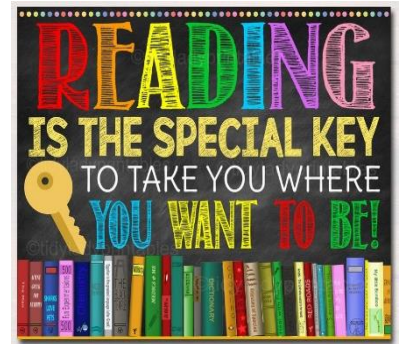




**Bramley Bulletin – 27.1.23**

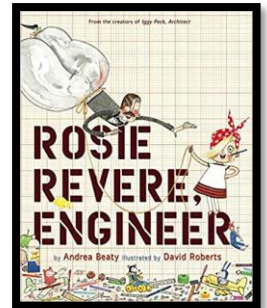
The children across the school are now fully engrossed in their topic, writing and maths learning – securing and practising skills to become more confident and independent. Reading continues to be a focus area within school this year, we are working hard to continue to develop our curriculum to make the most of current teaching ideas as well as understanding the needs of our children to tailor our teaching towards building their skills. At the heart of everything we do is to motivate the children to be eager readers: wanting to read, explore books and learn more!



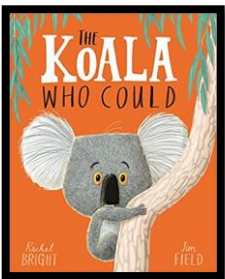
**What are we reading in school?**

**Mrs Bellemere says...**

The children in EYFS have been looking at a range of books about bodies, different cultures and interests linked to our aspiration of 'passions'. Most recently we have been reading the book 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' by Andrea Beaty. This has inspired some fantastic conversations around what an engineer is and what kind of things they can create. We became inventors in our classes, building and creating different inventions collaboratively. We also talked about resilience and how important it is to not give up and keep trying, just like Rosie in our story. We talked about how it feels when things don't work out or don't go to plan and this led to some fantastic ideas from the children about how we can work together to help each other.

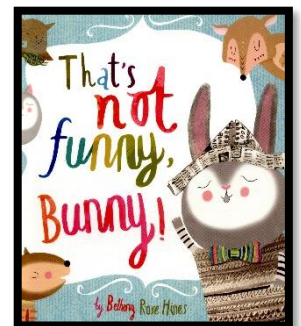


**Miss Barrett says...**

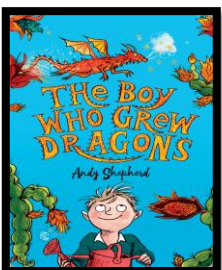


Year 1 children have been learning more about Australia the past two weeks. They have been reading and retelling the story of 'The Koala who Could' written by Rachel Bright and linking him to our learning behaviour, Resilient Raccoon. The children enjoyed writing this story and can't wait to share this with you at parent's evening! They acted out the story using different characters and read with expression and prosody.

The children in year 2 have been reading a non-fiction text about the Titanic, they have looked at a range of vocabulary including the words frantic, destined, various and preparations to help them to understand the information. We have been reading lots of books in the classroom and rating them out of 5 stars. We have given 4 stars to 'Tooth Fairy in Training' by Michelle Robinson the children liked that the tooth fairy had to check on the teeth of all kinds of animals. We gave 5 stars to 'That's not Funny Bunny' by Bethany Rose Hines, the children really enjoyed the rhyming in this book and it had a lovely message about being true to yourself rather than trying to show off because you are wonderful as you are.



**Miss Denham says...**

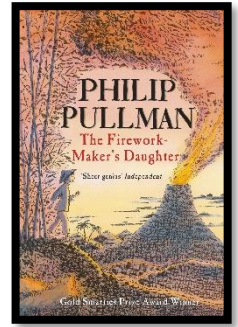


The children in year 3 are enjoying reading 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd. They have been enthralled by the book and are eager to read each chapter so they can learn what mishaps our character will encounter – when dragons are growing in his garden! The children are learning to read texts more fluently and show character's emotions through their expression. They are beginning to use the context from a sentence in order to allow them to determine the meaning of new words. We have also been trying to use details that the author has included to help us infer and imagine what the characters might be feeling or thinking.

