

Coppice Academy

Reading Newsletter – Spring 2



Welcome to your Reading Newsletter!

This has been the most wonderful half-term for Reading at Coppice Academy, with many exciting Reading events and opportunities for our children to immerse themselves in and enjoy.

We have celebrated World Book Day (with a week of activities), held a fantastic Author Visit and hosted another successful Book Fair!

Mr Smith

Spring 2

Reading Percentage

Class Winners

1ST 5E

2ND 6I

3RD 5G

Home Reading Expectations

- All children are expected to read for 10 minutes every night, at least 3 nights per week. Please sign their reading diary pages in their organiser to confirm they have done so.
- Reading books need to be in school every day.
- If they have read and bring their book in, they get 2 ticks on the class chart.
- The class with the highest percentage on a Friday win extra playtime and the Reading Champion wins a book prize from our Book Vending Machine!

Week beginning 4th September 2023

Spellings:

Monday Book title: _____	Today I have read: At school: <input type="checkbox"/> Page _____ to page _____ At home: <input type="checkbox"/> Page _____ to page _____ Parent signature: _____
Tuesday Book title: _____	Today I have read: At school: <input type="checkbox"/> Page _____ to page _____ At home: <input type="checkbox"/> Page _____ to page _____ Parent signature: _____



Our approach to supporting children to read for pleasure encourages 6 behaviours:

Being read to regularly

Having books at home and at school

Having a choice in what to read

Finding time to read

Having trusted help to find a book

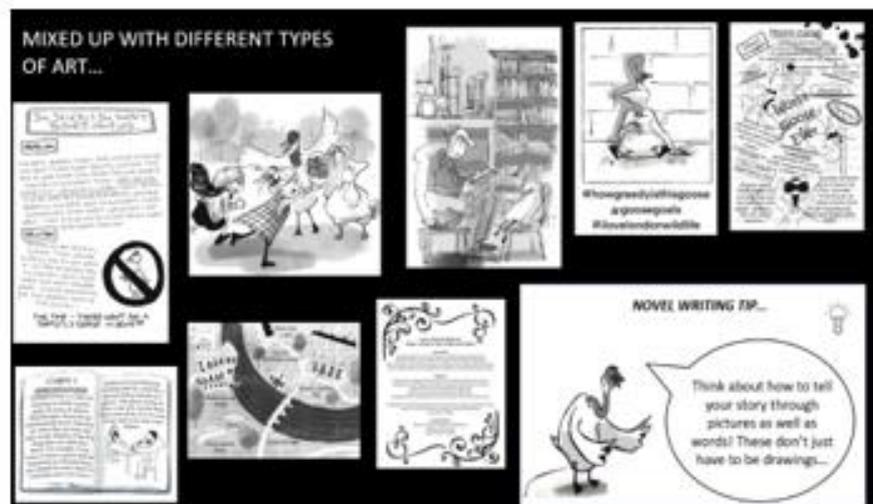
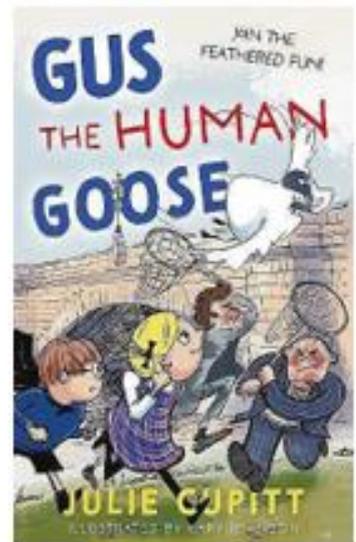
Making reading FUN!

World Book Day Costumes!



Author visit from Julie Cupitt

On Friday 8th March, we were delighted to welcome author Julie Cupitt to Coppice Academy to discuss her life as a published author and the learn more about the process of writing a story. Julie led an engaging assembly, hosted a special author workshop and also visited every class to answer questions about all things reading. Some children also received their own signed copy of Julie's latest release 'Gus and the Human Goose' which they had pre-purchased.



