

Written by children in Year 3

Welcome

Welcome to the 3rd Reading Newsletter of this year. We hope you had a lovely first half term and have had a great start to 2023. Lots of exciting things have happened this half term and more are still to come. So sit back and read all about it!! As always, we are excited to hear all about what reading activities you have completed, so please let us know. Tweet us on @MonksdownReads There may even be house points available!

Author review

Name: Thomas Michael Fletcher
D.O.B: 17.07.1985
Job: Author, composer, singer, songwriter and musician vlogger.



Tom Fletcher was born in Harrow, London, England.

He began writing books as he thought that music and books are two methods for storytelling so it was a natural progression to move from one to the other.

Tom is a number one best-selling author and his stories include The Creakers, There's a Monster in your Book, There's an Elf in your Book, There's a Dragon in your Book, The Dinosaur That Pooped series and The Christmasaurus.



New Book Release Alert



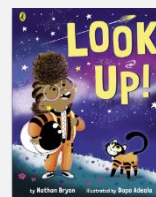
Isadora Moon and the New Girl

Release Date: 09/03/23

Isadora is a special because she's different. She's half fairy, half vampire. When a new girl joins school but doesn't want to be there, Isadora tries to get her to let her guard down and make friends.

Join us reading her new adventure all about the power of kindness, inclusivity and friendship.

Recommended Read



Author: Nathan Bryon

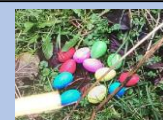
Illustrator: Dapo Adeola

Synopsis: Rocket and the whole town are going to the park to watch a meteor shower, to the annoyance of her brother (Jamal), who would rather stay glued to his phone! Can Rocket encourage Jamal to look Up?

Read this funny story bursting with facts about space and the natural world. It will remind you why space is so incredible and maybe even make you too look up more often!

DRAGONS at Monksdown!!!

When Year 2 went outside something gave them a shock. They saw dragon eggs! This was very similar to their book called The Dragon Machine. In the book there is a boy called George who feels lonely. Then one day he finds dragons, so he builds the dragon machine! Do you think the dragon machine will work? Year 2 loved reading all about his adventure and creating their own version. Ask them all about it!



Year 6 virtual author visit.

Year 6 were very lucky enough to be virtually visited by Sufiya Ahmed. She has written a variety of books based around WW2, including Rosie Raja Churchill's Spy and Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Kahn.

Other books she has written include Ruby Ali's Mission Break Up, Secret of the Henna and Princess Sophia Duleep Singh. Sufiya Ahmed is very passionate about women's rights which led her to write Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, which is about the suffragettes.

When asked, she said was inspired by Roald Dahl's books and this encouraged her become an author. In school her favourite lessons were History, English and Reading. Year 6 enjoyed learning all about Sufiya and cannot wait for her new book to be released in June.



Reading Challenge Task

This month's reading task is to read book in an unusual place such as in a tree or in a bath/shower.



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

Reading in Year 6

In 6.3 the children have been working hard trying to finish their books for our reading chart. Whenever a child finishes a book they photocopy the spine of the book and stick it the wall and if it reaches the ceiling they get to have a pizza party. How exiting is that!



Year 5 virtual author visit.

Year 5 were fortunate enough to receive a call from the author\rapper\poet Kimba. He has written many poetry books for children one of his most popular is called 'Write the Wrongs.'

In his spare time, he likes to read, play sports and listen to music. He also reads other poets' poems.

The children really enjoyed listening to his poem called Boom which is a rap poem.

Some children were so inspired they even wrote their own poems using Kimba's shampoo method.

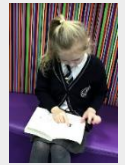


Monksdown Library

Children have enjoyed visiting our school library to borrow a book to share with people at home.

Also, during a Tuesday lunch time, some Year 4's will be opening the library for small groups of children to complete library tasks.

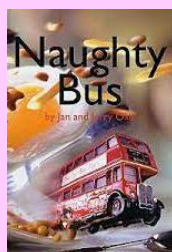
Some more exciting news has been revealed this half term - the library will also be open on set days for children to come and read after school with their families. We cannot wait for you all to come and visit!



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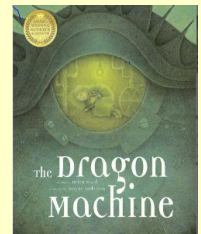
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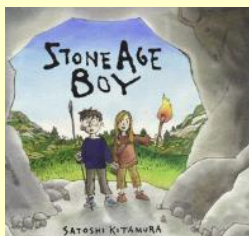
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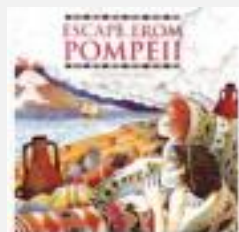
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