

# Berkeley Primary School

## Summer Two July 2024 Reading Newsletter



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Hello, everyone! The end of the school year is upon us and we are all excited for a summer break — where we can do lots of reading! This year has been filled with so much great reading and we are so proud of all of our children and their efforts! Please do enjoy the final newsletter of the year!



We would like to start by announcing that we have been awarded the Silver Lincolnshire Pledge Reading Award! This is something we have worked towards all year in partnership with the Witham St Hughs English Hub, and achieving this is all down to the hard work of all the children and staff here at our school. The lovely lady that came into assess us agreed that we are a 'Reading School' and that this was apparent as soon as she walked through our doors. Well done, everyone! **Next stop, Gold!**



In our Summer 1 newsletter, we shared with you the nominees for the Yoto Carnegie Book Awards, some were for writing and some were for illustration.

One of our favourites here at school was 'The Tree and the River', by Aaron Becker, and we must have good taste as this one won the overall 2024 medal for illustration!

Our lovely year 5 children have done some work based on this book and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Have a read of a few of the things that they had to say...

It is good because I like how it's about nature and rivers.  
(Harveer)



The pictures look sooo nice. (Ammar)

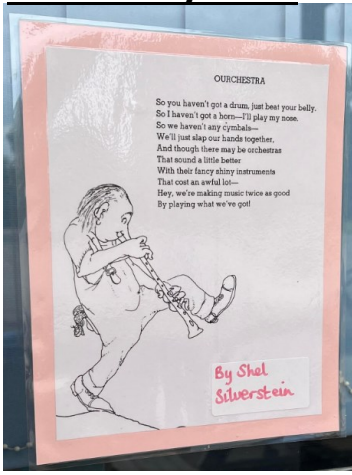
I like it because it's about nature.  
(Emmanuel)

The book was very good. I liked that it had no words so we had to figure out what was happening. (Daisy)



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## Our Poetry Hunt



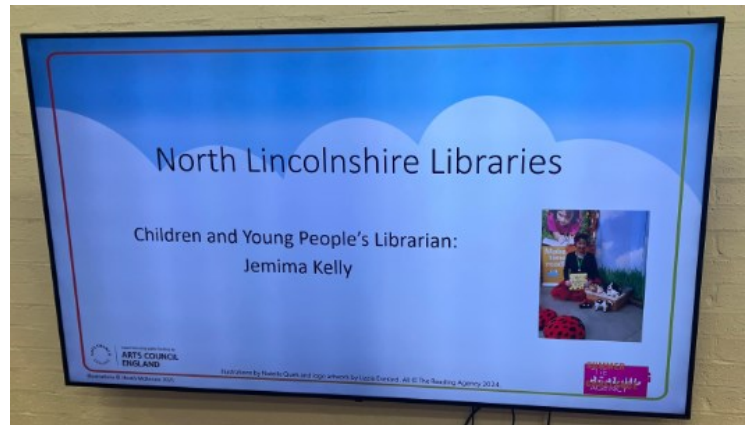
All over school, we have placed poems for our children to find. Some of the children have been busy reading these at playtime and some have taken part in a poetry hunt, trying to find them all. Once they located them, the poems were then rated out of five and lots of lovely discussion about poetry.



## Our Local Libraries

This year, we have been lucky to work closely with the library service. This is such a wonderful service to be able to access and the librarian that came to make our many new library cards was so surprised at how many of our children wanted to join.

Hannah and Jemima also came in to deliver assemblies to both KS1 and KS2 to share both the importance of the library and introduce the Summer Reading Challenge.



We hope that you all get chance to visit our local libraries this year (or use your card to access online books as well) this summer.

We also look forward to hearing all about those who have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Please bring any medals that you are awarded to show us.



## Mrs Cvijetic's review of 'The Book of Stolen Dreams' by David Farr

A great adventure story, I would highly recommend it for Year 5 children upwards. Siblings Rachel and Robert are plunged into danger when a forbidden book is stolen and hidden from the imaginary country's cruel leaders by their father. To protect him and try to release him from prison, they go on a terrifying journey to learn more about the book and its magical powers. Read the book to see if they can save the people close to them and in their country. A book full of twists and turns, heroes and heroines, relationships and characters.



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# Our Book Club Books



We are very proud of the range of books we are able to offer the children here at Berkeley Primary School. In years 2—6, the children take part in daily Book Club sessions and our book collection is constantly growing. We have recently been able to add a wider range of poetry, picture fiction, graphic novels and playscripts to enhance our bookshelves even further.



## Which ones are you looking forward to reading?

What is on your 'to be read' pile? What are you looking forward to reading over the summer?

### Peer Readers in Year One

One Holly have had a lovely time with their Peer Readers helping each other. Great to see, 1 Holly.

### Does your class enjoy reading together?

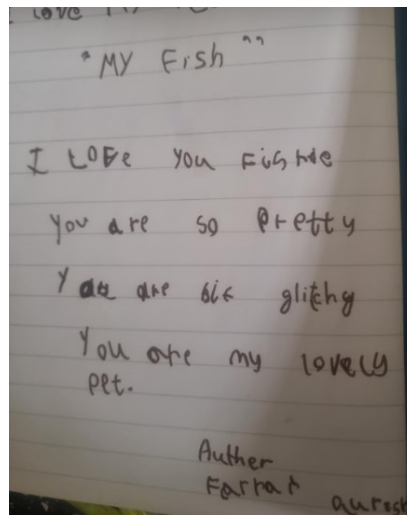


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# Reading with the Firefighters



This year, some children in years 4 and 5 have been incredibly lucky to be able to read with our busy firefighters. We are honoured that the men and women who are usually busy saving lives, spend some of their spare time with us, reading with our children. We are very grateful and hope that the children that have taken part this year have enjoyed it.



'My Fish' by Farhan

'My Fish' by Farhan is a poem that was written by one of our lovely year one children. We have had such a huge poetry focus this year and the children have been inspired to write some of their own. This is one such lovely example of how Farhan was inspired after our visit from Ian Bland. Well done, Farhan.



## Our Wonderful Year 5 Reading Ambassadors

This year, the year 5 children have worked so hard to ensure that they have been the best Reading Ambassadors that they can be. We are so proud of all of their efforts when helping the year 3 children to become better readers, as well as spreading their love of reading across the school!

Really well done and we can't wait to get a new group of leaders to take over in the next academic year.

Reading Discussion: What will you be enjoying reading over the summer break?

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