World Book Week Fun!

In the build-up to World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, we participated in many activities to promote and celebrate reading at Coppice Academy. Here are a few of the things that the children enjoyed...



Shared Year Group Reading!



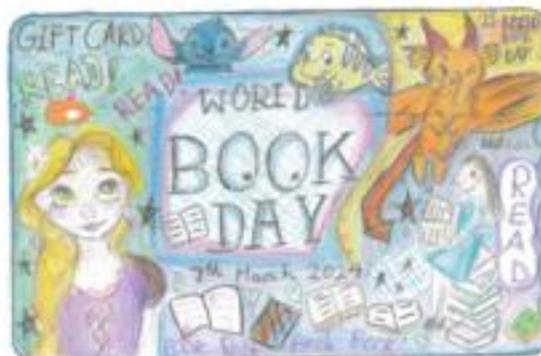
Character Treasure Hunt!



When Staff Were Young
Matching Activity



£1 Book Exchange!



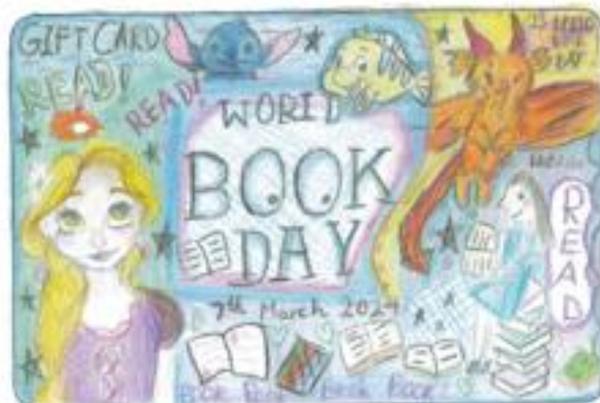
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During World Book Week, all children participated in National Book Tokens' annual design competition, a fantastic opportunity for everyone to showcase their artistic talents to represent what reading means to them. Our winners were...



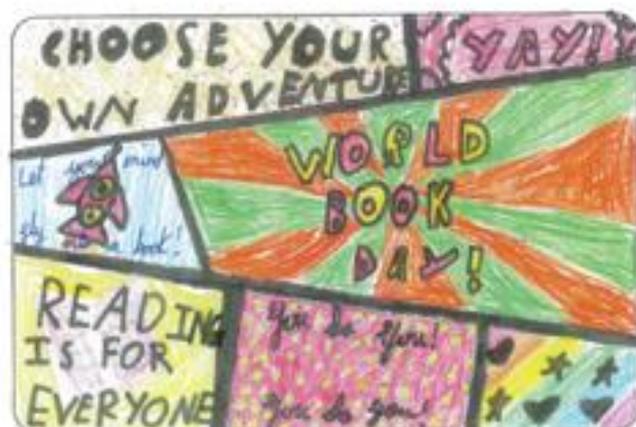
Pearl – 6H



Jeannie – 5F



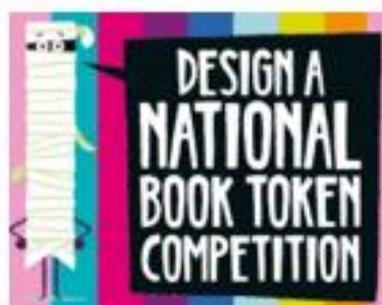
Gabrielle – 5G



Imogen – 4C

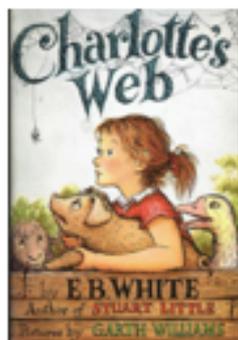


Patricia – 3A



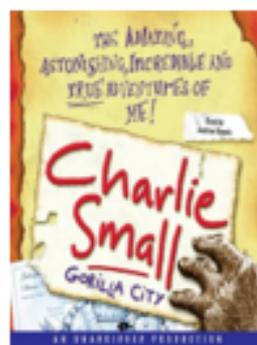
Next half-term's texts...

