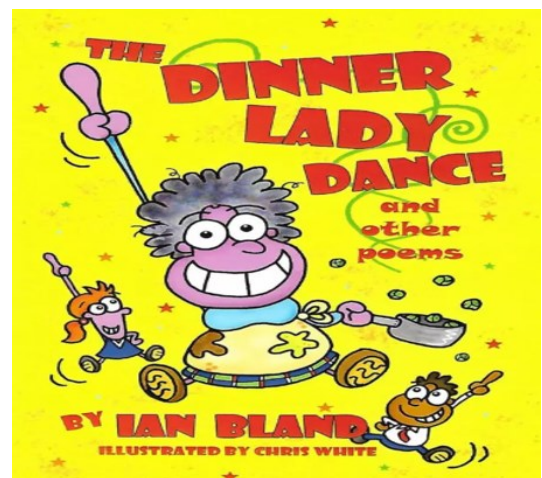
- Read a sentence, e.g. **Karen didn't ask Tim to go to the shop** - change the pitch or volume of your voice when you read one of the words (e.g. Karen). Then, read the same sentence, but change your pitch or volume for a different word in the sentence (e.g. Tim). How does this effect the meaning of the sentence?
- Re-reading the same text, or part of a text, to gain confidence.
- 'Echo reading' with a partner - take turns to read the same text, making sure that you listen carefully to your partner. Offer words of encouragement and suggestions for improvement
- Text marking - you could photocopy a page of a book and then mark where you think you will need to pause when reading, and where you will need to use expression.



Thank you, Mr Goodall, for sharing your wonderful tips with us all!

Mr Goodall has also shared with us his latest book recommendation and it is a goodie!

I have chosen to review a collection of poems by Ian Bland. Once upon a time, Ian was a primary school teacher. Now, he is a professional children's poet and performer. He has actually visited our school on a number of occasions, to perform some of his poems and help us write our own.



This book is a collection of hilarious poems about various characters and aspects of school life (including the popular, 'The Dinner Lady Dance!') Other great poems in this book include, 'Teacher for Sale', 'Wet Playtime' and 'Glad That I'm Me.' Ian's poems use different styles and techniques such as acrostic poems, use of rhyming words, similes and much more!

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading or performing poems with expression and rhythm. This book is lots of fun to read on your own, or in a pair or group.

I would rate *The Dinner Lady Dance* as a ★★★★★ book.

This is such a great book. Thank you for the recommendation! We love Ian Bland at our school and we love his poetry!
It is always so much fun when he visits!

Website of the Week! 'BBC Bitesize Comprehension'

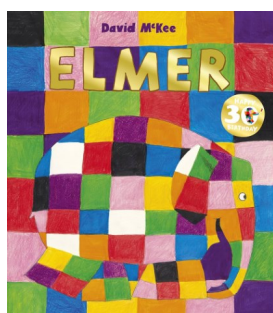
This webpage is great for helping KS2 children understand a little more about reading with a focus on their comprehension skills. Some great videos to watch.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs44jxs>

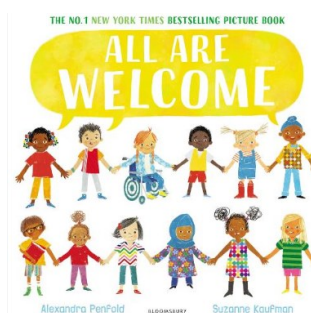


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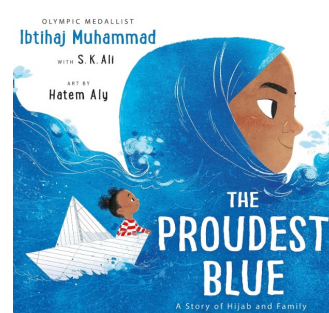
Do you know what we mean when we talk about protected characteristics? Here at Berkeley, we teach the children all about the importance of this throughout our curriculum and also through the books and stories that we share with the children. Take a look below at some of the wonderful stories we have here at school. If there are any you would like to read with your teacher, then let them know.



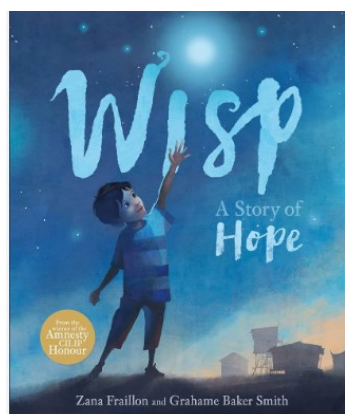
Elmer by David McKee helps us understand inclusivity.



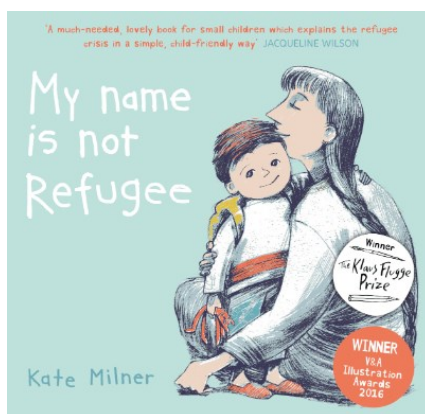
We Are All Welcome by Alexandra Penfold celebrates diversity.



