

Berkeley Primary School

Welcome back – September 2023 Reading Newsletter

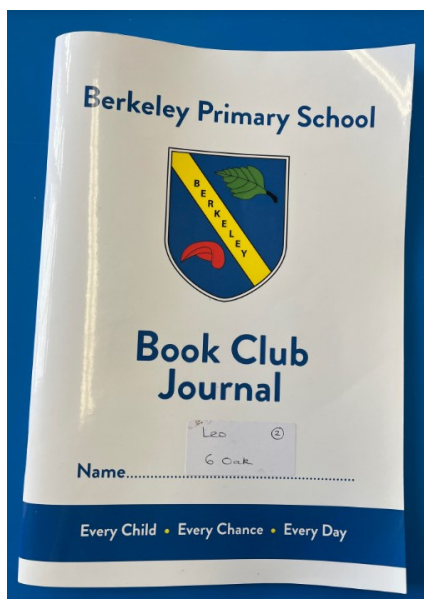


Welcome back to everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready and raring to go with the new school year. Here, we are starting with some new information, as well as a little round up of the end of last year! We can't wait to see where our reading journey takes us in 2023/24.

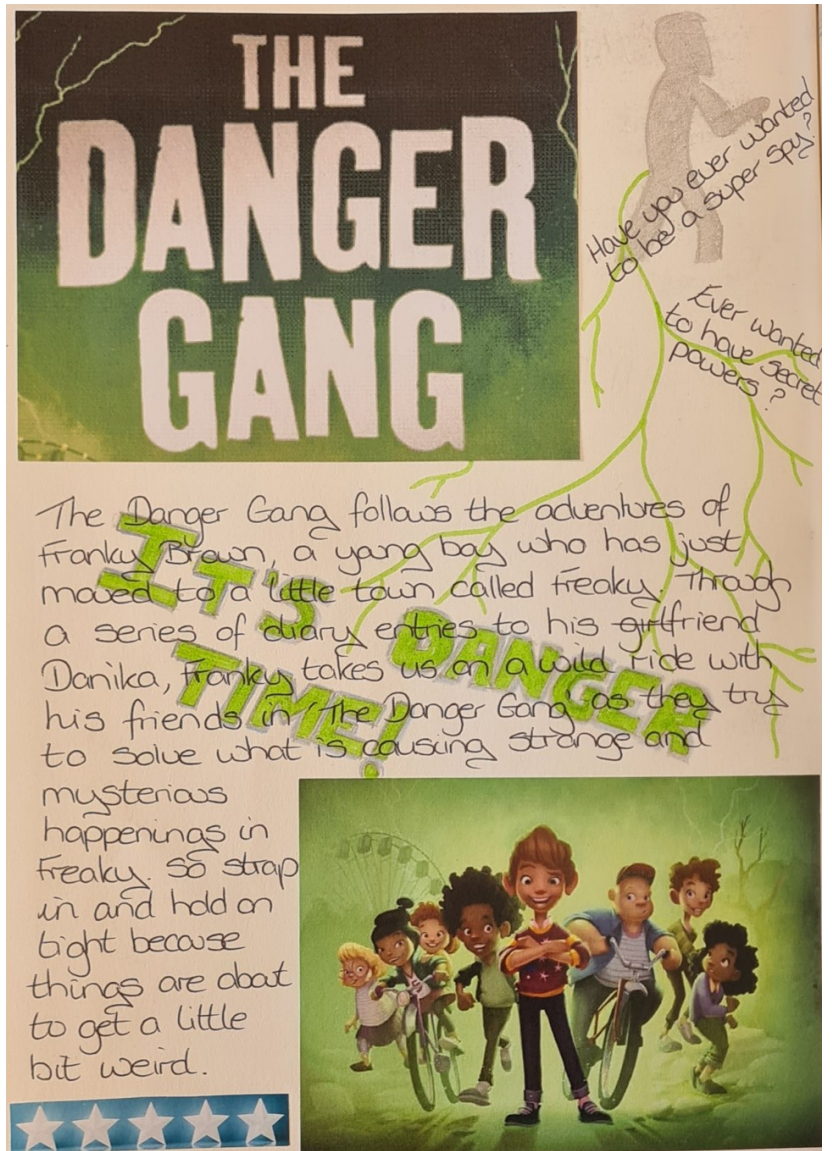


Our New Book Club Journals

We are really excited to have our beautiful new Book Club Journals for the children to use this academic year. We feel these will really serve to enhance our Book Club sessions. Please have a look through your child's journal as it includes some useful information such as top tips for reading with your child, some great book recommendations on our '7 before 7' and '11 before 11' pages, as well as a page explaining a little more about Book Club at our school. Please help your children to keep these up to date and as neatly presented as they can. So many children have already told us how much they are enjoying using them!

