

Berkeley Primary School

Autumn One October 2025 Reading Newsletter



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Welcome back to another reading packed school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and first half term of reading and we can't wait to see what the next one brings. Take a look at all that we have been up to so far this new school year!

Parents, families and carers – We need you!

For each edition of our Reading for Pleasure newsletter, we would absolutely love to be able to promote the books that you love reading to and with your own children. If you are able to write a short review of a family favourite, we really want to hear it! You can send these in with your children or email them to us to publish here on our newsletter.

One such wonderful example has been sent in below. Please do take the time to have a read.

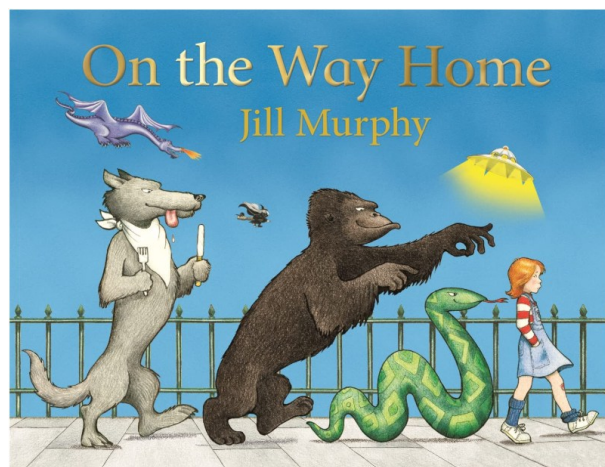
'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy

On the Way Home by Jill follows a little girl named Claire who is going home after falling and cutting her knee. Along the way, she tells each of her friends a different, wildly imaginative story about how she got hurt, from escaping a giant to being chased by a witch!

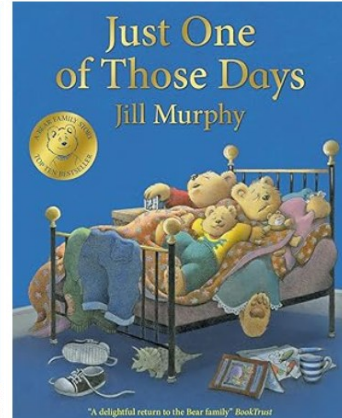
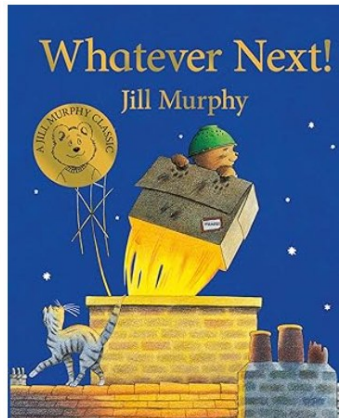
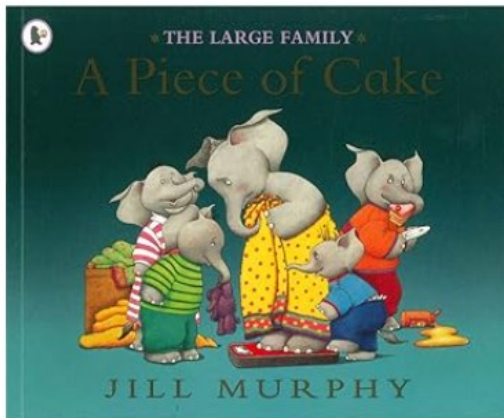
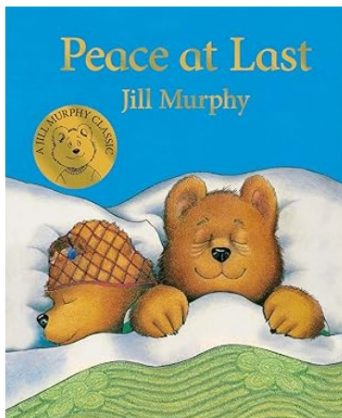
The tale is full of humour and creativity, beautifully illustrated in Jill Murphy's warm, familiar style. But what makes this story truly special is the ending when Claire finally gets home and bursts into tears, safe with her mum. It's a lovely reminder that home is where children feel they can show their true feelings and be comforted.