Year 3



Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle, he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that.

Year 4



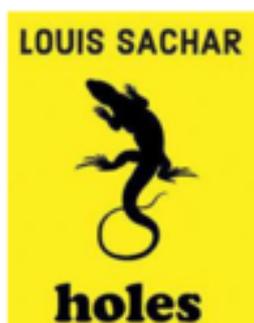
Charlie Small is twelve years old when he falls through a gap in space and time and ends up in a series of adventures which he records in a diary format. Packed full of fun illustrations, maps and clever inventions, Charlie's first adventure takes him to Gorilla City, where he meets the mighty Thrak and must battle for survival, finally ending up as king of the jungle. No adventure is too big for Charlie Small! Will he ever get home?

Year 5



Floella Benjamin was just a young girl when she, her sister and two brothers arrived in England in 1960 to join their parents, whom they had not seen for fifteen months. They had left the island paradise of Trinidad to make a new home in London - part of a whole generation of West Indians who were encouraged to move to Britain. As her new life began, she was shocked and distressed by the rejection she experienced. She soon realized that the only way to survive was to work twice as hard and be twice as good as anyone else.

Year 6

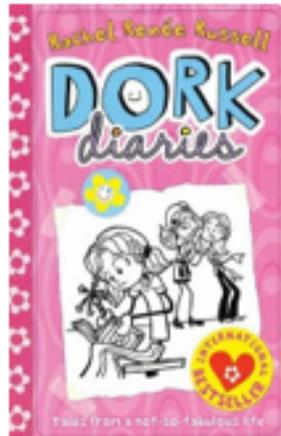


Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth...

Reading @ Coppice

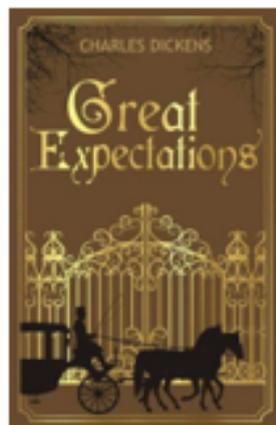
Year 5 - Sophia (5G)

"I am reading 'Dork Diaries', a book that I bought from the Book Fair. It's about a girl called Niki who has a bully called McKenzie and two besties, Zoe and Chloe. Niki is the only student without a phone and wants to be in the CCP (cute, cool and popular) group. She has a little sister called Brianna and I really want to find out what happens next!"



Year 6 - Zahra (6I)

"Great Expectations is about a boy called Pip whose mother and father died and he's left with his sister. When an old man suddenly shows up, he threatens Pip unless he tells him information about his mother and father. Pip needs to bring back 'wittles' and 'a file' for him and Pip agreed in fright. I think that Pip needs to obey the man because he could be dangerous and hurt him!"



5G -

"Our class chose to read 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones' because it sounded spooky and it might have ghosts in it. Aveline is sent to live with her strict Aunt Lilian in a creepy, old house. We predict that the pumpkin scarecrow that Aveline passed on the way will come to life and be involved in the disappearance of the local girl Primrose who is missing."

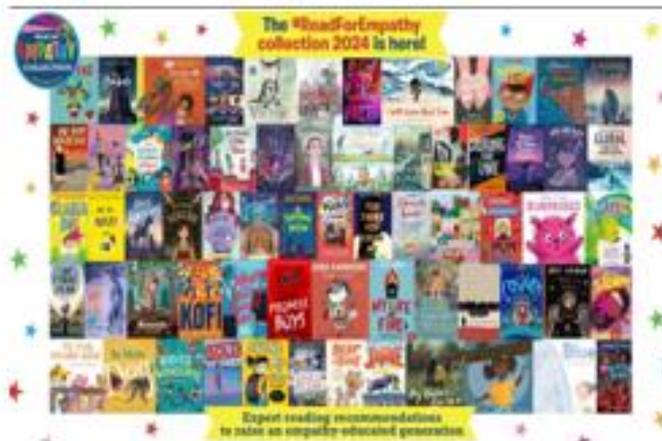


TRAVELLING BOOKS

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Travelling Book Fair during our World Book Week. Together, we bought an incredible £406 worth of books and raised over £162 to spend on books for our school! Some of these new texts will be used to re-stock the Book Vending Machine and some will be kept for rewards for excellence in reading during the Summer term.

