

Berkeley Primary School

Spring Two 2023 Reading Newsletter



We are really enjoying our Reading for Pleasure journey here at Berkeley Primary.

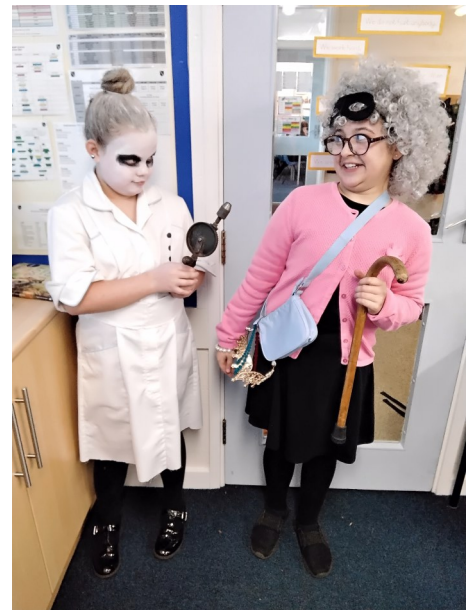
Please read on to see all the lovely things that have been happening this half term.



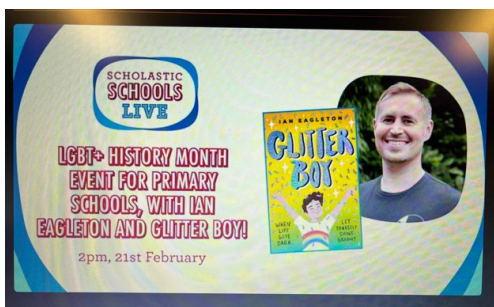
World Book Day 2023



This year's World Book Day was a great success and the children amazed us with their wonderful costumes. It was so lovely to walk around the school and see everyone taking part in such lovely reading activities and enjoying themselves.



Ian Eagleton — Live Author Event



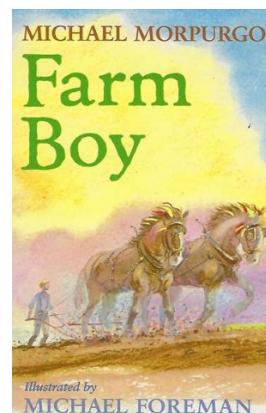
This was a really exciting event for us to watch. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed hearing all about the importance of representation in children's literature.



Ian told us all about the LGBT+ History Month as well as discussing his journey to becoming an author and telling us all about his great book, Glitter Boy.

Teacher Book Review

Mr Newsome has reviewed 'Farm Boy' by Michael Morpurgo.



Farm Boy is a fabulous sequel to War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. It is a story about determination and resistance to change. Grandpa - who still cherishes the memory of his horse Joey - takes on an impossible bet with an arrogant farmer. In the meantime, he relies on his grandson to teach him how to read and write, proving that grandchildren and grandparents have a special bond. For children Y4+.



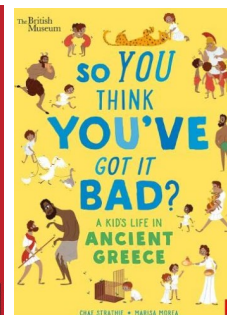
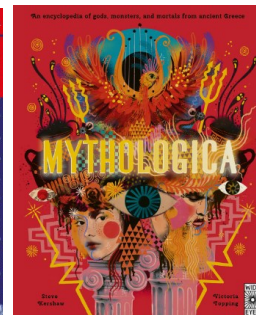
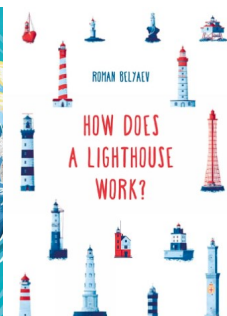
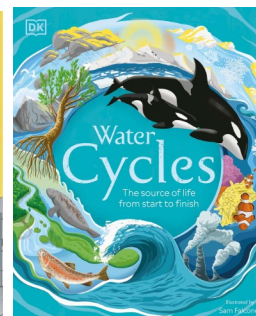
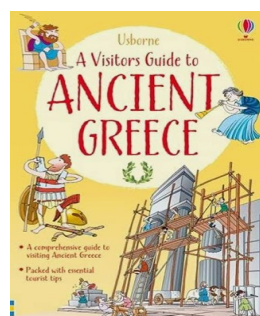
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This website is full of great information. Things such as suggested books for children, advice on how to read with your child, fun games, competitions to win books, and much more!