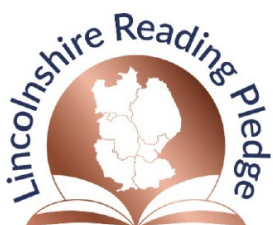


'The Danger Gang' Book Review by Mr Leek

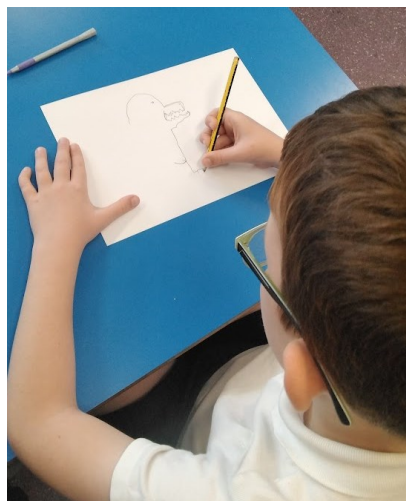


Bug Club

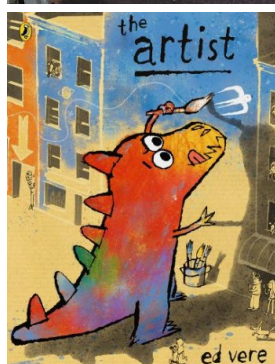
If your child uses Bug Club at home to read the wide range of books it provides, and is struggling to log on at the start of a new year, please get in touch with your child's teacher to ensure all their details are up-to-date.



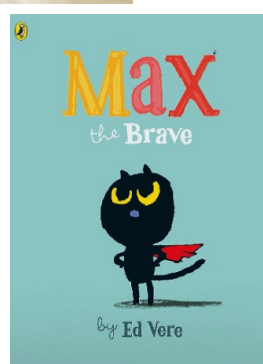
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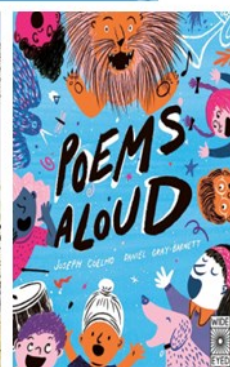
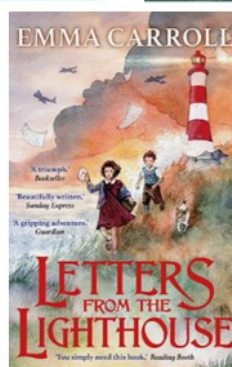
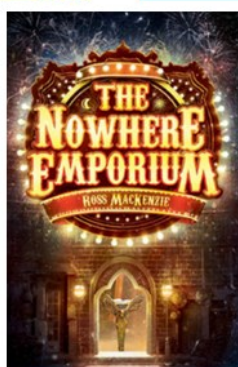
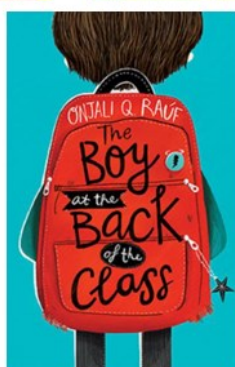
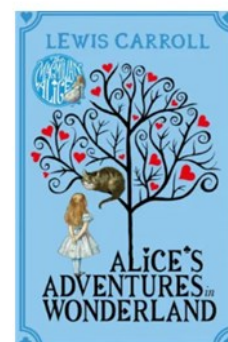
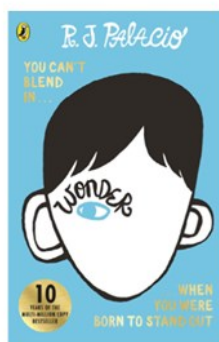
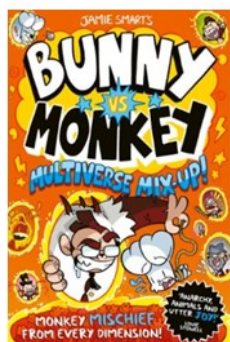
At the end of last year, some of year 2 took part in a virtual 'draw-along' with the fabulous author and illustrator, Ed Vere. Excitingly, Ed read his new book, 'The Artist' before he taught the children how to draw the main character along with him; a colourful dragon.