The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad supports understanding of religion and belief, race and ethnicity.



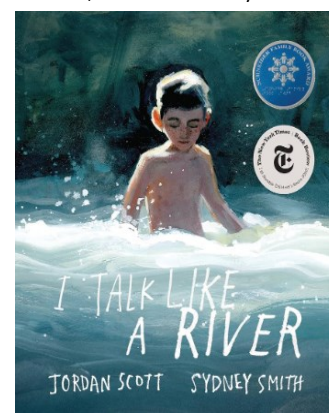
Wisp: A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon tells the story of Idris, a child refugee.



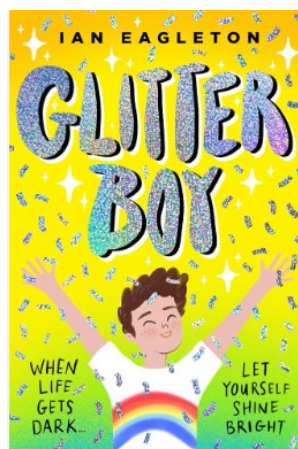
My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner follows the story of a young boy and his mother leaving their war-torn home country.



Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks teaches us about civil rights.



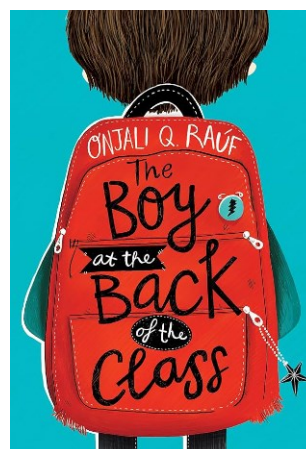
I Talk Like A River is about a young boy who has a stutter and finds it hard to communicate.



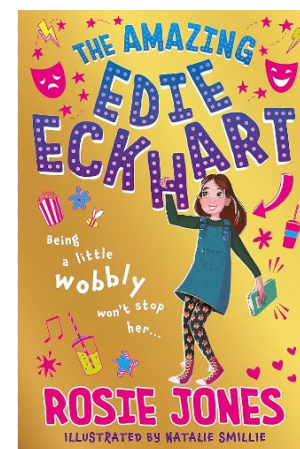
Glitter Boy is a heart-warming story all about self-acceptance and expression.



This lovely book is all about learning from our past and paying tribute to those who sacrificed so much, so long ago.



This popular book is all about nine-year-old refugee Ahmet who is fleeing Syria to Britain



This book tells us the story of Edie who has cerebral palsy which affects her speech and balance.

Reading Discussion: Which book series is your favourite and why?

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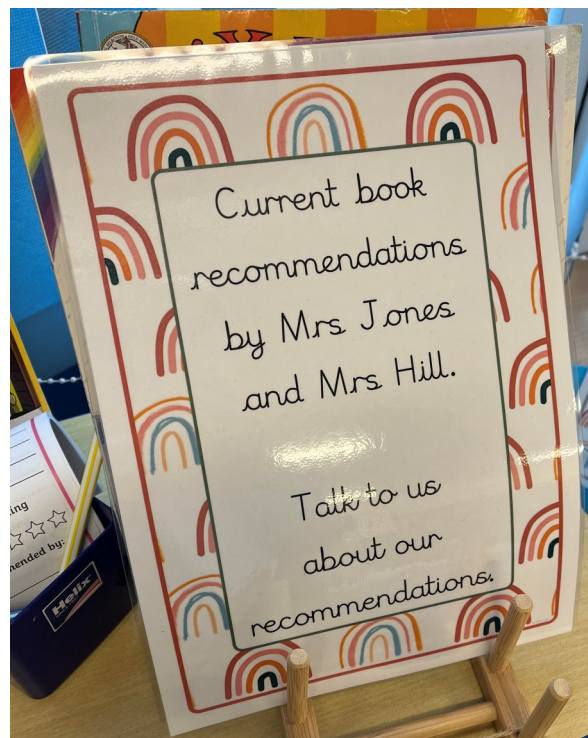


Mrs Nunes' Library is full of lovely books that her children can go and read whenever they like. It is lovely to see the teachers sharing their favourites with the children.

Which books have you chosen, 2 Holly?

Mrs Jones and Mrs Hill are always sharing their favourites with lucky 2 Oak. It is lovely to see our teachers encouraging book talk within their classrooms.

Which books have you discussed, 2 Oak?



Our Lovely Reading Environment

We have been gathering all of our favourite books and putting them up around school, starting in the KS2 main entrance. We think it is looking beautiful and inviting. Please come and ask to read any of the books you see! And then remember to talk to others about your favourites!



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