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OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER



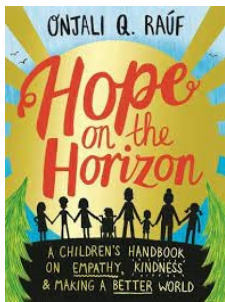
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Our World Book Day celebrations were AMAZING and we all had a great time being creeped out by Sophy's new book *Lifefize Creepy Crawlies*! Our hugest thanks to Sophy Henn, our Patron of Reading, for donating 210 copies of this fantastic book to us to be able to keep in our own personal libraries! We had such a fabulous day celebrating Sophy's achievement and learning lots of new and very interesting facts about creepy crawlies! We look forward lots to Sophy's next visit in the summer term and hearing

more about her new project.

We are also EXTREMELY excited about a visit from another of our most favourite authors here at Fishbourne Primary... Onjali Rauf. We LOVE Onjali's books and all children in Key Stage 2 will be reading one of Onjali's books as part of their whole class reading sessions during the first part of the summer term. Onjali's writing is exceptional and she writes about challenging topics including: refugees, prejudice, racism, domestic violence, poverty to name but a few. Her books are uplifting and full of hope for the future.



During the autumn/spring terms we had a group of children who came along to book club to share Onjali's most recent publication: *Hope on the Horizon*. This is an AMAZING and inspiring hand-book of hope that shows children that they can change the world with nothing more than courage, kindness and empathy! It is a book that every single one of us should read (adults included). It's a reminder that with a bit of compassion, a big dollop of hope and even the smallest act of kindness, magical things can happen. Hope is on the horizon; here's how children everywhere can find it. The book finishes with the words:

'I AM HOPE ON THE HORIZON.
I AM NOT ALONE.
AND I AM RISING.'

Some of our children in Year 2 are currently reading *The Great (Food) Bank Heist*, also written by Onjali. This is a super story, giving a child's-eye view of the increasing problem of food poverty. 'On Thursdays, Nelson, Ashley and Mum head out to the bank. But not just any old bank - the food bank. With its shining tins and packets of food stacked from floor to ceiling, Nelson thinks it's the best kind of bank there is. But there's a thief in town, and the shelves of the food bank are getting emptier each day, leaving people hungrier than ever. For the sake of his family and everyone else's, Nelson needs to make them stop. But can he and his friends really be the ones to catch the bank robber?'



These are just two of Onjali's fabulous collection of books—others include:

The Boy at the Back of the Class
The Star Outside My Window
The Lion Above the Door
The Night Bus Hero

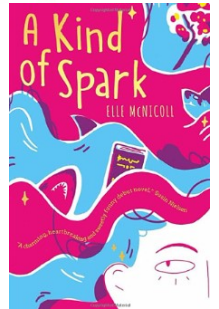
Each of these books is so beautifully written with fabulous characters and plots... our children are in for an absolute treat!



A recommendation from Mrs Day for children in Year 5 and 6.

A very kind parent gifted me this book which I have loved reading it with my daughter who is in Year 5! We are half way through and loving every page.

A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

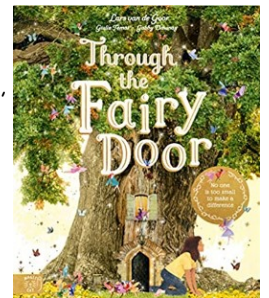


This book has been made into a CBBC drama which is being shown from Friday 31st March.

NEW RELEASES!

Through the Fairy Door by Gabby Dawney

In a busy, noisy town, there is a girl called Willow. She sees the things that everyone is too distracted to notice... including a little bird, who leads her to a tiny door in an old tree. When she steps through the fairy door, she enters a magical Wild Wood, meeting tiny fairies who nourish the earth and turn the seasons. This story is all about an ordinary child on an extraordinary journey to discover the joy of living in harmony with nature and rewild her own home.



Lizzy and the Cloud

Lizzy and the Cloud by Eric Fan

It's a little out of fashion to buy a pet cloud, but Lizzy doesn't mind. She's not looking for a big one or a fancy one, just one that's right for her. And she finds it in Milo.

Soon, she's taking Milo out on walks with her family, watering Milo right on schedule and seeing Milo grow and grow. But what happens when her pet cloud gets too big for Lizzy to handle?

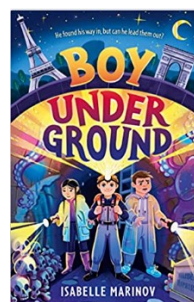
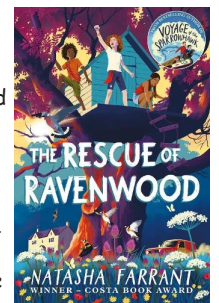
This story is all about the unpredictable journey of growth and loving something enough to set it free.



The Rescue of Ravenwood by Natasha Farrant

Bea was only meant to be visiting Ravenwood when her father took her to his old family home to see her uncle and give her mother a break. But Bea loved the place so much - and her mother did need her rest - so Bea ended up staying. The Rescue of Ravenwood is an evocative and atmospheric story that will appeal to budding eco-warriors and fans of Eva Ibbotson and Lauren St John.