Take a look at some of Ed Vere's other books that we love.



11 books to read before you're 11



Reading Discussion: Did you read any great books over the summer that you could talk to your classmates about? Let them know!

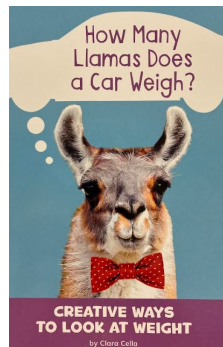
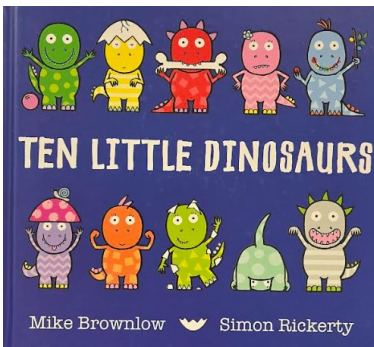
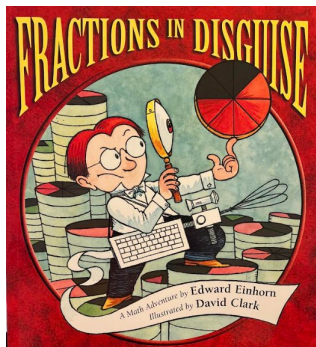
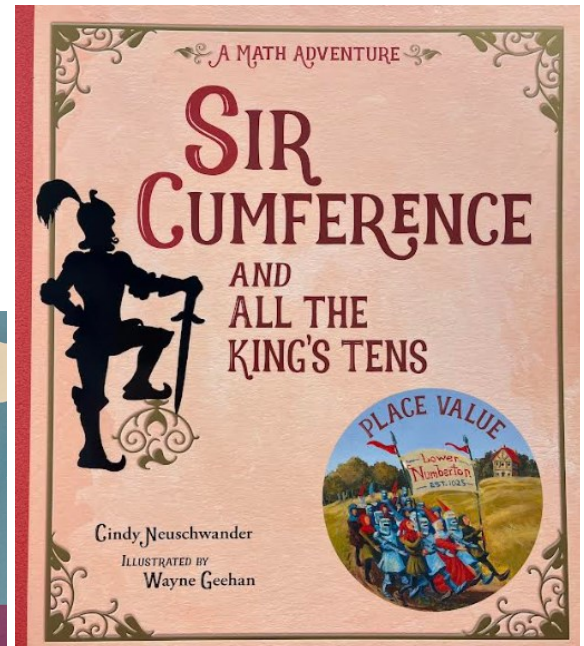
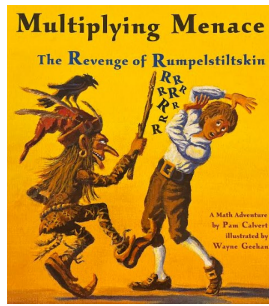
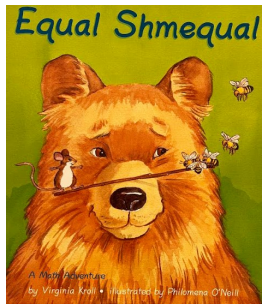
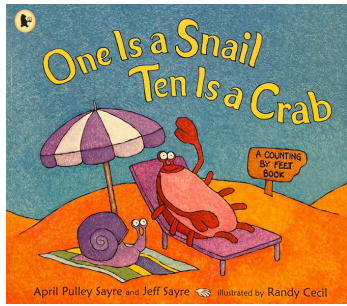
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Maths Challenge Day 2023

This year's challenge day had a lovely reading theme to it. Each year group was given a short story with a link to maths and this was what the teachers then based their activities on! Take a look below and some of the great texts that were chosen.



