

Berkeley Primary School

Spring One 2024 Reading Newsletter



Hello everyone,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. The start of the spring term was another exciting one for us here at school. Keep reading to see what has been happening. **As always, please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you would like to be a Secret Storyteller!**

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It's nearly World Book Day!
A day we love to celebrate!



This year, we are all looking forward to our annual World Book Day celebrations. Here at Berkeley, we are always keen to promote reading and all its many benefits! For this year's WBD, we shall be encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite

book character. We are not following a particular theme so this can be anything you would like it to be!

Please have a look at the World Book Day website for some simple and cost effective costume ideas:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/>

There are also some wonderful books up for grabs using your World Book Day voucher, so please make sure you exchange it! The children shall be given their voucher in the week of WBD!

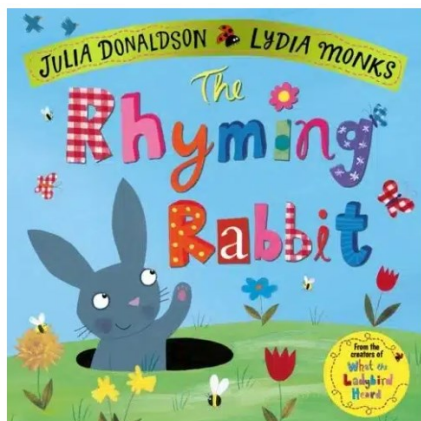
Parent Reading Workshop

We are really excited to be working with the wonderful **Sarah Tipler** again this year. Sarah will be coming in to host a parent workshop focusing on Reading for Pleasure; how you can support your children with their reading at home and much more. Sarah has been running parent workshops since 2016 and has delivered them to over 90% of the schools across North Lincolnshire. She is full of top tips and we would really love it if you could join us for the event.

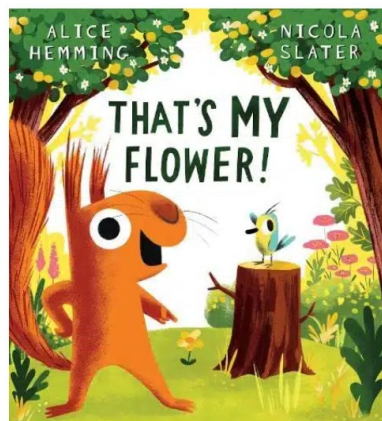
Parent Reading Workshop: Wednesday 6th March in the Junior School Hall — 2:30 to 3:00

Spring Book Recommendations

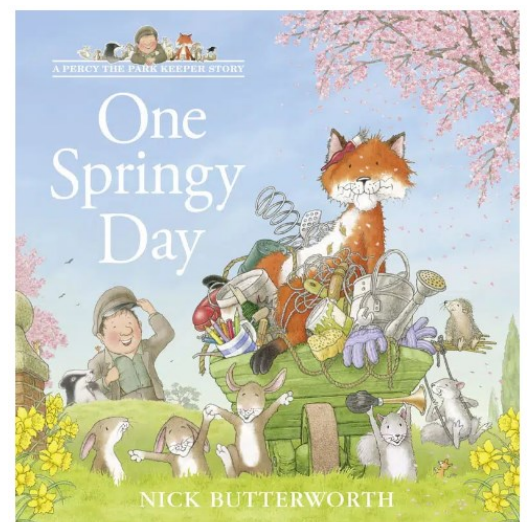
With spring hopefully just around the corner, we have been looking for some lovely springtime book recommendations. 'Books For Topics' is a great website for recommending new releases, as well as some classics! Here are some of their spring choices. Have you read any of them?



Reading Age: 2—4 years



Reading Age: 3—6 years



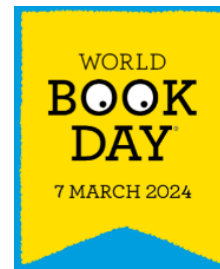
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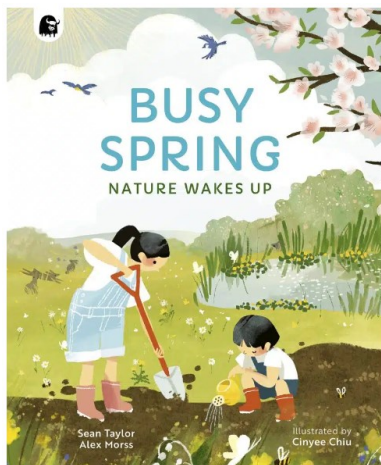
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Website of the Week!<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

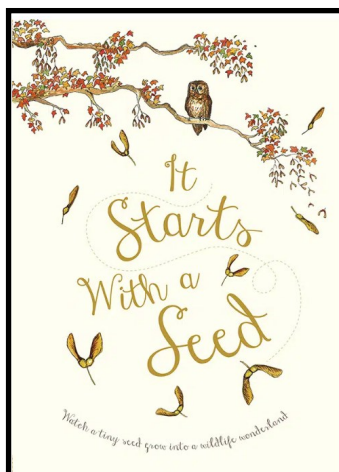
With World Book Day rapidly approaching, we are excited to spend the whole day reading, talking about books and generally having lots of fun. The WBD website is an amazing resource for not only teachers but children, and parents and carers alike. The website includes things such as costume ideas, fun reading ideas, competitions to enter, audiobooks, story corner videos and much more. Please take a look!