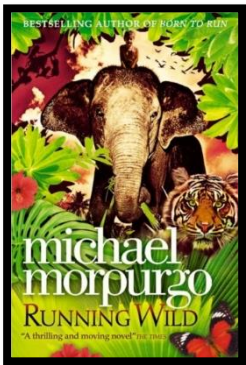


## Bramley Church of England Primary

This term in Year 4, we have been looking at 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. The children have really engaged with the adventures of the main character, Lila during our class reading sessions at the end of the day and are desperate to find out what will happen next. During our reading sessions, the children are working on improving their fluency and learning when to pause in a text so that their reading flows more naturally. The children are looking at words in a sentence and using their strategies to work out their meaning, they are becoming great vocabulary detectives!

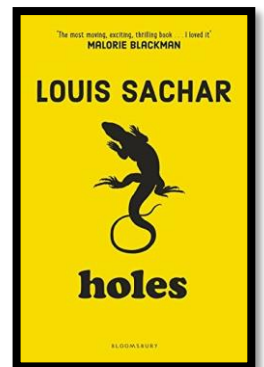


### Miss Meads says...

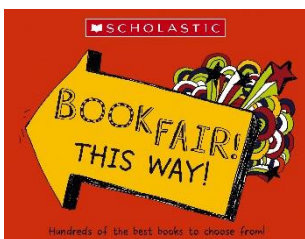


This term in Year 5, the children have been looking at the book 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. They have been using their prediction skills to make educated guesses as to where the story will take them as well as using their skimming and scanning skills to retrieve key information. The children have also been working hard on their inference skills, inferring how the main character is feeling at each point in the story after being lost in the jungle after a tsunami hits! In writing, the children have been using a range of Year 5 skills such as prepositional phrases to write detailed and atmospheric setting descriptions of the rainforest.

Over the past few weeks in Year 6, the children have been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They have enjoyed getting to know the main character Stanley, and the bad luck that seems to follow him through his life, all thanks to the 'curse' the family believe was put on his grandfather and his ancestors. They have used their inference skills to understand more about characters and why they may have been given particular nicknames as well as discussing the authors language choice and explaining why they think particular words and phrases have been used. After learning about the yellow spotted lizards from the text, the children have written non chronological reports about their own fictional lizards, thinking about their appearance, how they defend themselves, their habitats and diets and much more! Moving forward, they will be creating their own survival guides for Camp Greenlake, where they will adopt a more informal tone as they write as Stanley himself.



### Book Fair



We are excited to have the Book Fair coming back to Bramley next week! By buying from the Book Fair, you help the school raise money for new books. Last year, we raised over £500 that went to supplying new books for our Library. Reading is an important life skill and enabling a child to develop a love of reading is a gift beyond measure so we are grateful for all purchases as it allows us to further increase our range of books across the school.

The fair will run from Wednesday **1<sup>st</sup> February** – **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3.20 – 3.40.**

The Book Fair will be held in the Year R classroom. Please make sure to bring cash as this is the only form of payment we can accept.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. There is something for every pocket, approximately 30% of titles are under £5.

Please look at the link below to discover the fantastic range of books available in this year's Book Fair: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

Today, we drew from our Raffle Buckets - children receive a raffle ticket if they have read 5 times in a week and had their planner signed at home. Even though we were meant to wait until the end of term, we had a special draw today



## Bramley Church of England Primary

as the Book Fair have given us £5 vouchers to give away! The following children were lucky enough to win a voucher to spend on their own book at the fair next week.

