

Berkeley Primary School

Summer Two July 2025 Reading Newsletter



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Another jam-packed year of reading has flown by. I hope that you have read books you have loved and will want to read again, as well as had some great 'reading experiences' here at school and at home. We hope you have a sunny, book-filled summer and look forward to hearing all about it.

Come to our Summer Booknic

Wow! I was so impressed with how many parents, carers, family members and friends came along to join in with our Booknic. It was a lovely event which enabled the children to see reading as something really pleasurable. Thank you again and we can't wait for the next one!



Library Explorers

suitable for under 5s
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There are so still many reading events happening around us for the lovely little children in our lives.

'Library Explorers' is suitable for under 5s and takes place in Ashby Library on Wednesday mornings and Scunthorpe Central Library on Thursdays. Please have a look at the 'events' page here for dates and times:

<https://www.opac.northlincs.gov.uk/events>

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget the take part in the reading challenge that has been advertised on previous newsletters and that the lovely Jemima from the library service told us all about in our assemblies last week.

There are also lots of 'Story Garden Booknics' happening around our area throughout July and August. Please look at the events page again for more information including dates and times, locations and for how to book.

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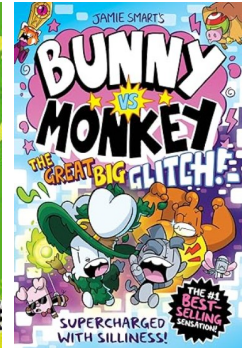
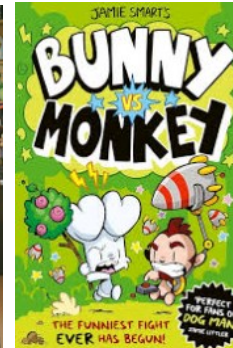
The First Year – By Matt Goodfellow

It is no secret that, in Y6, we absolutely loved the text 'The Final Year' by the amazing author and poet, Matt Goodfellow. The children devoured it and the teachers thought it was one of the best children's books they had ever read. That is why all three of us had his new book 'The First Year' on pre-order as soon as Amazon would let us! It is just as wonderful as the first and we hope you love it as much as we do! ★★★★★



Author Lives—Jamie Smarts

This year, we have watched many more authors delivering live online sessions talking about their book. One that was, unsurprisingly, very popular this year was the Jamie Smarts Live in which he talked all about his Bunny vs. Monkey book series—which so many of our school children adore—as well as his other graphic novels, such as Looshkin. He even did a draw-along which the children loved. Take a look at the amazing art work produced by Otis during (and after) the live session. If you have not read any of his books, do check them out! They are brilliant.



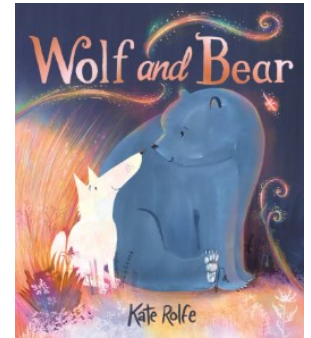
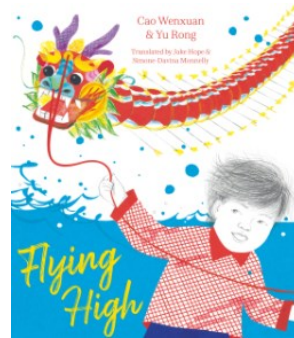
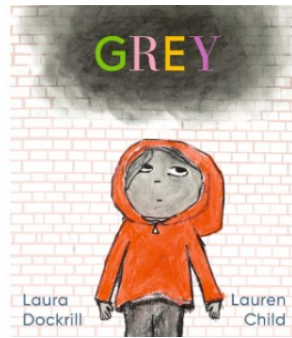
Reading Discussion: What can't you wait to read over the summer break?

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Our lovely Reading Ambassadors had the enjoyable task of being part of our Berkeley Primary School Shadowing Group for the Carnegie Book Awards this year. They spent time looking over and reading some of the wonderful books that had been shortlisted and decided which we should vote for. The decision wasn't an easy one but in the end we voted for **'I love books' by Mariajo Ilustrajo**. The children loved the fact that by the

end of the text, the child that didn't like to read, learned to love it. One said that it also reminded them of a book that they used to love. Another ambassador said that this book showed emotion and depth and she also liked that anybody can love books.



Whilst all the books in the shortlist are going to be amazing, the overall winner Carnegie Award winner of the Medal for Illustration, 2025, was a book entitled 'Clever Crow' by Olivia Lomenech Gill. A stunning non-fiction book about crows, 'praised for its innovative and detailed illustration'. This did receive one vote from our Shadowing Group and he said he liked the illustrations as well as how it was set out and the fact that it had lots of facts about crows.

