

Welcome

Welcome everyone, we are very excited to bring to you the second instalment of our Reading Newsletter. This half term we have taken part in so many fantastic reading activities and we cannot wait to tell you all about them.

About your reading team... We are a team of ten, Year 4 children who are fascinated by reading and want to share our passion for reading with others!

Virtual Author Visits

Jacqueline Wilson



Year 6 had a virtual meeting.

We spoke to two children and Mr Allen to see what she was like. They said that she was very calm and inspiring. They asked her a variety of questions about being an author, she discussed with them strategies to use when rewriting an old story into a modern tale. The children were lucky enough to get a glimpse of her new book *The Primrose Railway Children*. They also said they were looking forward to reading her new book.



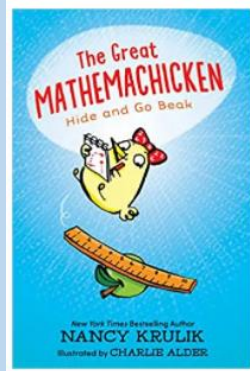
Maddie Moate

Year 4 were ecstatic to have a virtual visit with CBBC's Maddie Moate. She told them about her book *STUFF*, which shares unusual ways of making everyday things using recycled materials.

One of sections of her book is the process of making paper out of elephant poop. This was disgustingly interesting! Another fact she discussed was how people in India make clay cups. When they are finished drinking they throw it on the floor and if people clean it they get a few pennies.

Definitely a book to put on the Christmas list!

New Book Release Alert



Hide and Go Beak
By Nancy Krulik Illus

Release date:
4th January 2022

Chirpy is a young chicken stuck in the family coop. But she's not like the other chickens who just sit around and peck, peck pecking all day. She's intrigued by the children who came home from a place they call school. They always look so happy! (Well, most days).

Scholastic Book Fair

In October we welcomed Scholastic Book Fair to our school. I don't think I have ever seen so many books!

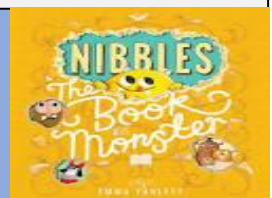
The children families and staff at Monksdown were very excited. Many of the children took their families to the hall after school to see what treats they could buy to add to their home libraries. There were plenty of books for every age of child.

Each section was carefully laid out for each age group so you knew exactly where to look and to see what other people your age was reading. This was a fantastic opportunity to encourage children to read. A special thanks to those who came to the fair.



Recommended Read

Danger! Nibbles the book monster has escaped his story! Reports came out from Year 1 that Nibbles the book monster has eaten his way through Goldilocks and the three bears, Jack and the beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood! Will he ever be caught?



Teacher Interview

Name: Miss Grice

Year Group: Year 2

Role in School:

Assistant Head and English Lead.

This term we were lucky enough to meet up with Miss Grice and to ask her some questions about her love of reading.

Miss Grice was excited to tell us about her favourite book which is Harry Potter, as it's the longest book she has ever read. Miss Grice told us about how exciting the book was and it is great to have such strong characters who are still only children themselves.



Miss Grice has met quite a few authors in her lifetime like Levi Tafari! Her favourite author is Mini Grey, who is an author that makes twisted tales about popular books. Miss Grice recently shared her love of Mini Grey's books to her class during the Author of the Month staff choice. Her class enjoyed them just as much as she does.

Miss Grice said she has been an avid reader all her life and owns hundreds of books including the Hunger Games series, which is her favourite series.

If like Miss Grice you love reading and would like to be interviewed for our next Newsletter get in touch using the Twitter page @MonksdownReads



Authors, Authors Everywhere!

This half term Monksdown school has been full to the brim with author meet and greets, both virtual and face to face assemblies. We were lucky enough to even meet one of our authors, Levi Tafari, a Liverpool born poet who has travelled the world delivering his message of equality and self-belief through poetry. Year 4 were lucky enough the work with him to create their own poems.



At Monksdown every month we celebrate a new author, this month the staff were overjoyed to see that they were going to choose their favourite author. This saw children being introduced to authors such as; Alex Smith, Julia Donaldson, Kieran Larwood, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and so many more.

Reading Challenge Task



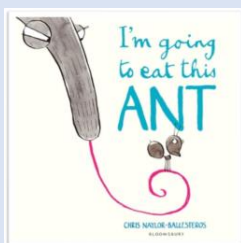
We are very lucky to have so many wonderful libraries here in Liverpool, your reading challenge for this term is to;

- Visit a library
- Choose a book that you have not read before.
- Either settle down or to take home to read.
- Take a photograph of yourself in or outside the library with the book you have chosen.

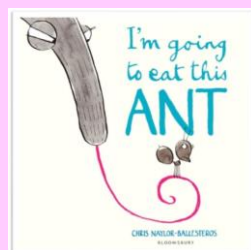
We would love to see what books you read this term!

We would love to have as many pupils as possible take part. Simply upload your photograph onto our school Twitter page @MonksdownSchool @MonksdownReads using the hashtag #welovetoread

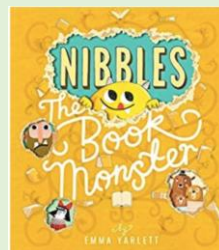
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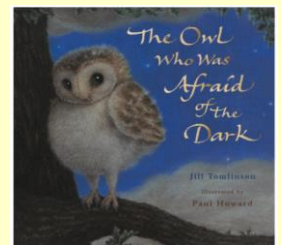
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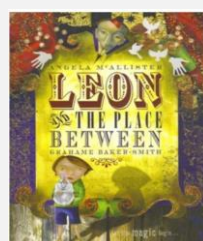
Year 2



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Year 4



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Year 6