Non-Fiction Texts in our Book Club

Here at Berkeley, we want to give the children as many opportunities as possible to read a varied selection of books in all areas of the curriculum, as well as learn new things every time they read! We have recently been able to purchase lots of **non-fiction books** all linked to our KS2 topics, to enhance our 'Book Club' selection. We have made sure that children are able to read books about not only the topics in their year groups, but also future years so they can do some pre-reading around upcoming topics. **Take a look below to see just some of the many beautiful books we are excited for the children to read and love.**



Parent Reading Workshop with Sarah Tipler

At the start of March, we were lucky enough to welcome Sarah back to our school to deliver a very insightful reading workshop to our parents. Sarah has delivered this workshop to most schools in North Lincolnshire and spoke about the huge importance of reading, as well as giving the parents and carers lots of hints and tips on how to help and encourage their children to not only read but to read for pleasure. It was great to listen to someone who truly understands the power of reading.

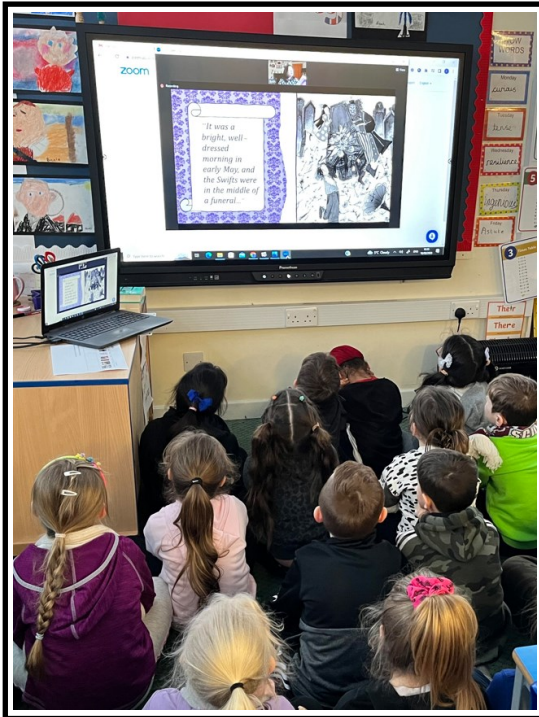


Reading Discussion Starter: Who is your favourite book character and why?

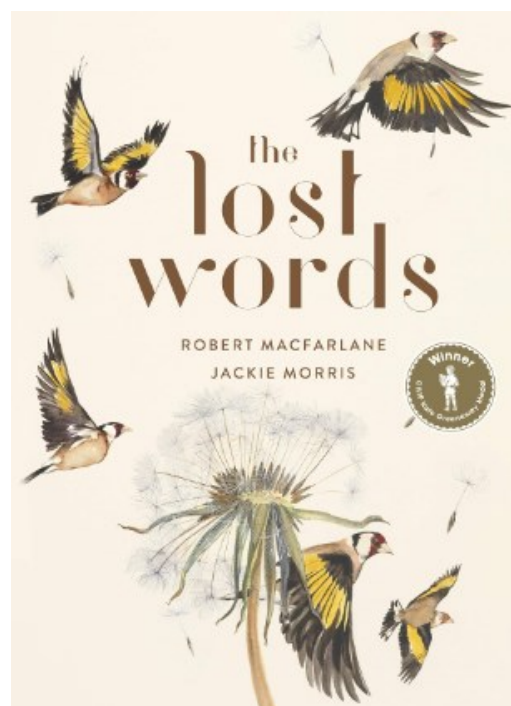
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Virtual Author Visits

We are really enjoying our Virtual Author Visits, they are inspiring so many more children to read different books and get to know new and exciting authors!



Here, 2 Beech are enjoying watching the presentation by author Beth Lincoln talking about her creative processes and her book, 'The Swifts'. Mrs Fowles said that her class were inspired by her tips on how to become an author and had a go at creating their own book character after the webinar. Great work, 2 Beech!



Teacher Book Review

This time, **Mrs Elsagood** has reviewed the lovely book, 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.



'This could possibly be one of the most beautiful books ever written. The Lost Words is a book of acrostic poems or 'spells' that will mesmerise any reader from age 1 to 100. Older children can enjoy this book alone and for younger children it is a book to share. This book can be spoken, sung or chanted. It is about nature and all its beauty. The illustrations are superb and the words are spellbinding. My favourite poem is about the newt! I have read this book many times and each time I have noticed a new word or illustration.'

The **Open University** Reading for Pleasure information that is available online is really useful. The poster below 'visually highlights the core trio of practices which OU research indicates support young readers. **The will to read influences the skill**, indeed developing a love of reading in childhood shapes children's later academic success. It also has significant benefits for well-being.' Taken from: <https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/supporting-readers-at-home-poster/>



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