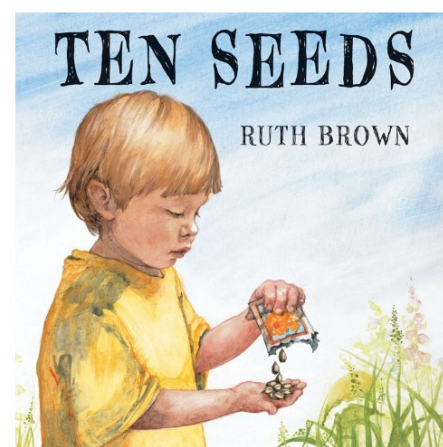
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Reading Age: 6—9 years

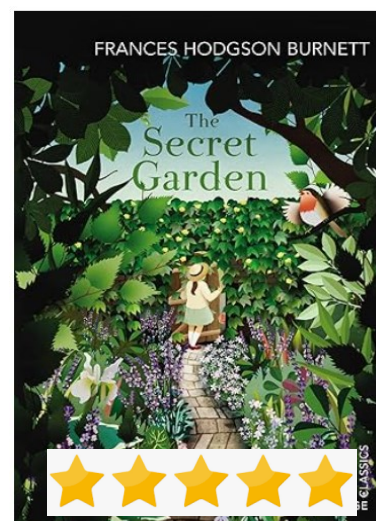


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Our Teacher's Book Reviews

Mrs Burnett - The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

This book is a particularly delightful classic! It is a beautiful story that can be picked up time and time again and not disappoint. The story begins by introducing you to an arrogant, unpleasant child who is moving away to live with her uncle. As the story develops, her character evolves. After discovering the secret garden, she is full of spirit and is surrounded by friends. The curiosity and determination of Mary is heart warming and encourages you to continue reading.



Miss Howlett - Lost Species by Jess French and Daniel Long

A beautifully illustrated book which takes you on a journey around the world exploring the many species of animals that have become extinct. Easy to read and full of interesting information. What surprised me the most was discovering just how many species had become extinct during my lifetime and even during the lifetime of the year 6 pupils I read the book with. We spent a lot of time talking about the human impact of habitats and what we can do to help endangered species.



Reading Discussion Starter: What is the best book you have read so far at school this year? What did you love about it? Tell a friend or family member.

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Poet Visit—Ian Bland



We have recently been very lucky to work with the wonderful poet, Ian Bland, on a couple of occasions. Firstly, with KS2 taking part in a Christmas poetry workshop and then when Ian Bland spent two whole days working with every child, from Reception to Year 6, delivering assemblies and a range of fun and engaging poetry workshops. The feedback we have had from our children has been overwhelmingly positive, with so many of them saying their enjoyment of poetry has increased hugely! Thank you, Ian. It was a pleasure and lovely to see the children having such fun!



After his visit, Ian had the following to say:

I liked the poet and I liked how he made poetry funny. I loved getting up to do the actions!

Keeley.

I liked how funny the poet was!

Meno.

I liked all the poems and my favourite was the Dinner Lady Dance!

Harvey.

I liked the action poem when we clapped!

Isabelle.

"Fabulous two days at Berkeley. Their well behaved, polite and enthusiastic children from Reception to Year 6 worked super hard on their creativity and performance skills!!! Such a joy to work with you all!!"

Thank you, Ian.

We loved your visit!

Ian Bland's website has lots of information for you to have a read if you would like to find out more about him. It even has lots of his poems on for you to read.

