

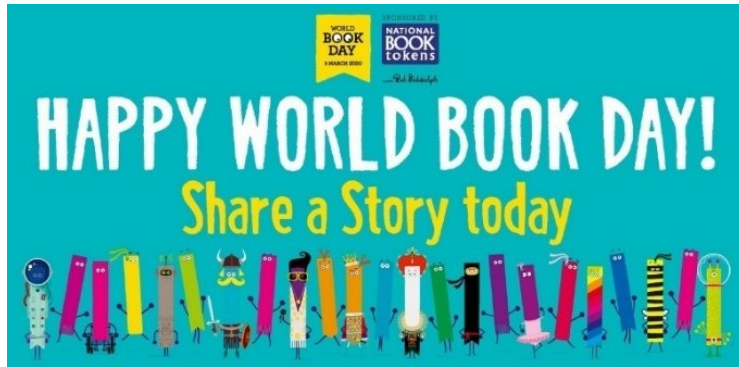
FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER



February 2023

It's not long until WORLD BOOK DAY 2023... we are so excited! In this newsletter you will be able to hear news about what we are doing at Fishbourne this year to celebrate World Book Day, hear news about what Sophy has been up to since she visited us for our Bedtime Stories event and read a brilliant collection of book reviews from lots of our little fish!

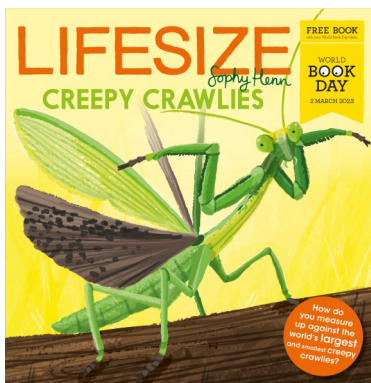


We are joining with our magnificent Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn, this year to share in a very happy World Book Day by helping celebrate the publication of her brand new LIFE SIZE CREEPY CRAWLIES which just happens to be one of the WBD £1 books! We are all so enormously proud of Sophy and all her amazing achievements. During her last visit just before Christmas, we got to see some of the proofs from the first press run of the book and it looks A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

So, on Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating all things creepy crawly! We will be welcoming 'Jaws and Claws' who will be bringing some very special visitors to share with us all, we will chat with Sophy on the big screen and we'll spend the day learning from a range of awesome non-fiction books all about how totally fascinating all things creepy-crawly are! We will have a project loan of 100 books from the West Sussex Library Service to enjoy sharing during the day. If you have any buggy books at home that you would like to bring in on World Book Day, please feel warmly welcome to do so!

At the end of the day, you will all have your very own copy of Lifesize Creepy Crawlies to take home and share. It promises to be a super exciting day!

As a result of all these exciting events, we are asking you not to dress up this year but to come in ready to marvel at all the opportunities on offer!



Have you spent time with Rosa yet? Rosa is our Pets as Therapy dog who visits our school every Friday afternoon and spends time with children, listening to them read! If you would like to visit Rosa, why not speak to your teacher and see if you can spend some time with her one week?

She is a lovely, gentle black Labrador who loves spending time with children! We are very excited because it won't be long until we have our very own four legged member of our school family who will spend time in school with us during the week. This will mean that more children will be able to visit our school dog during the week and lots of you will be able to meet him and spend time with him. Amazingly, he hasn't been born yet but he is due to arrive during February half term and then, after spending sixty days with his mother, Custard, he will move down to Bosham to live with Mrs Day and her family. He will then visit school regularly and will look forward to meeting you all!

We wanted to share with you some of our favourite dog inspired stories. All of these are available to borrow from our school library!

SHADOW by Michael Morpurgo
Never have Aman and his mother needed a friend more than when a Springer Spaniel appears - thin and war-ravaged - in the mouth of their Afghan cave. Nursed back to health by Aman, the dog becomes a constant companion, a shadow, and that's what Aman decides to call her.

But life in Afghanistan becomes more dangerous by the moment. Eventually, Aman, his mother and Shadow find the courage to embark upon the treacherous journey from war-torn Afghanistan to the safety of a relative's home in Manchester, England.
But how far can Shadow lead them? And in this terrifying new world, is anywhere really safe...?



