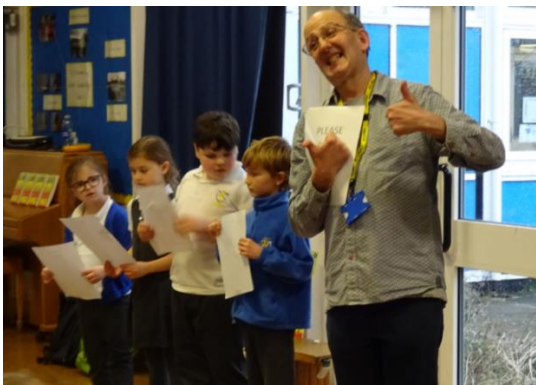


James Carter's visit - 10th January 2022

James is a children's poet, non-fiction writer and musician - and the author of many best-selling poetry books. He makes visits to primary schools to deliver workshops in order to bring a big poetry buzz into school, generate enthusiasm for reading, writing and performing - and to inspire teachers as well as children.

The children in year five enjoyed his visit to us so much when he came as part of the Pop Up Festival that we invited him to run workshops with all our key stage two classes. James started and finished the day with inspiring and entertaining assemblies - reading his poems, playing musical instruments and making us laugh with his jokes and chats on his banana phone!



The children produced fantastic poems as a result of their workshops. Year three wrote kennings about animals of their choice, year four learnt how to write cinquains, year five thought up impossible gifts for a loved one and year six created poems about wild creatures.

At the end of the day, James sold copies of a couple of his titles and spent time talking to the children and signing their books.

The children ended the day full of enthusiasm for writing and reading poetry.

We are hoping we can enjoy another visit from James in the near future.

Comments about the day from some of our children:

"I liked that he helped us write our own poems because it inspired me to write more poems."

"I enjoyed the way he helped us come up with ideas. It was a good step-by-step way to learn."

"I found out I can write proper poems!"

"I got ideas from hearing his poems."

"I really like James Carter because he was really funny when we came in the hall - he started doing weird things."

"He was funny. He used a banana to talk on the phone."