(You may have read other books by Natasha Farrant that we have in our school library - *Voyage of the Sparrowhawk* and *Children of Castle Rock* - both are brilliant reads!)



Boy Underground by Isabelle Marinov

For Hugo, the world can be too loud and bright. He likes the quiet. He likes the dark. And he loves maps. When Hugo learns that there's a whole other world under Paris, a network of tunnels, quarries and catacombs mapped beneath his feet, he sets off on an adventure. Navigating secret passages, narrowly escaping robbers and returning to old friends, Hugo discovers more than just buried treasure ...



Book recommendations from Penguin Class (Year 5)

Festagrim by Thomas Taylor recommended by Eddie:

This book is about two people who solve the mystery of an old robot called Festagrim. I wouldn't recommend this book to everyone because it has some parts that are quite gory! 8 years +

When Herbie and Violet's arch-enemy Sebastian Eels turns up in Eerie-on-Sea, seemingly back from the dead, it can only spell bad news. The town may welcome his entrepreneurial scheme to resurrect Festergrimm's Wax-works, a dusty and defunct old gallery of spooky characters from Eerie legend, but Herbie and Violet are suspicious of his motives. And when they learn the legend of Ludo Festergrimm the clockmaker, creator of a vast mechanical robot that wrought havoc in the wrong hands, they KNOW they're on the right track. But how can they get the residents of Eerie-on-Sea to believe them?



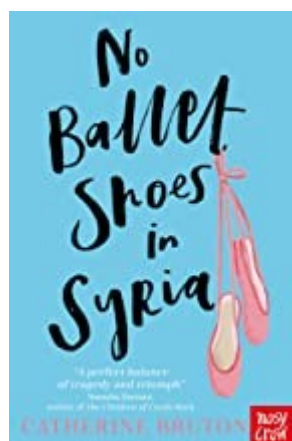
Neon's Secret Universe by Sibeal Pounder recommended by Lillie:

This book is about a girl called Neon who is on a quest to be normal. When she finds a lipstick in her house, everything changes.

Unicorns are NOT horse creatures with horns.

In fact, they are the most powerful magical beings on the planet and they look just like you and me. They live in a secret realm known as the Universe, and the horse with a horn thing was just something a unicorn called Greg made up to distract the humans - and it really worked!

But a young human girl called Neon Gallup is about to find the last remaining Universe portal opener (an old, battered green lipstick) and step into a zany world where magic is made with goo and the possibilities are endless! Unfortunately, if there was one person you wouldn't want keeping the greatest magical secret of all time, it would be Neon Gallup ...



No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton recommended by Bethany:

It's all about 11 year old Syrian refugee, Aya. She watches a dance class at the Midhurst Care Centre and teacher, Miss Helena, offers her a chance to go to the Royal Northern Ballet. Her friend Dotty is auditioning too... will they get in or will things change between them?

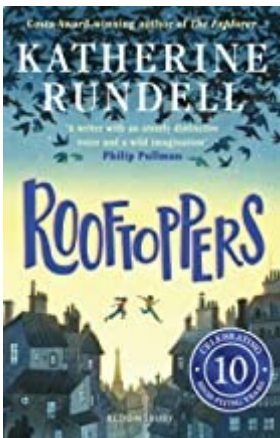
Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria

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Return to Roar by Jenny McLachlan recommended by Luka

This book is about siblings called Arthur and Rose. When they were young they played a game called Roar. Years later, they find it again and they have to fight baddies to save Roar!

Roar is a land of dragons, mermaids, unicorns, ninja wizards and where anything they can imagine can be real. But when they return there's no time for exploring, because a message arrives from their scarecrow enemy, Crowky.



Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell recommended by Daril:

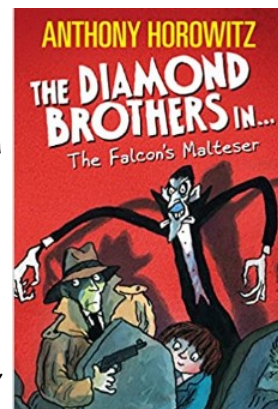
This book is about a girl who when she was a baby fell into the sea in a cello case. Then a man called Charles saved her and wants to adopt her....

Everyone tells Sophie that she was orphaned in a shipwreck - found floating in a cello case on the English Channel on her first birthday. But Sophie is convinced her mother also survived. When the Welfare Agency threatens to separate her from her guardian and send her to an orphanage, Sophie takes matters into her own hands, starting with the only clue she has - the address of a cello-maker in Paris. On the run from the authorities, Sophie finds Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who walk tightropes and live in the sky. In a race across the rooftops of Paris, will they be able to find her mother before it's too late?

The Diamond Brothers by Anthony Horowitz recommended by George:

Two brothers who go on adventures around the world getting in trouble with LOADS of problems!

When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?



Can you help?

We would absolutely love to hear about what you have been reading over the holiday! Could you review one of the books you read this Easter and send it to: head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk We will be delighted to include it in the next edition!