<https://www.ianbland.com/>

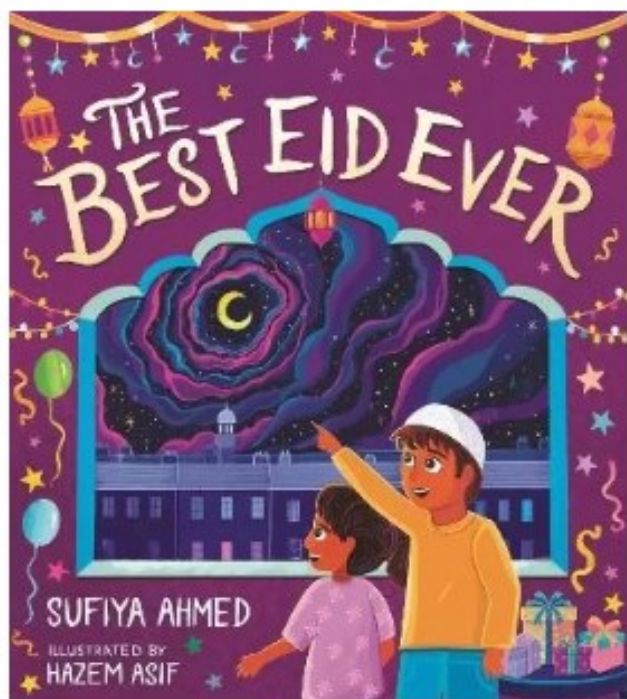
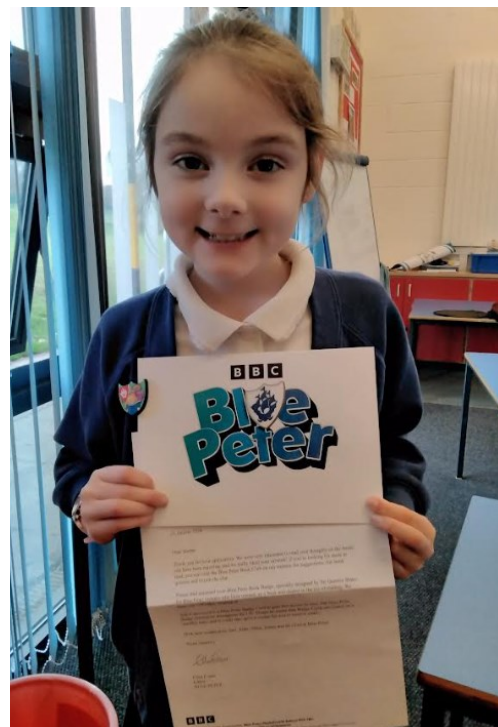
Blue Peter Reading Badge

A few weeks back, Mrs Marsh shared the link for children to complete activities to earn their Blue Peter Book badge. It was great to hear that some children took up this opportunity. The first badge to come into school was from the lovely, very proud, Harper. We loved hearing all about how the badge had been awarded. It is so wonderful to see how much our children love reading. A huge well done, Harper! You are an inspiration to your peers!



If you would still like to gain one of these wonderful badges, designed by the famous illustrator Quentin Blake, then please follow the link on the Blue Peter website.

Please show us your badges when they arrive! We love to see them.



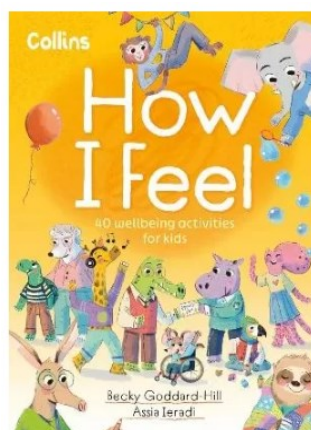
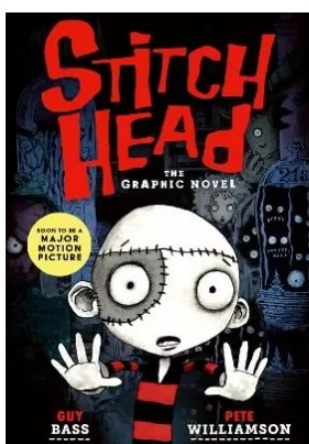
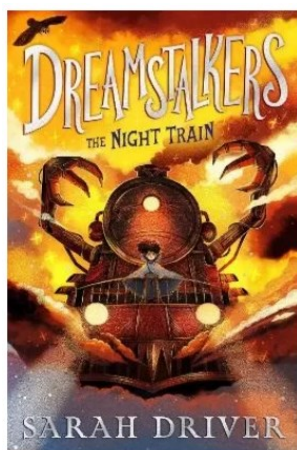
Another excellent website that we like to use for the latest book recommendations is Toppsta.



The team have a **Book of the Month**, each month, and February's is the beautiful 'The Best Eid Ever', Their website explains that this is a '*gorgeous picture book to introduce children to Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr written by the acclaimed children's author Sufiya Ahmed with beautiful, colourful illustrations by Hazem Asif. A must have for every child's bookshelf.*'

<https://toppsta.com/books/details/998305/the-best-eid-ever>

Mrs Marsh has a copy of this lovely book if you would like to come and borrow it. Please feel free to put your name (or class name) on the sign up sheet. It has a reading age guide of 5-7 years but I am sure it would be a lovely DEAR time read for lots of you.



Here are some of their other book recommendations for this month.

Have a look and see if any of them any of them look like something you would like to read.