Welcome to our school!

One of the lovely things about joining our school is receiving a beautiful nursery rhyme book when you enter Nursery or Reception. We so enjoy being able to hand out these books to all our wonderful new children. Research has shown just how important it is that children are exposed to nursery rhymes from a young age.

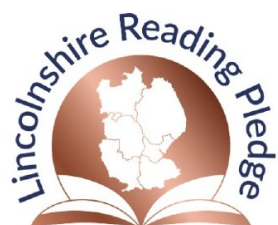
'Nursery rhymes provide bite-sized learning opportunities for young children to develop key developmental skills and can often be the trigger for hours of creative and open-ended play. They are a powerful learning source in early literacy and enable children to become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language.' pacey.org.uk

(The 'professional association for childcare and early years')

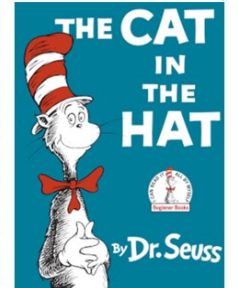
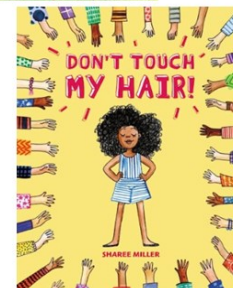
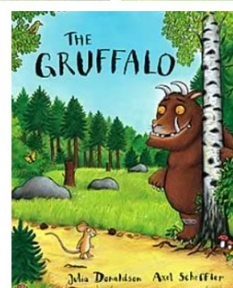
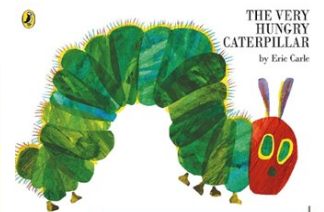
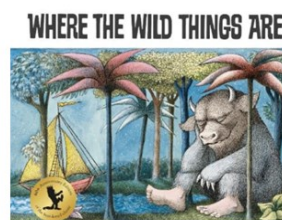
Summer Reading Challenge 2023



A huge well done to all of the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays! We have been enjoying seeing all of your medals come in to school.



7 books to read before you're 7



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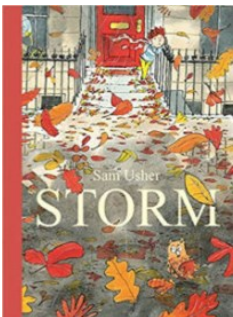
Our Wonderful Reading Ambassadors



Last year, our year 5 Reading Ambassadors did the most wonderful job supporting some year 3 children with their reading journeys. Twice each week, they worked with a year 3 child one to one to develop their understanding of texts and love of reading. We are very proud. A huge well done to all of our ambassadors, some of which are pictured above, receiving their certificates at the end of the year. We are looking forward to the new year 5 ambassadors completing their training.

Autumnal Book Recommendations

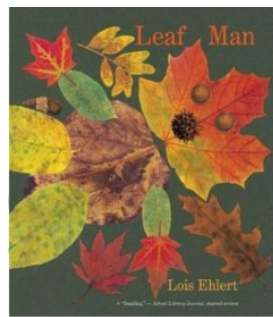
Books for Topics is a wonderful website that is filled with lots of seasonal book recommendations. Here are some of their more autumnal titles to have a look at.



by Sam Usher



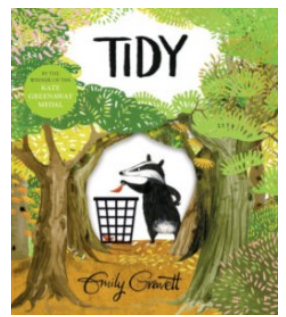
by Nick Butterworth



by Lois Ehlert



by Jo Lindley



by Emily Gravett

Please take a look at the Books for Topics website for many more autumnal (and other) book recommendations as well as for more information about the stories above. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/seasonal-events/autumn-winter/>

We can't wait to show all the fun we have with reading over the next academic year. Thank you for reading our newsletter!

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