EYFS: Alexander R

Year 1: Jude M

Year 2: James W

Year 3: Edeigh U

Year 4: Ronnie N

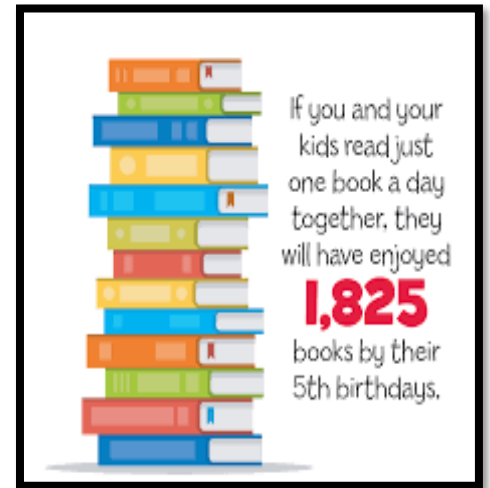
Year 5: Alex C

Year 6: Sid G

### **Reading Week**

In the week after half term, we will be holding a Reading Week. Teachers are eagerly planning a range of activities to enthuse our children towards reading and developing a range of reading skills. A key focus of the week will be to look at different authors: hopefully helping children to develop a greater awareness of authors they might like to choose. We will also be looking at the types of stories authors like to write: developing children's understanding of genres and encouraging them to try different styles.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding our Character Dress Up day – children can come to school dressed as a book character they love. Please do not spend lots of money on a costume, making one from old clothes or home resources is great! We would much rather money was spent on treating them to a new book than a costume for the day.



### **Library**

We are very excited to have put out a job advert for Year 6 children to become Library Assistants. They need to submit their application to Miss Thomson by the end of next week to be considered for the role. Mrs Auld is very much looking forward to training the new assistants and having some much needed help to keep the library organised!

### **Sports Events**

Last week, a group of 12 Year 6 athletes took part in a district Sports Hall event, competing in throwing, jumping, relay and sprint events. There were some fantastic individual performances and the children represented the school brilliantly. As a team, we came 4<sup>th</sup>.

This week, our Netball team took part in their first league match. It was a great opportunity for them to put into action the skills we practise at school and have the competitive experience. Their determination to pass swiftly, fight to regain possession and persevere when shooting for goal was fantastic! We were thrilled to come away with a 10-0 win for the start of the league. They will be playing Silchester Primary in a couple of weeks.

### **Swap Shop**

A reminder that we have lots of coats, wellies and trainers in school as well as a large stock of school uniform. If you need anything for your family, please come and ask at the school office.

### **Parents' Evening**

The Spring Term Parents' Evenings are a valuable time to talk with your child's class teacher and to hear about how well they are doing in their learning, find out how you can support them at home and share any concerns you may have. All of this contributes to ensuring your child thrives at Bramley. Please remember to book your Parent's Evening appointments Years 1-6 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February and EYFS on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. A parent mail letter is going out today with all the information you need.



## Bramley Church of England Primary

We hope we have inspired you towards trying some different books or authors! Please do have a chat with your child about their current class book and what they are enjoying about it!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and we hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore  
Executive Head of School

### **Key dates:**

1/2	Y6 Heights & weights pm Book Fair in school
2/2	Photography catch-up session – only some children
3/2	Y3 Winchester Science centre visit
6/2	Netball Match @ Silchester
7/2	Safer Internet Day Cross Country event Parents Evening Year 1-6
8/2	Guitar & Ukulele performance pm
9/2	Children's Mental Health Day Parents Evening Year 1-6
10/2	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>HALF TERM - 13/02/23 – 17/02/23 – Holiday clubs in hall Tue -Wed</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Reading Week</b>
21/2	Parents Evening EYFS
22/2	EARA group meeting Rugby tournament @ Sherbourne St John
23/2	Parents Evening EYFS
24/2	Character Dress up day
27/2	EYFS vision screening am
22/3	Rugby tournament @ Burnham Copse
24/3	Y5 Harry Potter trip
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>RaG Week – Raising and Giving Charity focus week</b>
30/3	Rocksteady Concert
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	