

### Welcome

Welcome to the amazing newsletter written by Year 3. Monksdown have taken part in some lovely reading activities including a book swap, book sale and most excitingly, World Book Day. As always, we are so excited to hear all about what exciting reading activities you have completed, so please let us know. Tweet us on @MonksdownReads

### Author review



**Name:** Julia Donaldson  
**D.O.B:** 16.09.1948  
**Job:** writer and playwright

Julia Donaldson grew up in London. She lived with her Mum, Dad and her sister Mary she also had a cat Called Geoffrey (they used to think he was a prince in disguised as a cat and used to argue who would marry him).

She has written 200 books. Such as 'The pot of gold', 'Mr snow and cat whispers' and most famously 'The Gruffalo'.

Her books have been made into movies and plays!

### New Book Release Alert



**Release Date:**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The Bowerbird, written by Julia Donaldson is about a small bird with a big heart trying to find love.

Will he find it? If you want to know read the book!

### Recommended Read



### The Smeds and Smooos

This book is about two young aliens from warring families fall in love and run away, leading their relatives on a chase across outer space. Animated adaption of the children's books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

We are recommending this book because it is an interesting book that Julia Donaldson made and it is a book about love.

### First Chapter Friday.

Each Friday this half term some of our confident readers have been going on First Chapter Friday to read to different classes. The children have loved visiting classes and sharing some of their favourite stories. If you would like to read to another class, ask your teacher to nominate you for future First Chapter Friday's.



## World Book Day!

This year for World Book Day, the children and adults of Monksdown dressed up as a word. They were very creative and really thought hard about the word that they would come dressed up as!

In class, the children took part in a series of exciting activities.

Nursery enjoyed reading and completing activities based on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson.

Reception read the Tiger came for tea and took part in a character hunt. After that they took part in storytelling activities and shared their favourite story characters. Finally, they designed book covers!

Year 1 and 2 began the day with a Catwalk to show off their word costumes. Then the Twits arrived in Year 1! The children described Mr Twit and made disgusting beards! In Year 2 they read the book the Lighthouse Keepers lunch they made light houses from paper cups. They used their DT skills to make moving pictures

In Year 3, they read the book, '5 children and it.

They then designed their own sand fairy, made their own comic strip based on the book and they thought of dreams. In year 4 the children write a new ending for little red riding hood, created a list of party items then they found out the real price and added it all.

Each Year 5 class read a different book and completed activities around each book. The books included the BFG, Harry Potter and the Roald Dahl biography. In Year 6 they were reading a book called The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q. Raj. Some of the activities where they wrote diary's like if they were a refugee and they studied on Syria. Finally they made a suitcase for a refugee.

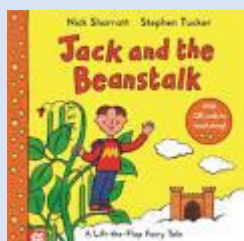
## Reading Challenge Task



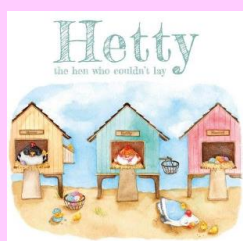
Every challenge you complete you will receive 2 house points!

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

### Nursery



### Reception



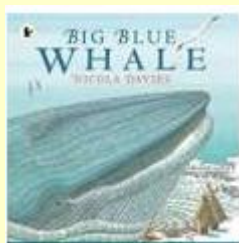
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### Year 2



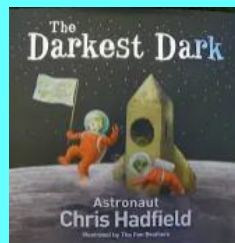
### Year 3



### Year 4



### Year 5



### Year 6

