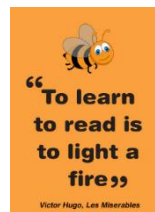




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**Welcome to the next edition of our reading newsletter dedicated only to inspiring children to read and improving reading standards.**

**I hope everyone is having a lovely start to Term 5!**

Last term, all the children were lucky enough to meet Lucy Strange, who is an award-winning children's author who lives in the heart of the Kent countryside with her partner and their young son.

Lucy chatted with the children for an hour about being an author and what inspires her to write her fiction stories.

Please visit Lucy's website below to find out all about her and her fabulous books.

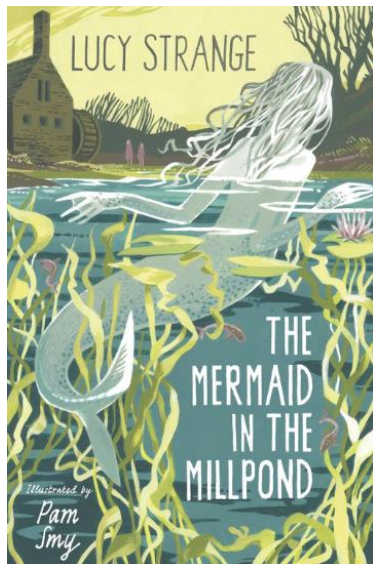
<https://www.lucystrange.org/>



Lucy combines historical settings with touches of magic and fantasy to create worlds in which anything might happen. Many of the stories are inspired by folklore and fantasy and her books capture elements of classic children's literature in a style that is engaging and accessible for today's younger readers.

Here are some of the children's favourites.

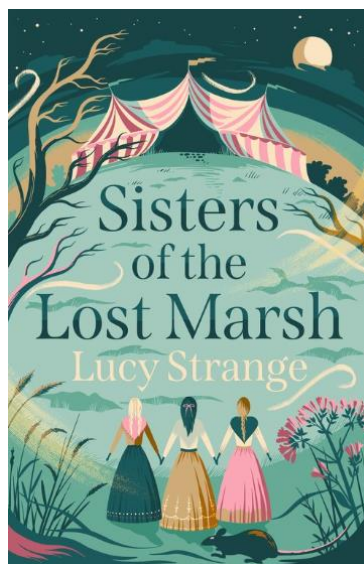
**The Mermaid in the Millpond  
(Barrington Stoke, 2022)**



Sometimes the only way to save yourself is to save someone else... Bess has left the London workhouse behind for a job at a rural cotton mill. But life at the mill is hard and cruel - a far cry from the fresh start Bess hoped for. The only way to survive is to escape, but the mill is like a prison with

no way out. Meanwhile, rumours are spreading about a vicious creature that lurks in the millpond. Bess is sure it's all nonsense, until one night she sees something stir in the murky water . . .

**Sisters of the Lost Marsh  
(Chicken House, 2021)**



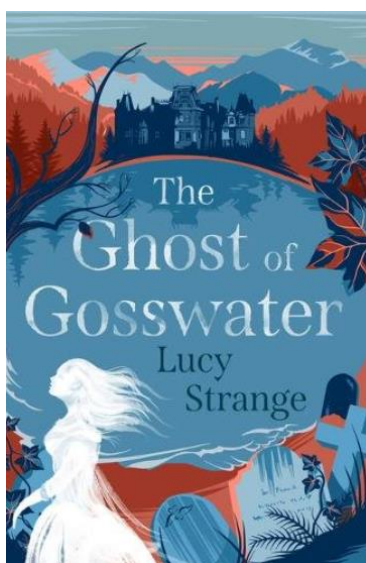
Life is hard for Willa, Grace and Freya, and their three younger sisters. Six motherless girls working a farm, living in fear of their cruel father and the superstition that obsesses him - The Curse of Six Daughters.

With the arrival of the mysterious Full Moon Fayre, there's a chance for the

eldest girls to steal a moment's fun, but the day the fayre moves on, Grace vanishes.

Willa goes after her, following a trail that leads into the dangerous Lost Marsh. If Willa is to survive and reunite her family, she will need to unravel the secrets her father has kept hidden, and face her own deepest fears ...