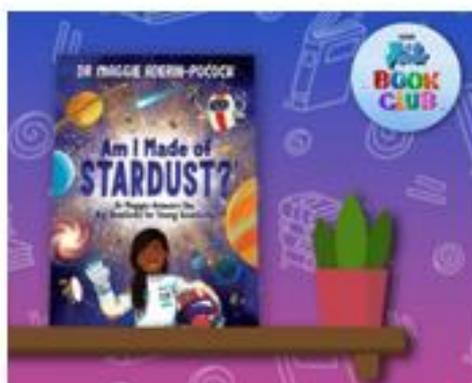
The 2024 Read for Empathy collection has been LAUNCHED!

The Read for Empathy collection contains 65 books for 3-16 year olds, all selected to help build empathy, understanding and skills. The collection has been created as a practical tool to help young people to learn more and develop their empathy skills.



<https://www.empathylab.uk/RFE>

Blue Peter Book Club



March's Blue Peter Book Club: Am I Made of Stardust?

Am I Made of Stardust? is a book that's all about the wonders of space and science! Join Dr Maggie as she answers exciting questions like how long it takes to fly to a star and what happens if you fall into a black hole. Are you ready for an out-of-this-world adventure? 🚀

The Book Trust website contains a wealth of information, along with a book finder to help children discover the very best books for their age range: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Each month, the Book Trust reviews dozens of books for children. Here are some of the ones they have picked for **March**:

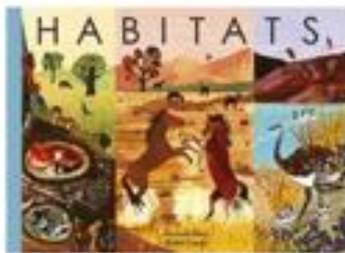
Ages 6 - 8



Astrid and the Space Cadets: Attack of the Snailiens!

Author: Alex T Smith

Every night, six-year-old Astrid transforms into a Space Cadet, an intergalactic helper who zooms across the universe to solve problems and assist those in need. This fast-paced, funny chapter book is accompanied by magnificent black-and-white illustrations.



Habitats

Author: Hannah Pang **Illustrator:** Isobel Lundie

Explore the different layers of a variety of habitats with this beautiful non-fiction book, featuring interactive layered pages.



Hotel for Cats

Author: Marie Pavlenko **Illustrator:** Marie Voyelle **Translator:** Anna Brooke

When Wolfgang the cat arrives for a two-week stay at a feline hotel, he seems frightened to leave his room, so the four resident cats do everything they can to make him feel welcome. This light-hearted chapter book is full of gentle humour and features charming black-and-white illustrations.

Ages 9 - 11



Pirates of Darksea

Author: Catherine Doyle

When Max answers the call to join Captain O'Malley's pirate ship instead of his brother, who's ill, it's the start of a rip-roaring fantastical adventure. A page-turner that will have children gripped and moved.



Pirate Academy: New Kid on Deck

Author: Justin Somper

With short, punchy, accessible chapters and all the classic pirate tropes, from sword fights and cannons to climbing the rigging and even fire down below, this adventure story is ideal for newly independent readers.



The Secret of the Moonshard

Author: Struan Murray **Illustrator:** Vivienne To

Domino discovers that she's a powerful Wizard and is the only one who can stop the moon – the source of all magic – from being destroyed. This epic magical adventure, with larger-than-life characters and clever plot twists, will have readers on the edge of their seats.