

Berkeley Primary School

Summer Two 2023 Reading Newsletter



We have had such a lovely summer of reading here at Berkeley Primary School.



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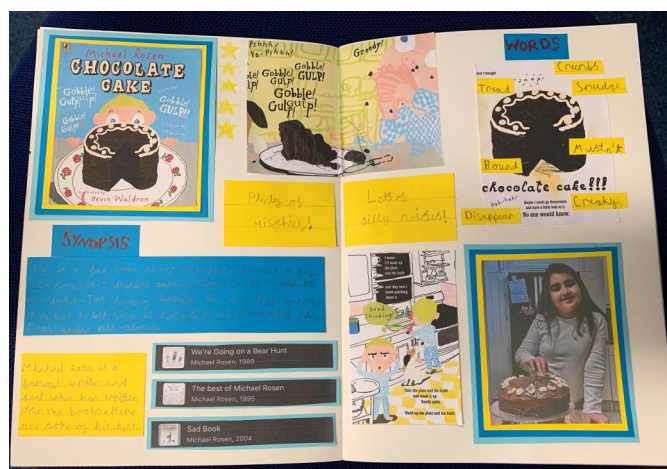
Please take a look over on our Twitter page. We are always sharing our reading journey along with lots and lots of book recommendations.

Our Reading Journals

We have been blown away by the response to our newly introduced Reading Journals. The quality of the work that is being done at home is just outstanding and really does demonstrate a true love of reading. Take a look at some of the amazing entries that have already been completed.



George from 2 Beech designed such a colourful and exciting journal entry celebrating his love of Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine. Great work, George!

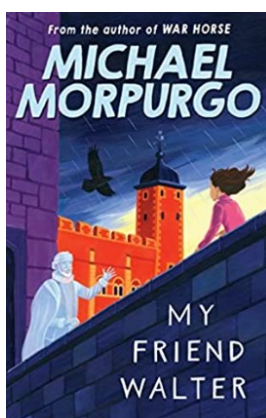


Louisa from 3 Holly has produced a beautiful page all about chocolate cake. She even baked a delicious one for herself! Excellent work, Louisa!

Our Children's Book Reviews!!

We really enjoy sharing our teacher reviews with you but this time we have something a little more special; reviews from the children!

'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo. Reviewed by Alys from 3 Oak.



I give this book five stars because it is full of mystery and it has a happy ending. I like mysteries. I would recommend this to my friend or my sister because we all like mysteries. I think children aged 7—15 will like it because it is a bit scary so 7+ but I think teenagers would like it, too. In the book, a girl called Bess meets a ghost called Walter. They go on an adventure. (Spoiler alert!) Bess' family lose their house and farm. Walter has a plan. The golden orb goes missing. Walter hides it. His plan succeeded. Bess' dog finds it. They get a quarter of a million pounds and a new farm!

Wow! Well done, Alys. I can't wait to read this book!

'The Last Kids on Earth and the Zombie Parade' by Max Brallier. Reviewed by Ruben from 6 Beech.



I really enjoyed this book because it was full of action and never got boring. It is about a group of children living in a treehouse and defeating the enemies in their paths. Then they see a horde of zombies so will they find out where they are going or who they are? This sounds gripping, Ruben!

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Website of the Week!

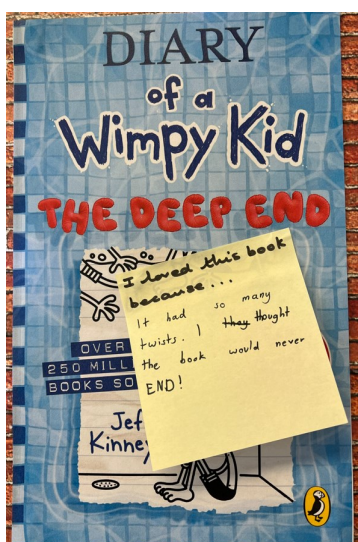
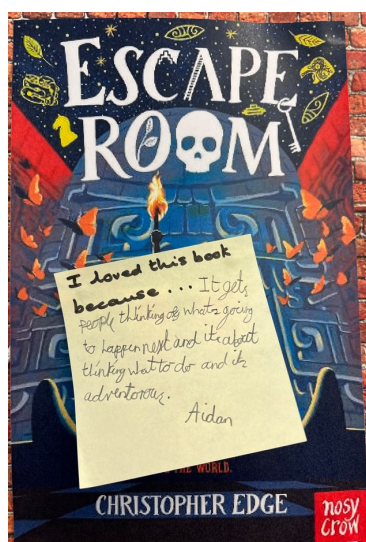
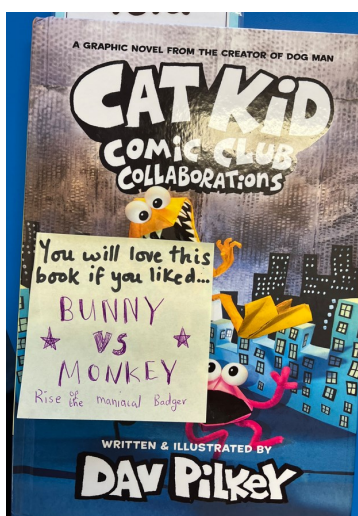
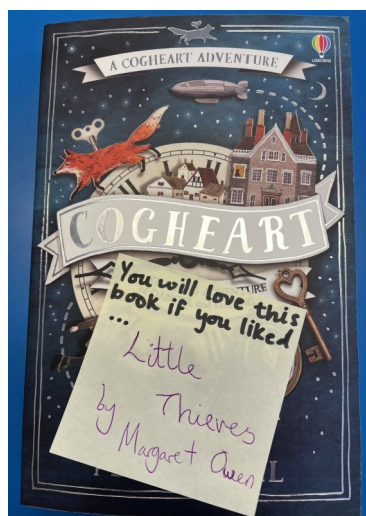
<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/the-best-books-for-reluctant-readers>