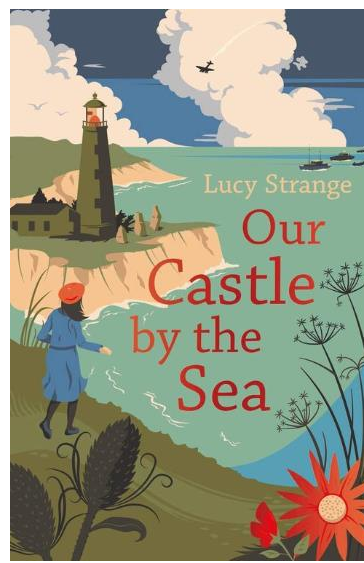
**The Ghost of Gosswater  
(Chicken House, 2020)**



The Lake District, 1899. The Earl is dead, and cruel Cousin Clarence has inherited everything. Twelve-year-old Lady Agatha Asquith is cast out of Gosswater Hall to live in a tiny, tumbledown cottage with a stranger who claims to be her father. Aggie is

determined to discover her real identity, but she is not alone on her quest for the truth. On the last day of the year, when the clock strikes midnight, a mysterious girl of light creeps through the crack in time; she will not rest until the dark, terrible secrets

**Our Castle by the Sea  
(Chicken House, 2019)**



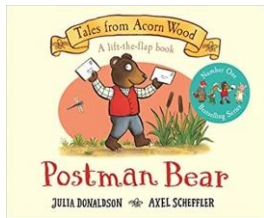
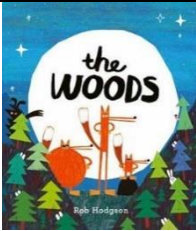
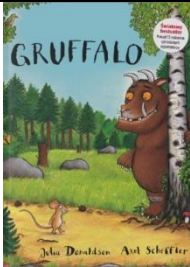
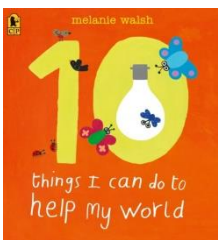

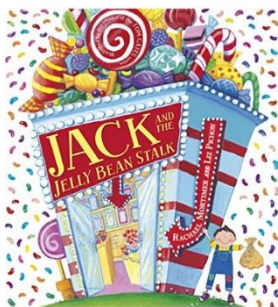
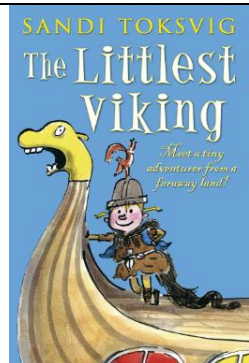

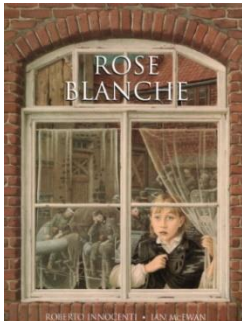
England is at war. Growing up in a lighthouse, Pet's world has been one of storms, secret tunnels and stories about sea monsters. But now the clifftops are a terrifying battleground, and her family is torn apart. This is the story of a girl who is small, afraid and

unnoticed. A girl who freezes with fear at the enemy planes ripping through the skies overhead. A girl who is somehow destined to become part of the strange, ancient legend of the Daughters of Stone ...



## What books are we studying in Summer Term 1?

Each phase has set text(s) for reading and writing that develop core objectives and key skills. This is what each year group will be studying during Summer 1.

<b>Starfish</b>  <b>Into the Woods</b>	 <p>by Julia Donaldson</p>	<p>"Postman Bear"</p>  <p>"The Woods" by Rob Hodgson</p>	 <p>"Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson</p>
<b>Minnows</b>  <b>Into the woods</b>	 <p>by Melanie Walsh</p>	<p>"Things I can do to help my world" by</p>  <p>"The girl who planted trees" by Caryl Hart</p>	 <p>"Little Red Riding Hood" by Mara Alperin</p>
	<b>Reading Text(s)</b>		<b>Writing Stimulus</b>
<b>Year 1 and 2</b>  <b>Topic – Ready, Steady, Grow! (Plants)</b>		<p>"Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk" by Rachel Mortimer</p>	 <p>"Ways into Science – All About Plants" by Peter Riley</p>
<b>Year 3 and 4</b>  <b>Topic – The Vikings</b>		<p>"The Littlest Viking" by Sandi Toksvig</p>	 <p>"Find Out! – Vikings" by DK</p>
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>  <b>Topic – The Impact of WW2.</b>		<p>"Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll.</p>	 <p>"Rose Blanche" by Roberto Innocenti</p>

