



Reading Newsletter Spring Term 1 2022

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas full of reading!

This half term we meet author and illustrator David Litchfield

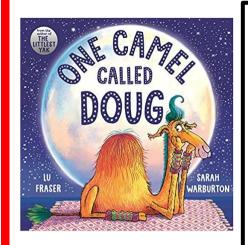
David first started to draw when he was very young, creating Star Wars and Indiana Jones 'mash up' comics for his older brother and sister. Since then David's work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, books and on T-shirts. He has also exhibited his illustrations in both solo and group shows in the U.K, Europe and America.

David's author/illustrator picture books 'The Bear & The Piano' 'Grandad's Secret Giant' 'The Bear, The Piano, The Dog & The Fiddle' 'Lights On Cotton Rock' and 'The Bear, The Piano & Little Bear's Concert' are out now.

He has also illustrated a number of picture books for authors such as Ross Montgomery, Andy Stanton and Sally Lloyd-Jones as well as book covers for David Almond, Kate Dicamillo, Neil Patrick Harris, Chloe Daykin and many more.



<u>New book</u> recommendations



One Camel Called Doug by Sarah Warburton

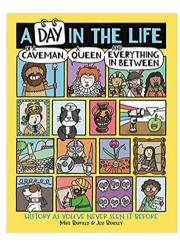
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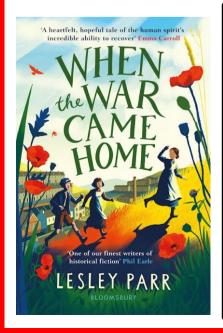
Doug the camel is all alone and sometimes he wonders whether one is enough (it makes playing hide and seek terribly tough...). So when at first one, then two, then three, then four more camels turn up (followed by a whole camel herd), Doug delights in the possibilities all these new friends bring. But when Doug is 'all camelled out' from all the excitement and it's time to count down to bedtime, he takes just as much pleasure from the peace of being alone once again.

A Day in the Life... by Mike Barfield

8 years +

Featuring a day in the life of early humans as they paint mammoths on the walls of a cave, a fierce gladiator battling in the Colosseum and the first woman in space. And not forgetting the animals of history - from an Egyptian cat (worshipped as a god, of course) to an albatross flying over Rapa Nui and a dog in the trenches of the First World War. Readers can also discover the stories behind famous constructions, including the Great Wall of China and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.



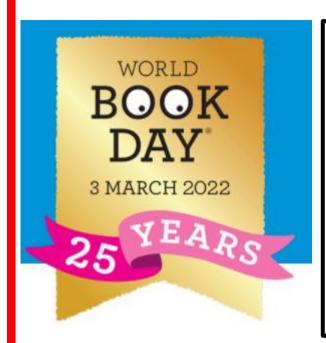


When the War Came Home by Lesley Parr

9-11 years

The First World War has ended, but it hasn't gone away. When Natty has to move to a new village, she meets two young soldiers who are still battling the effects of war. Huw can't forget the terrible things he's seen, but Johnny doesn't even remember who he is.

As Natty tries to keep a secret and unravel a mystery, she finds her own way to fight for what she believes in - and learns that some things should never be forgotten.



Events

World Book Day (Thursday 3rd March) is fast approaching. We are inviting all of the children to create a book box that represents their favourite book. Children will need to bring their entries in on Thursday 3rd March and they will be displayed for parents to view from 2pm on Friday 4th March. Our very own reading squad members will judge the winners (one from each class) and the winners will each receive a book voucher to spend at Waterstones. There are some ideas to inspire you below. Good luck!



Pupil recommendations



Colleen and Hannah recommend!

Colleen and Hannah (Class 8) recommend Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell .

"Nikki writes in her diary everyday about her experiences with McKenzie (the school bully). Nikki also writes about a boy who she likes too. These books help us to understand how children cope with their feelings and emotions. Girls would really enjoy these Dork Diaries. We get to experience Nikki's life as she tells us about her struggles with McKenzie and her little sister Brianna."

Maja recommends!

Maja (Class 9) recommends The Christmas Pig by J K Rowling

"It's a Christmas book but it's very mysterious. There is an adventure. It's funny and awkward at some points! My favourite part is when the pig gets blown away by the wind! I'd recommend this for 7-11 years







Ella recommends!

Ella (Class 3) recommends The Disgusting Sandwich by Gareth Edwards. "I liked the badger and it had a funny surprise. We used the story to write instructions for our own disgusting sandwich!"



Harry recommends!

Harry (Class 2) recommends Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul. "This book is funny because Winnie trips over Wilbur and sits on him!"



