



Hooked on Books



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Book Week was a brilliant success at The Windmills where reading was celebrated throughout the school.

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt 'Thank You' to everyone who has bought a book for the school or who has contributed financially to our book fund. By the beginning of the day on Wednesday 15th March we had received 80 donated books and £343 pounds to buy books from our wish list.



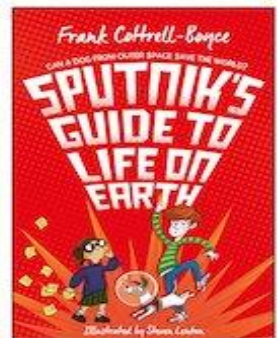
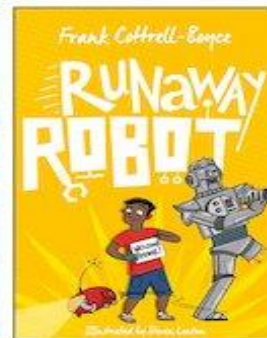
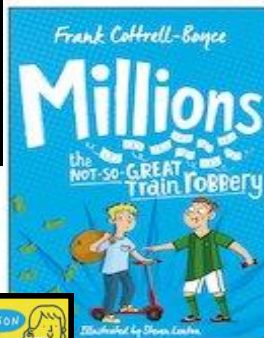
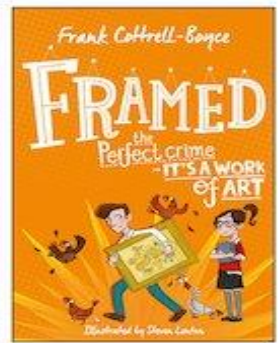
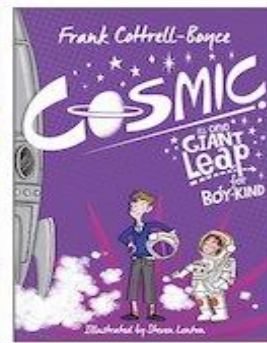
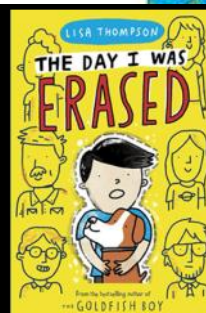
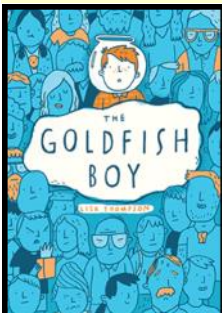
This is the fantastic pile of books that have already been delivered. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. This will make a huge difference in promoting a rich diversity of authors and characters in our class libraries.

What happened during Book Week?

Frank Cottrell Boyce shared excerpts from his new book, spoke to the children about becoming a writer and did a Q&A.



Lisa Thompson shared her love for reading and talked about her new book. The children even enjoyed a virtual escape room!



Author Visits: Classes had the opportunity to take part in some fantastic online visits.

Dr Sheila Kanani, Henry Paker and Lucy Hawking did a virtual event for a Story Makers non-fiction special.



Shwapna Haddow and Sheena Dempsey author and illustrator of World Book Day title *Dave Pigeon: Bookshop Mayhem*, led a fun-packed event with top tips to help children create their own stories.

What happened during Book Week?

Lots of staff got involved in the spirit of book week and having fun by reading a book in disguise. The children had fun working out who was who—some used technology and some used costumes—great job everyone!



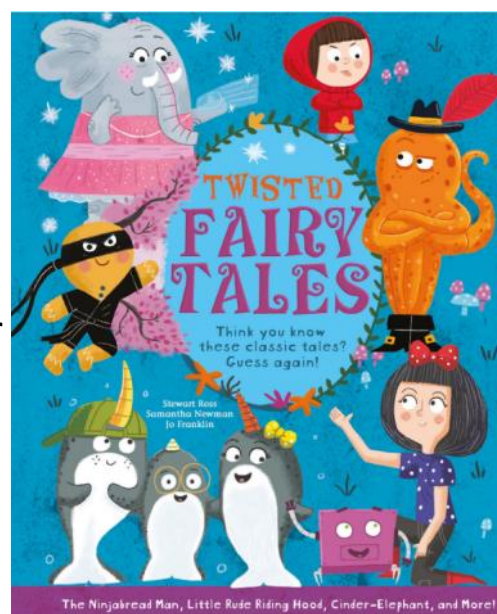
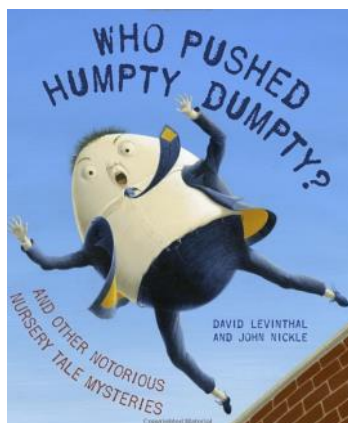
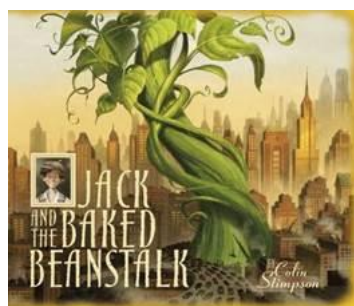
Writing Competition Launch—Twister Fairy Tales

What? We are challenging the children to write their very own twisted fairy tale. (just like the authors on this page). This could be a twist on a traditional tale or their very own, original one. They can present their writing in any format they wish (e.g. comic, poem, traditional story). They could think about:

- Changing the setting or part of the plot or adding a new character
- Changing the personalities or gender of your characters
- Writing the tale from the another character's view point
- Changing the problem or finding a different solution
- Adding a little humour or horror
- Writing a different ending

When? The deadline is **Friday 21st April**. **How?** All entries to be submitted to their class teacher who will then pass on to a panel of judges!