This is a great page to inspire anyone who is more of a reluctant reader. There are some really lovely books to have a look at.



Our Recommendations

We enjoy nothing more than recommending books to you all but it is even better to see how our children are thinking of others and recommending the books that they love! The children are great at using sticky notes to share their thoughts on the books they have recently read in order to encourage others to read the book as well! Zoom in for a closer look. Great work, everyone!



Which books would you recommend to a friend and why? Why not start a conversation in the playground all about your favourite book! You might even pick up a recommendation for what to read next, yourself! The teachers love to hear the children taking part in spontaneous book talk!

WE ARE AWARD WINNERS!

Here at Berkeley Primary School, we are so pleased to say that all of our hard work this year, linked to Reading for Pleasure, has earned us the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge Bronze Award!

We now have our sights firmly set on the silver.

Well done, everyone!



6 Beech's display is made up of the covers of new and upcoming books that the children have recommended to each other! Such a lovely idea. **Thank you, 6 Beech!**

Reading Discussion: Which book have you most enjoyed reading at school and why?

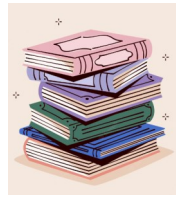
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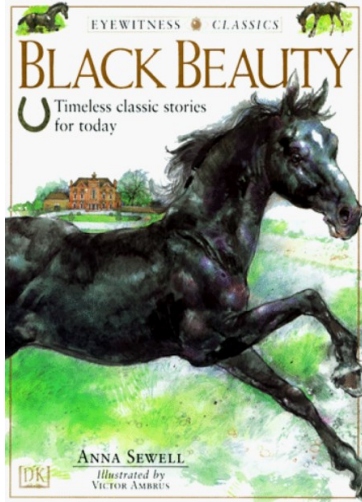
BOOK REVIEW

Mrs Cvijetic reviews 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell

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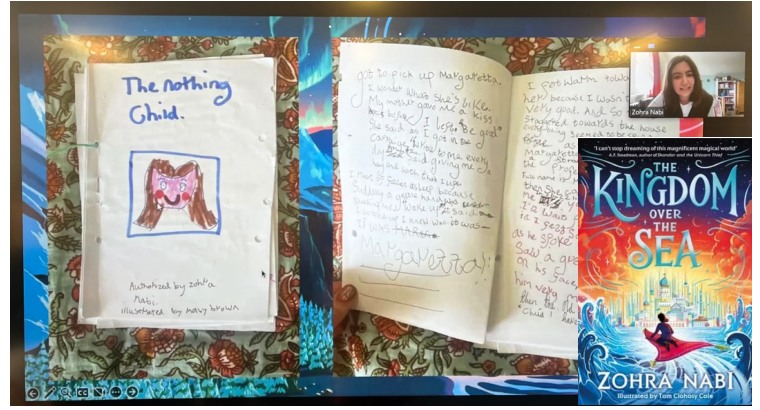
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell has been a favourite book of mine since childhood. My son and daughter both enjoyed it and I have read it many times in Book Club with the Year 6 children, who have also always loved it. As this book is a classic, there have been many versions published and you can find the story adapted for all ages of children. There have been films and TV series made based on the book.



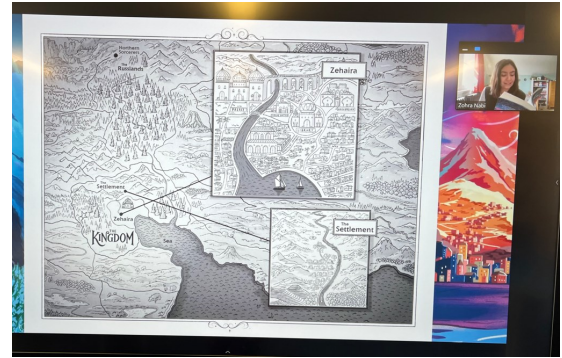
The book is a classic and was first published almost 150 years ago in 1877. It is written in first person, from the point of view of a horse, Black Beauty. The story gives us a glimpse into a time in history when working horses were an essential part of our world, from pulling carts and carriages, to helping fireman and farmers. It follows Black Beauty's life, as he is sold from one owner to another and sees the best of human kindness and sadly also human cruelty. It has a clear message about how we should treat animals and humans with care and the happy ending always brings a tear to my eye.