We can't wait to display these books around school for all to enjoy.



Our Amazing Reading Ambassadors

We are always so proud of our Reading Ambassadors and the work they do to promote and support reading and reading for pleasure around the school, and this year has been no different. Last week, the wonderful Sarah Tipler came in to award the children their certificates (and cake!) as a sign of appreciation of all their hard work. Well done, guys! If you are currently a Y4, and like the idea of being a Reading Ambassador next year, then please do speak to your new teacher in September. Take a look at the next page to see their very own 'menu of book recommendations'.



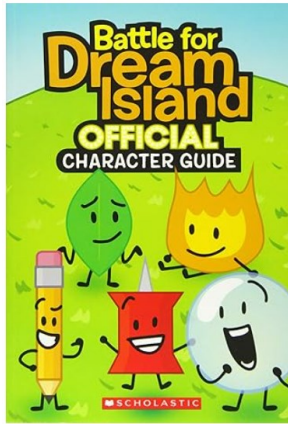


Berkeley Reading Ambassadors

Our Menu of Recommendations

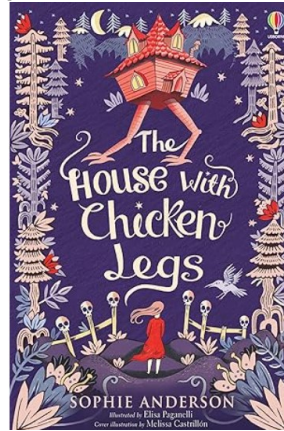


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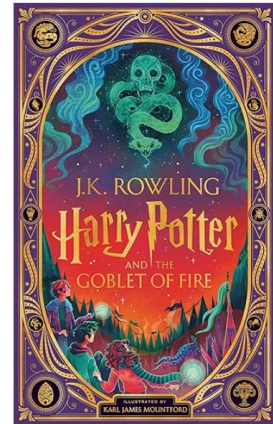
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Georgie



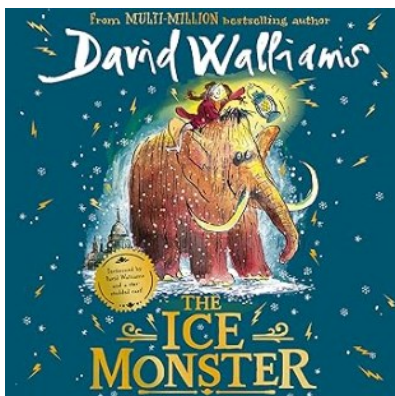
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Keira



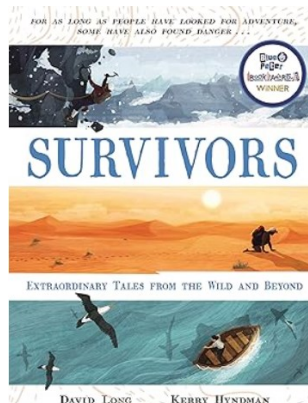
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Lucie



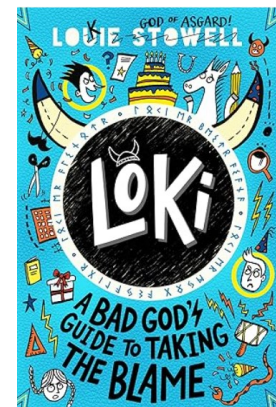
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Darcy-May



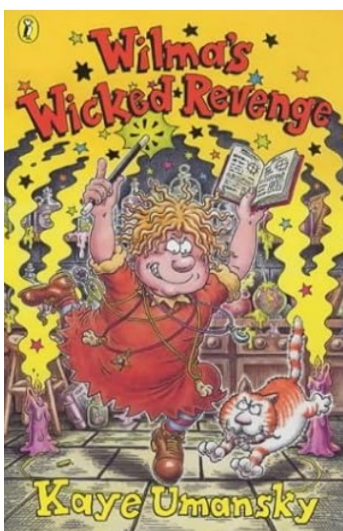
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Louisa



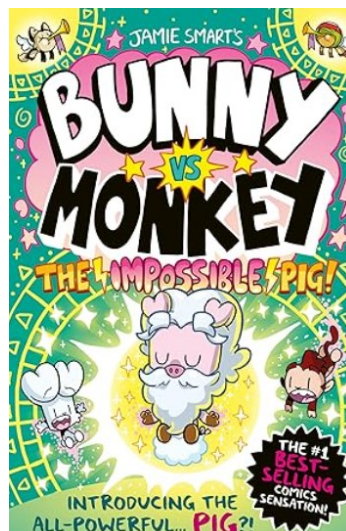
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Evelyn



Rated: Ages 9-12

Finn



Rated: Ages 7-12

Ryley



Rated: Ages 7-9