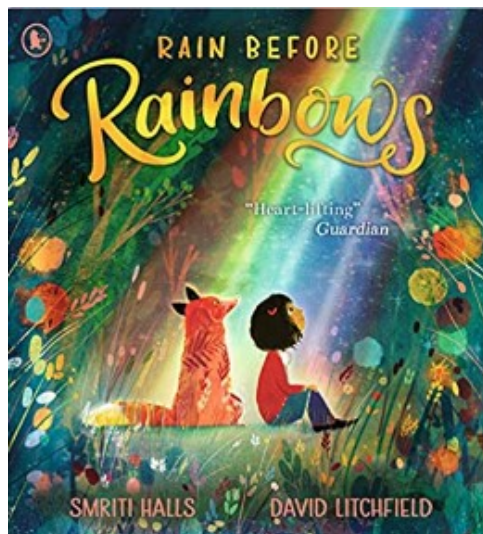
ONE DOG AND HIS BOY by Eva Ibbotson

All Hal had ever wanted was a dog. But a dog would damage the carpets in Hal's house, and so his parents refused to let him have one. Then they discover Easy Pets, a convenient dog-rental agency. Terrier Fleck arrives on Hal's birthday, but when he discovers that his dog must be returned, he runs away.





Recommendations from our little fish!



Grace in Year 2 recommends
Rain Before Rainbows by Smriti Halls
This book is all about having courage and heart. I would recommend this book because the illustrations are beautiful and it gives you hope.



In the midst of rain, rainbows can be hard to see. But with courage and the help of good friends, there is always a way out of darkness.

A girl and her companion fox travel together from a place of loss and ~despair, through uncertain times, towards the hope of colour, light and life. Along the way, they find friends to guide and support them. Together, they build a glorious future and discover there is a way out of the darkness, into the light of the rainbow. A book with immense hope at its heart, this is a positive message for anyone who's ever gone through a tough time.



Rafferty in Year 4 recommends:

The Christmas Pig

by JK Rowling

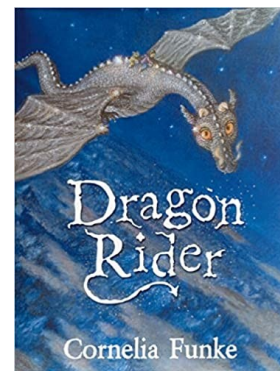
The book is about a boy who loses his favourite toy and embarks on a magical journey with the replacement pig into the dangerous Lord of the Lost to rescue DP Jack's favourite toy.

I recommend this book because it is a funny adventure story for all ages!



Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens - DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy - the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) - has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known...

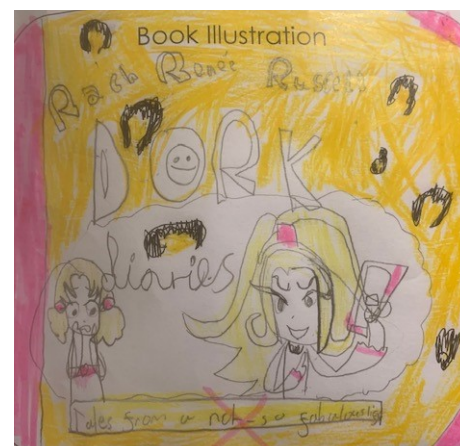
Orestis in Year 4 recommends
Dragon Rider
By Cornelia Funke



This book is about humans who attack dragon land and the dragons leaving to uncover The Rim of Heaven.

A dragon. A boy. A journey. Firedrake, a brave young dragon, his loyal brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben are united as if by destiny. Together, they embark on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. With only a curious map and the whispered memories of an old dragon to guide them, they fly across moonlit lands and seas to reach the highest mountains in the world. Along the way, they discover extraordinary new friends in unlikely places and a courage they never knew they had. Just as well, for the greatest enemy of all is never far behind them - a heartless monster from the past who's been waiting a very long time to destroy the last dragons on earth.

Freya in Year 4 recommends:
Dork Diaries Drama Queen
by Rachel Renee Russell



TOTAL DISASTER!!! Mean girl **MacKenzie** has stolen **Nikki's** diary! What if she tells everyone Nikki's totally secret thoughts?!

But reading Nikki's diary isn't the only thing MacKenzie's interested in. Get ready for Dork Diaries with a twist as MacKenzie takes over and tells all about her GLAMFABULOUS life! What does the queen bee really think about Nikki and her dorky friends?



Can you help?

We would absolutely **love** to hear about what you have been reading over the half term break! Could you review one of the books you read and send it in for next edition of the Fishbourne Reads? You can send it to: head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk