



Bramley Church of England Primary

Bramley Bulletin – 19th May 2023

What a lovely week we have had in school: the sun has been shining, children are happily engaged in their learning and they have been able to enjoy the field during playtimes! This week's bulletin has a reading focus. We know that being able to read is key to children's learning and we work hard to choose a range of books that inspire the children. Across the school, we have a reading spine which helps us to ensure the texts we use match the children's age and abilities. It also maps out a range of genres, themes and authors to broaden children's reading experiences.

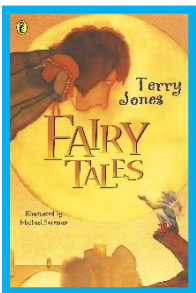
I hope you enjoy hearing about what we've been reading:

Mrs Bellemere says...

These past two weeks we have continued to look at Aspiration 1 – Where do I belong in my community and the wider world through exploring books about different abilities. This week's book focus was about George Webster who has Down's Syndrome. We talked about how everyone is different and can do different things. We looked at pictures of George and discussed how when he was growing in his Mummy's tummy he got 'extra ingredients' which was why he found it hard to talk and used talking hands, and why he struggled to run. The children are really enjoying learning about different disabilities this half term and are regularly asking to read more books around this topic and watch events in the paralympics.

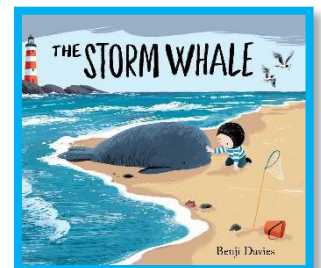


Miss Barrett says...



In the last few weeks, Year 1 have started a new class book 'Fairy Tales' by Terry Jones. The book includes lots of short fairy tale stories with features such as a bad character, a good character, a problem and a happy ending. Some of the stories are funny and some of the stories are very silly, one of the stories was about a corn dolly who moaned and moaned and moaned! The children have enjoyed making links to other fairy tales they know including The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. They have created their own silly stories in their class thrive sessions where they have to take turns and listen to their friends to elaborate on the story, characters and settings.

In Year 2, we have had a Roald Dahl focus with continuing to read Fantastic Mr Fox in groups, there has been lots of interesting vocabulary such as blighter, lousy and crafty. As a class we have been enjoying James and the Giant Peach. All of the children are really growing in independence to show us how they can think through what they have read to answer questions clearly. We have been using the book 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies to inspire our writing, focussing on the sequence of events in a story that has a problem to be solved. The children are using this story to write their own with a different sea creature washing up after a storm.

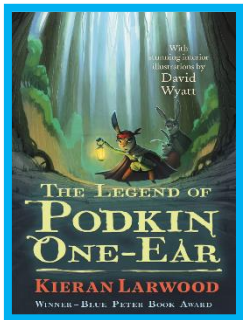
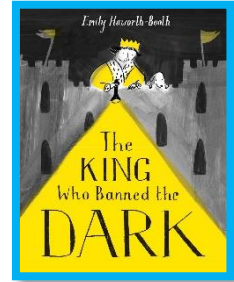




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Miss Denham says...

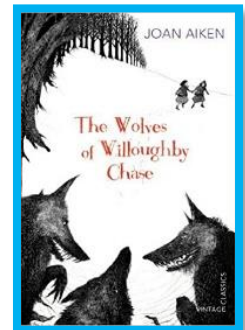
This term in Year 3 our Class reader this term is "The Royal Rabbits of London" by Santa Montefiore and Simon Sebag Montefiore, it follows the adventures of a timid rabbit called Shylo who sets out on an important quest to protect the Queen at Buckingham Palace. The children have loved us reading this to them and are always asking for more of the story. We have focused our writing on the story book "The King Who Banned the Dark" by Emily Haworth-Booth. The children particularly liked this text as it explored the consequences of taking actions without thinking through the results, which also linked to our focus of wisdom in collective worship this term. They wrote a variety of stories covering topics such as banning teachers, homework and parents.



In Year 4, the children begged to continue with the book by Kieran Larwood as our class read and so we have continued to follow Podkin and his siblings on his adventures. Podkin, Paz and Pook are on the run from the evil Gorm who are after the children and their magical dagger Starclaw. In our reading sessions, we have been looking at books with a link to our topic and have read extracts from the Animals of Farthing Wood. This half term, we have focused on understanding the texts by ensuring we can work out the meanings of unknown words in context and discussing our understanding as we read. We have worked on asking questions of the text to help further our understanding, then going back and finding clues for the answers.

Mrs Hanson says...

