



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School  
Doing the little things well

Reading Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2  
2021



Wow! What a half term of reading we have had!

This half term, we meet the Reading Squad – we have so much to tell you.

We are Oti, Harry, Tiffany, Louis, Evelyn and Billy and we have been busy over the last few weeks doing lots of things to develop a love of reading throughout our school.

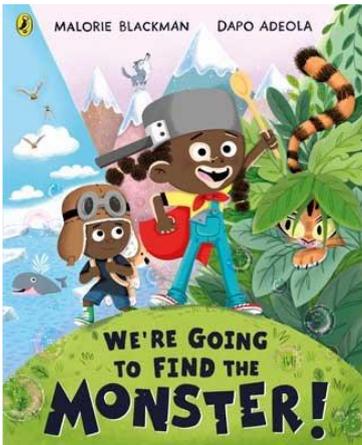
We have been reading stories to some of the younger children.



By writing a very persuasive letter to Mrs. Strachan, we have managed to secure subscription boxes for all 4 phases so that children can receive a gift box every 2 months that will always contain 2 new books to be added to our library.



## New book recommendations



We're Going to Find a Monster by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola

Aimed at 3+

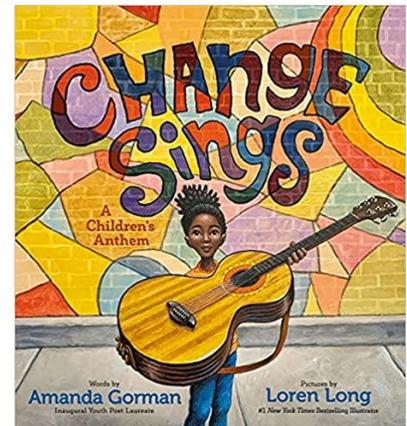
Charlie and Eddie are playing in the garden one morning when Dad gives them a ten-minute warning for breakfast. They know that they have to find the grumpy, prickly monster, but where will they find him?

The brave brother and sister set off on a journey of adventure over shimmering oceans, high mountains and past fierce tigers to discover the terrifying monster in his lair: or, as it turns out, their teenage brother Marcus in his bedroom.

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem by Amanda Gorman

Aimed at 5+

As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities, and in most importantly, in themselves.



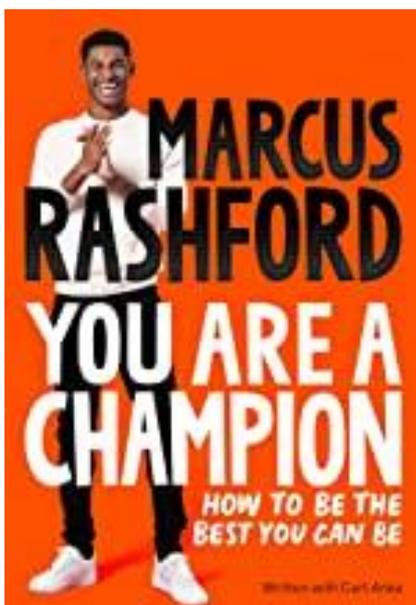
Marcus Rashford You are a Champion: How To Be The Best You Can Be

Aimed at 9+

Written with journalist Carl Anka, *You Are a Champion* is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice and top-tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show you how to be the very BEST that you can be.

It shows children how to:

- Be comfortable with who you are – you can't be a champion until you're happy being you!
- Dream big
- Practise like a champion
- Get out of your comfort zone and learn from your mistakes
- Navigate adversity in a positive way

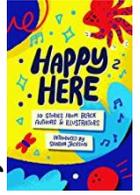


## Events



In October, the children in years 5 and 6 took part in a live author event with Joseph Coelho to celebrate Black History Month.

Joseph is a poet who has written several books including Happy Here (a copy was donated to the school by The Book Trust).



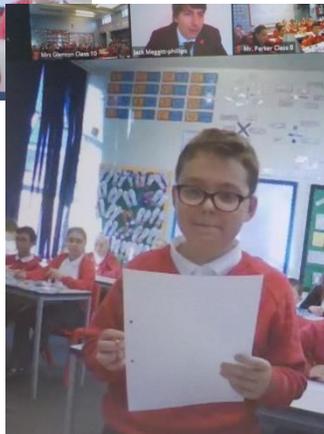
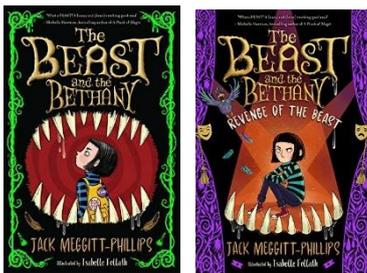
Emilia (Class 9) said, "I really enjoyed the author event because I really enjoy reading books. I don't always enjoy poetry but he made it sound really fun!"

Harley (Class 8) said, "I liked that he was inspired to write poems and stories by looking at all the things around him."

In October, the children in classes 10, 9, 8 and 6 took part in a live author event with Jack Meggitt-Phillips (the author of The Beast and The Bethany books) and each class were able to ask Jack a question.



Louis (Class 10 Reading Squad) said, "The author event with Jack Meggitt-Phillips was mind blowing! We even had to shout 'revenge' in a really evil monster voice!"



Billy (Class 10 Reading Squad) said, "Jack told us that they we were going to be making a film of his books - this made us really happy!"

Leon (Class 6) said, "I really liked it. It was fun because the author did lots of silly voices for his characters!"

The children in classes 9 and 10 also took part in a live author event with Kevin and Katie Tsang (the author of The Dragon Realm books and the Sam Wu books).



Evelyn (Class 10 Reading Squad) said, "We were lucky enough to be told the exclusive news that the 4<sup>th</sup> book is going to be called Dragon Rising!"

Check it out! A new 'spooky' digital library has been created and is on the school website.

Which books have you been listening too?



Our Little Libraries are now full of books for the children to enjoy during playtimes and lunchtimes and we also have outdoor beanbags!