[Link to more twisted tales:](#)



There are so many good books out there but it can be difficult to know where to start!



We have created a Padlet which can help you find the next perfect read for your child. Simply look at the authors or genres your child enjoys and see the other books which are recommended. Just click on the link below or follow the QR code. <https://padlet.com/windmillsteacher/lwf4o3duk14ef89y>

If your child likes David Walliams...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE DAVID WALLIAMS, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Humour / Good Vs Evil / Mystery & Adventure
- Windmillteacher 14d
Some other suggestions:
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/books/branching-out/branching-out-david-walliams/>

If your child likes the Tom Gates series (by Liz Pichon)...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE TOM GATES, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Humour / School / Being or feeling different
- Windmillteacher 14d
Other suggestions:
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/books/branching-out/branching-out-tom-gates/>
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If your child likes the Rainbow Magic series ...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE RAINBOW MAGIC, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: magic / fairies / animals
- Windmillteacher 14d
Other suggestions:
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/books/branching-out/branching-out-rainbow-magic/>

If your child likes Roald Dahl...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE ROALD DAHL, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Funny / Beasts & creatures / Sprinkling of magic
- Windmillteacher 14d
Other suggestions:
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/books/branching-out/branching-out-road-dahl/>

If your child likes Series of Unfortunate Events (by Lemony Snickett)...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Mystery / Family / Scary

If your child likes scary books (e.g. Goosebumps)...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE GOOSEBUMPS, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Horror / Scary / Beasts, ghosts and monsters / Mystery

If your child likes His Dark Materials trilogy (Phillip Pullman) ...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE HIS DARK MATERIALS, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Other worlds /Adventure / Magic / Family & Friendships

If your child likes Murder Most Unladylike (by Robin Stevens)...

#BOOKMATCH

IF YOU LIKE MURDER MOST UNLADYLIKE, READ THESE

- Windmillteacher 2yr
Key themes: Mystery / Problem solving / Perseverance

Our local bookshops are amazing, and the staff have a wealth of knowledge to help you find the perfect book. The Book Nook in Hove (<https://booknookuk.com/>) and Bags of Books in Lewes (<https://bags-of-books.co.uk/>) are both treasure troves of fantastic books.

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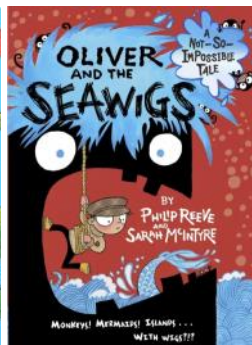
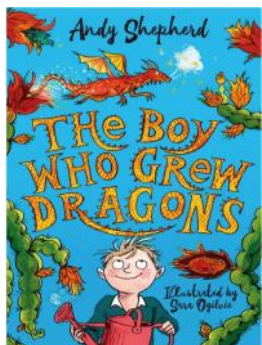
Book swap—what a success!

It was a joy to see children donate books and swap them for a brand new read! Thank you so much for providing high quality books to swap. The children loved it. This is something we would like to repeat later on this year—for both children and adults!

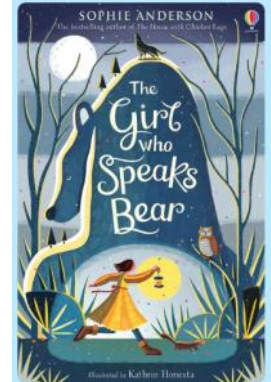
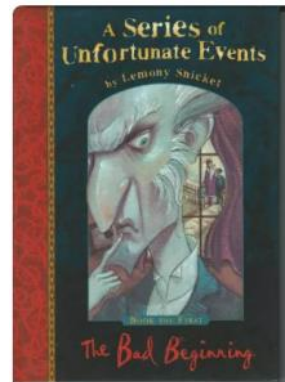
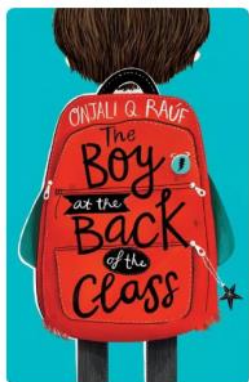
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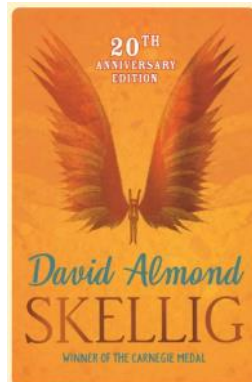
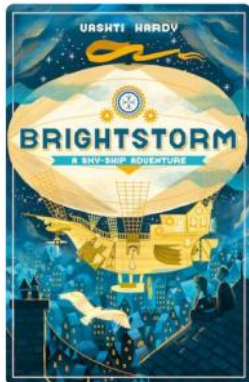
Book Talk: Children had the opportunity to share their favourite books and recommendations through our year group reading Padlets. If you need inspiration for their next read, have a look at a sample of the books that the children recommend:



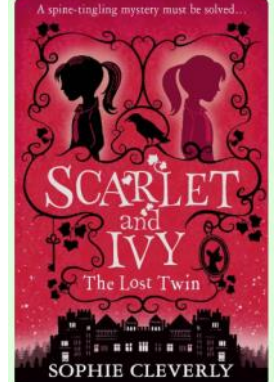
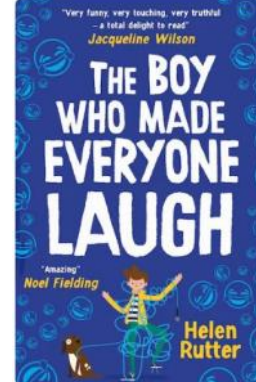
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