I used to love this book when I was in Year 1, and it's been such a joy to read it again with my son when he was in Year 1.

Here are some other classics by the author Jill Murphy.



Thank you so much to Miss Harper for sending us this beautiful review. It has certainly made me want to read the book to my little girl!



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One website that is always wonderful for book reviews and recommendations—if you are stuck for your children (or your) next read - is Toppsta! This month, they have published their top 10 children's picture books. Some excellent ideas for Christmas presents! Take a look at the website for more information about each book as well as a lovely 'more to explore' section. <https://toppsta.com/blog/view/best-new-picture-books-of-2025>



There are some lovely reading opportunities for everyone in our local area.



Library Explorers

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'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>



'The Thursday Book Club' is another great book club for the older among us. The 'friendly and welcoming' group meet on the first Thursday of every month at Scunthorpe Central Library and is looking for new members. Contact library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk to find out more and get in touch with the group.

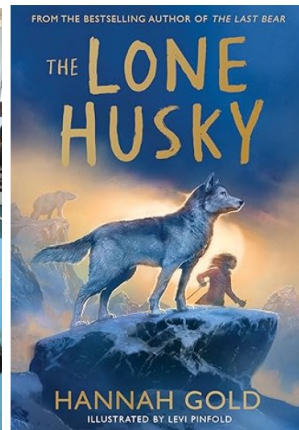
Reading Discussion: Which books have you been enjoying so far this school year?

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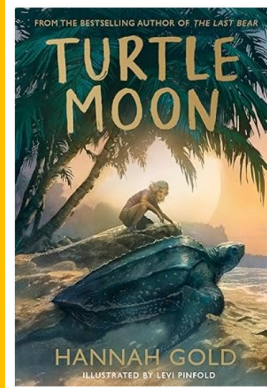
Author Live Sessions – Hannah Gold



Some of our children recently took part in an author live session with the wonderful author Hannah Gold. Her books are loved by our children so this was a lovely opportunity. This live was all about her newest release 'The Lone Husky' and if you have enjoyed any of her other books, I am sure you will just adore this one, too! Take a look at 6 Beech enjoying their session.

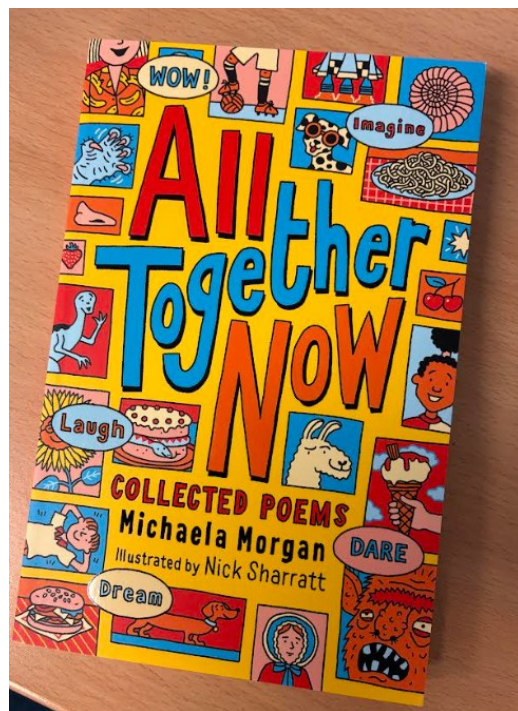


Some other classics by Hannah include ...



Nick Sharratt illustrator event at the Baths Hall

During last half term, Y4 were luck enough to visit the Baths Hall to attend an event to see the bestselling Nick Sharratt on tour. The children were able to listen to Nick speak about his life as well as his wonderful books and illustrations. They even came away with a signed poster and book to display proudly in school. Finally, the children were able to take part in a 'draw-along' with Nick to try to replicate his amazing style. A great time was had by all!



Which are your favourite Nick Sharratt books? Mine definitely has to be 'A Shark in the Dark!'



A huge well done to all the children who took part in the 'Story Garden' summer reading challenge. We have loved seeing all your medals and certificates! I hope lots more children take this wonderful reading opportunity next summer!



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