This term, children in Year 5 are reading the novel by Joan Aitken, it is a historical book that fits in with their monarchy topic. It has been wonderful for the children to see described the luxury that the 'upper classes' live in behind closed doors while the threatening wolves are at the door. We have also been enjoying a non-fiction book all about King Charles III. This book has helped the children look closely at how information is presented and explained to the reader. In their writing, the children have been investigating the events surrounding the Gun Powder Plot to blow up Parliament and King James. Using a range of formal writing skills, they have then turned the events into a news report.



In Year 6, the children are enjoying the novel 'Children of the Quick Sand' by Efuwa Traoré this term. It is a fantasy, adventure book set in Nigeria to fit with our topic of Amazing Africa. It has been fascinating to look in more detail at some of the cultural references and use google to show us images to help us to picture what the author is describing. We have also been using the picture book 'The Island' by author and illustrator Armin Greder as our inspiration for writing. We have created newspaper reports using a range of skills but also choosing our language and ideas carefully to show bias towards the new people on the island. The children have also enjoyed looking at different characters' viewpoints in the book by writing diaries from certain perspectives.

Sporting Events

On Thursday, Mr Devon took our year 5 and 6 tag rugby team to Oakley Junior school to play in the Sparkling Rugby cup. This is the second part of the rugby calendar where all of the teams who came second in the local area matches play against each other. Our team played 7 matches with incredibly close score lines in each one. In one match in particular, it was as though our team was taking it in turns to score a try! As ever, Mr Devon was so pleased with the children's efforts and team spirit – it has been a great season for them all.



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Sponsorship Opportunity

To culminate their time at Bramley, one of the key events our Year 6 children look forward to is their performance at the Haymarket Theatre. They rehearse and prepare at school before showcasing their talents at the theatre, many parents who have shared this evening with their children would agree it is a magical one!

This year, with ever rising costs, we were wondering if a connection to the school has a business who would be able to sponsor the events. In return for your kind support, we would advertise your business in the programmes which will be sold at the event.

If you believe you would be able to help, please contact Mrs Garvey or email the school office.

Swap Shop

We have a selection of school uniform available in our swap shop, please pop into school if you are in need of anything. We know that many children will be starting to grow out of things and we can hopefully help keep them in uniform until the summer holidays.

Diversity Week

This year, Bramley School will be celebrating **Diversity Week from the 22nd – 25th May 2023**, the week before Half Term. As you may be aware, the week beginning 26th June - 30th June is National Diversity Week 2023.

Thousands of primary and secondary schools are signing up to take part and celebrate, showing their pupils that being inclusive is something to be celebrated. In our school, we will be talking about the religions and traditions linked to the range of cultures from countries such as India, China, Africa and The Caribbean Islands. There will be a Whole School Collective Worship on Monday to introduce Diversity Week and then a range of subject lessons will take place to promote these aspects, including a daily collective worship.

We welcome visitors into school, so it would be wonderful if any of our Parents, Carers, Grandparents or other family members would like to come in and talk to our children about their own culture and experiences. If you would like to, please do contact the school office, talk to me or your child's class teacher and let us know your availability.

Please take a look at the diary dates below, we have tried to include as many as we can for the Summer Term to give you advance warning of our events. For many, further details will be sent home nearer the time.

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

Take care

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School



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Key Dates:

22/5/23 – 25/5/23	Diversity Week
24/5/23	Yr3 Outcome event – parents invited 2:30pm date change
25/5/23	Yr5 Outcome event – parents invited 2pm Yr5 Health & Relationship Education meeting 3:30pm
26/5/23	Inset Day
30/5/23 – 2/6/23	Half term
6/6/23	Yr1 Marwell Trip Yr6 Health & Relationship Education meeting 3:30pm
7/6/23	EYFS Science Centre Trip
15/6/23	Yr 6 Winchester Cathedral
20/6/23	Yr 4 Ufton Court Trip
22/6/23	6pm EYFS <u>new entrant</u> meeting
23/6/23	Summer Fete (3:30-7:30pm)
27/6/23	Class Photos
29/6/23	Rocksteady Concert to parents 2:30pm
30/6/23	New Classes Morning – meet your new teacher
6/7/23	6pm - Year 6 Performance at the Haymarket
6/7/23	Yr2 Outcome event – parents invited 2pm
11/7/23	Yr1 Outcome event – parents invited 2:30pm
14/7/23	Sports Day – parents invited (KS2 in the morning / KS1 in the afternoon)



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17/7/23	New classes session 2 – story time Sports Day reserve (in case of bad weather) End of year reports sent home
18/7/23	Yr6 Leavers Service at Church - Yr6 Parents invited
20/7/23	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly – Yr6 Parents invited
21/7/23	Last day