Our Latest Author Live

'The Kingdom Over the Sea' by Zohra Nabi



This lovely author live event started off with Zohra Nabi explaining how she has always loved writing stories, and shared one of her first ones with the children (above). She really was such an inspiration. 6 Oak were definitely inspired as the story writing they did afterwards was fantastic! Zohra then shared images from the book including this beautiful illustration of a map of the settings found within the book.



Class Reading Buddies

All of our Year 3 to 5 children are reading buddies with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Classes and children are paired up and they really love the opportunity to get together and share a book. Here we have 3 Holly sharing books with children from Reception Holly. Classes will have the opportunity to do this once a term and it is a real treat!

Study United Reading Stars Programme



On Monday 15th May, Brian Laws came to visit a group of Year 5 children who are currently taking part in the Study United Reading Stars Programme along with Mrs Grinhaff. Mr Laws told them all about how he developed his love of reading and how it has played a huge role in helping him progress through his impressive career. Mr Laws explained that it was a comic called *Roy of the Rovers* that first sparked his love of reading and stressed to the children the importance of reading what interests them. The children also took part in an activity to design their ideal football team using characters from books. There were some very interesting teams but the children did a fantastic job matching the characteristics of the characters to the position that best suited them. Thank you Brian Laws for a very interesting and fun visit!

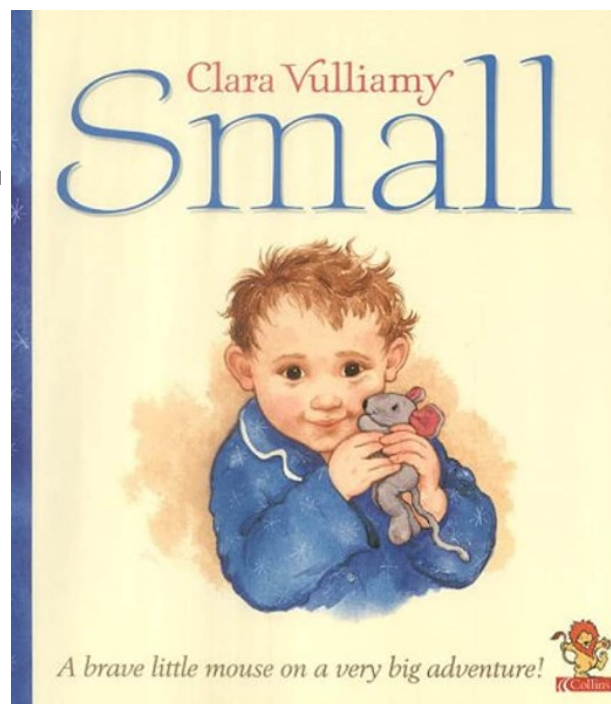


'Small' by Clara Vulliamy. Reviewed by Mrs Harling.

My book recommendation comes courtesy of my son, Tom. Although he is now twenty, Tom remembers, with great fondness, reading this book over and over again with his grandma. See if you can work out why...

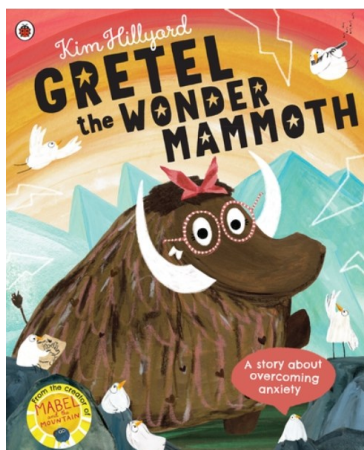
Small by Clara Vulliamy is a lovely, heartwarming story about a young boy called Tom and his favourite toy, Small. When Tom goes to his grandma's house, he packs everything he needs – except for Small. Tom has a brilliant time at Grandma's, as he is spoilt rotten by her, but can't get to sleep because he is so worried about Small. The story is all about Tom and Small's affection for each other and what they overcome in their determination to be together, forever.

This book is suitable for EYFS and KS1 and Tom gives it five stars!



Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2023 Winners

Here are some lovely books to have a look at if you are wondering which you would like to purchase next. These beautiful books have been awarded Waterstones Children's Book prizes for 2023!



Gretel the Wonder Mammoth by Kim Hillyard was the 'Best Illustrated Book' winner and is, as it says on the cover, a lovely story all about overcoming anxiety, as well as knowing when to ask for help. This book has been given an interest age of 4-5 and a reading age of 4+

Nura and the Immortal Palace by M.T Kahn was awarded the prize in the 'Younger Fiction' category. 'Steeped in the magic of Muslim folklore, Khan's enchanting children's debut has strong themes about child exploitation, greed and inequality wrapped up in a tense and exciting adventure where Nura falls into a stunningly imagined underground world. The emphasis on education for girl's is an added bonus to this enthralling story.'

Quote taken from <https://ourfp.org/2023/03/27/waterstones-childrens-book-prize-2023-winners/>

