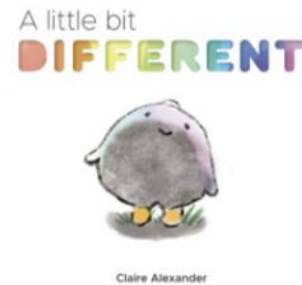


Pop-up Festival at St Andrew's - 2021

EYFS EYFS welcomed the author and illustrator Claire Alexander on 4th November. She read us her book, "A little Bit Different", which was about a character who looked the same as his friends but had a different way of doing things. The messages were that different is good and should be celebrated but that sometimes, people can feel wary, jealous or frightened if changes happen.

EYFS children enjoyed learning some new words (ploof and shoof) to express sounds and joined in with the sound effects in the story. They offered explanations about feelings and reactions and loved the celebration of rainbows at the story's conclusion.

Following a sharing of the story, Claire Alexander demonstrated how to draw characters and all of the children had a go at following step-by-step instructions to draw one too. The session concluded with Ms Alexander taking suggestions for new characters and then drawing two of these as a parting gift for the class to keep.



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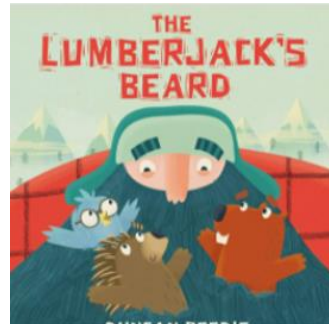
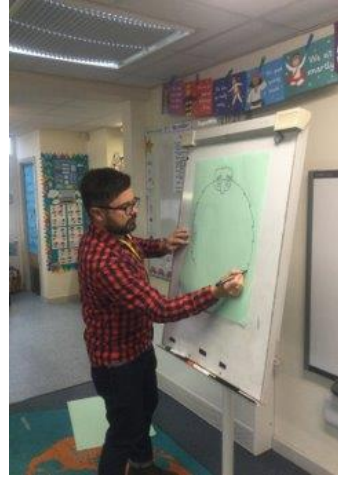
On the day of the author visit, the children were very excited to meet Duncan Beedie. He introduced himself and was wowed by all the work the children had done, as they proudly showed it all off.

The children got a chance to listen to Duncan read his own book, which he did with very animated, silly voices for all the characters. Duncan talked about the message of the book, and with the help of the children had a very informative discussion about recycling, saving the planet and looking after animals.

The children all had a chance to ask Duncan the questions they had thought of, and were enthralled to get answers from the author himself.

Duncan Beedie did a draw along session with the children so that they had another chance to draw Big Jim Hickory. He then added the children's choices of animals to the beard, which included a squid, the Gruffalo, a shark and a unicorn. The children were delighted when he gifted the picture for our classroom.

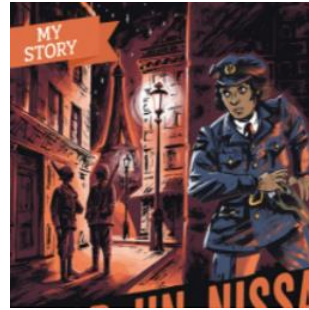
The session was extremely enjoyable for the children and teachers, and the Year 1 team send our huge thanks to Duncan Beedie and the Pop Up Festival for such a wonderful experience.



Year 2 Year 2 had a fantastic time when author Tracey Corderoy shared her book with us called The One Stop Story Shop. She taught us all about how she thought of the characters, how to draw the characters and played a game with us. She finished by reading to us one of her other books and we really enjoyed it!



Year 3 Sufiya Ahmed came to Year Three and talked about her former job in Parliament and her interests in human and women's rights. We learnt about the life of Noor-Ur-Nissa Inayat Khan, and her inspirational sacrifice. Then we looked at code breaking, and the children showed great expertise solving different problems. We are looking forward to reading more of the book in term three.

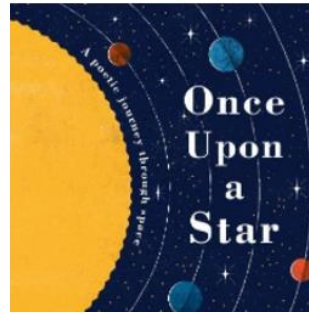


Year 4 This term, Year 4 had an exciting and entertaining visit from author Guy Bass! He shared lots amusing of stories and poems and we learnt about what inspired him to become an author. The children have been enjoying reading his book 'Skeleton Keys: The Unimaginary Friend' in class.



Year 5 We were incredibly lucky to have author and poet James Carter visit to talk to us about his book *Once Upon a Star*. The "humans" **please clap** absolutely loved his crazy antics during our space themed assembly, a highlight being "phone calls" on his banana phone to Buzz Aldrin! In Year 5 we were lucky enough to have a superb workshop with James, where we developed our own class poems. We learned how much effort goes into creating each poem, and how tricky it can be to try to make them always rhyme! We thoroughly enjoyed his workshop and the guidance he provided for our poetry and even impressed ourselves with how creative we can be.

We had a visit from James Carter,
Who gave our poems a kick starter.
He's wacky and fun,
He loves a good pun,
And now we feel a lot smarter!



Year 6 We were very fortunate in Year 6 to be able to welcome author Sarwat Chadda into school. We have been reading his fantasy adventure book - Ash Mystery. Sarwat shared his experiences with the class of becoming an author, as well as making a career out of writing and storytelling. The children were intrigued to learn about the process of starting with an idea, right up until the book is sold in the shops. Mr Chadda worked with the children on creative techniques to help improve their ideas and storytelling. The class were extremely grateful for his time and cannot wait to implement the new techniques into their work.

