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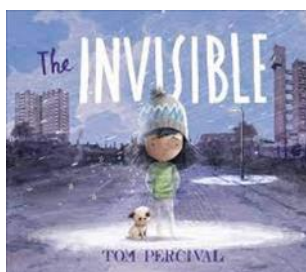
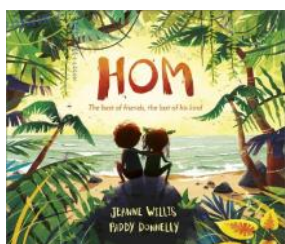
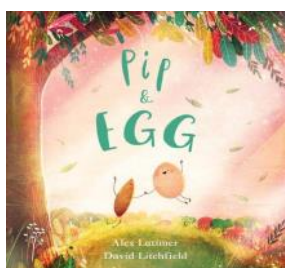
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## Hooked on Books



### West Sussex Picture Book Awards



Over the course of the week commencing January 31st, Year 3 and 4 took part in the annual West Sussex Picture Book Awards. Throughout the week, learners were introduced to four brand new picture books, enthusiastically delivered by Mrs Taylor, Mrs Durand, Mrs Hilton and Ms Williams. As well as having the books presented, learners engaged in discussions about their favourite picture books and what makes these so utterly unforgettable. The four books presented were called *Hom*, *Pip & Egg*, *The Invisible* and *The Big Freeze* and three of the four authors virtually visited our school to talk in greater detail about their stories, take questions and lead exciting illustration-based activities. At the end of the week, the children voted for their favourite and the Windmills' vote crowned the adorable *Hom* as the winner, although it was far from a walkover.

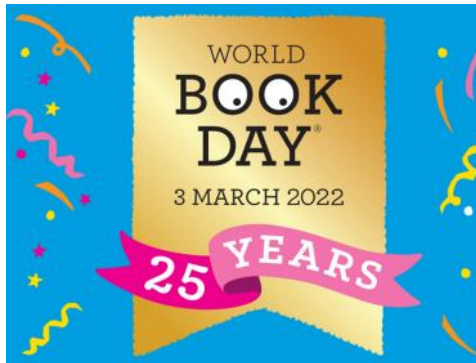
*Hom* obtained 54 votes, *The Big Freeze* 41, *Pip & Egg*, 32 and finally *The Invisible* with a very respectable 27.

Whether the rest of the schools in West Sussex agree with our vote remains to be seen and the full result will be revealed on World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March 2022.



# Book Week and World Book Day 2022

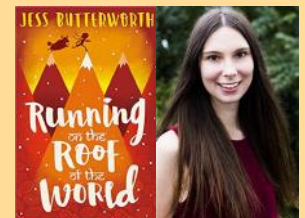
We write with a feeling of pride as we announce the exciting plans we have as a school for World Book Day 2022. As you may know from previous years, this is a far more than a one day event here at The Windmills Junior School. The children will have a range of exciting activities to engage in both in and out of school over the course of the week commencing Monday 28th February 2022.



**World Book Day** itself is on **Thursday 3rd March** and it wouldn't be the day it is without us encouraging you to dress as a fictional character, would it? We would love to see you dressed as your favourite characters from the literature you love and there will, of course, be a best dressed winner from each class who will win a brand new book as a prize for their efforts. We are aware that dressing up isn't for everyone, so if you'd rather come to school in regular uniform, please come in with a clue as to who your favourite fictional character is for us to guess. This is a **donation-free** event.

## Jess Butterworth Author Visit

We are really excited to announce that one of the country's best authors will be virtually visiting us on Monday 28th February. Author of much loved novels: *Running on the Roof of the World*, *Swimming Against the Storm* and *When the Mountains Roared*, Jess Butterworth, will be here to talk about her novels, life as an author and take questions from learners across all year groups.



## The Masked Reader

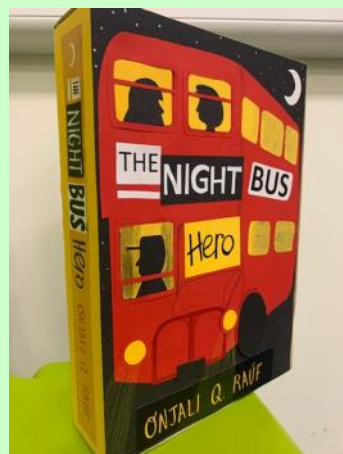


After last year's success, the Masked Reader returns with more curious costumes, cryptic clues and those all important big reveals. No less than 10 well known volunteers have been drafted in to read their favourite picture book or extract from a novel and their identity will remain strictly hidden until Friday's big reveal after all readers have been heard.

## Home Learning Activity—Cereal Box Books!

On the guaranteed rainy day of half term, we would be delighted for you take the time to decorate a regular sized cereal box in the form of your favourite book. This is with a view to creating an engaging, 3D display in our school.

As well as replicating the front cover and the spine, we would like you to give us five reasons, as the blurb, on the back cover, that suggest why this is **the** next book to read. What a way to share new authors and their books across the school!



### 5 reasons you should read this book:

- A thought-provoking book about a school bully who has to make up for a big mistake he has caused
- It is all about empathy and the power of forgiveness
- The story has a strong moral
- You can understand and think deeply about lives that are impacted by homelessness
- It is a totally engrossing story



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