

THE BOOKSHELF

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ST LAWRENCE'S READING NEWSLETTER!



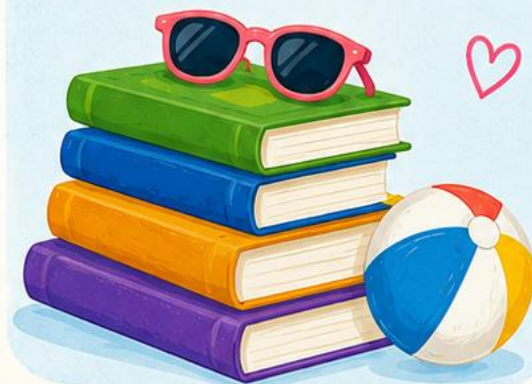
HELLO SUMMER!



Welcome to this term's edition of 'The Bookshelf'. It has been a full and busy term at St Lawrence's, with reading taking centre stage. Our reading assemblies have been a real highlight, giving children the chance to celebrate stories and enjoy stories shared by different adults, parents and children from our school community. We were pleased to welcome Michael from Southam Library, whose storytelling session was a hit with every year group, and our author workshops this term have given pupils fresh ideas and confidence in their writing. It's been a term of reading, reading, reading, and we're looking forward to sharing the best moments with you, along with ways to keep reading going at home over the summer.



WISHING YOU
A HAPPY & 
**READING
SUMMER!**



CELEBRATING OUR VIRTUAL EVENT

WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR

MICHAEL MORPURGO



♥ YEAR 3 ATTENDED A
SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENT
WITH MICHAEL MORPURGO!

★ THE CHILDREN LOVED IT!

They listened to amazing stories,
asked brilliant questions and
discovered what inspires one of
the world's most beloved authors.
It was an unforgettable experience!



★ WHY NOT TRY ONE OF HIS BOOKS? ★



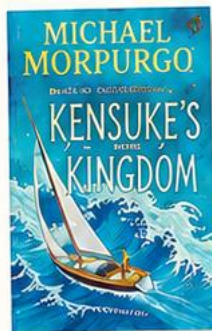
**PRIVATE
PEACEFUL**

A moving story set
during World War I
about friendship,
bravery and hope.



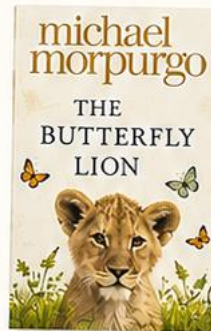
WAR HORSE

The powerful tale
of a horse and the
boy who loves him,
set in wartime.



**KENSUKE'S
KINGDOM**

An exciting adventure
about courage,
survival and an
unlikely friendship.



**THE BUTTERFLY
LION**

A heartwarming story
about a girl, a lion
and a journey to
a new life.



**FRIEND
OR FOE**

Set in WWII, a story
of loyalty, courage
and the bond between
a boy and his dog.

★ THANK YOU, MICHAEL MORPURGO, ★
FOR AN INSPIRING EVENT!

YEAR 3 JOINED ANOTHER VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT!

National
Literacy
Trust

Change your story

HOSTED BY THE
**NATIONAL
LITERACY
TRUST**

WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

**KATE ROLFE
WRIGGLING WORDS**

CARNEGIE
MEDAL
WINNER
FOR
ILLUSTRATION!



YEAR 3 JOINED THE EVENT
AND LOVED HEARING ABOUT
KATE ROLFE'S BOOK!

Kate shared how she creates her wonderful stories and illustrations, and gave us lots of fascinating insights into her creative process. We asked brilliant questions and thoroughly enjoyed the event!



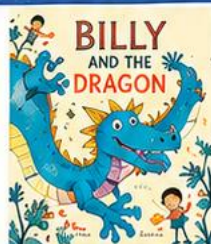
WE WERE INSPIRED TO READ AND CREATE OUR OWN ILLUSTRATIONS!

YOU MIGHT ENJOY THESE BOOKS BY KATE!



**THE WOLF WHO WAS
AFRAID OF EVERYTHING**

A gentle story about
facing fears and finding
courage.



**BILLY AND
THE DRAGON**

A noisy, rhyming
adventure full of
imagination.



**HOW THE LIBRARY
(NOT THE PRINCESS)
SAVED RAPUNZEL**

A clever twist on a classic
tale celebrating books
and bravery.



**THE MAGIC
PAINTBRUSH**

A beautiful story
about creativity,
art and self-expression.



**THE BRAVE
BEASTS**

A powerful book
about empathy, kindness
and being different.

THANK YOU, NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST, FOR AN AMAZING EVENT!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN ANOTHER ONE.

YEAR 6 ENJOYED A VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT!

WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

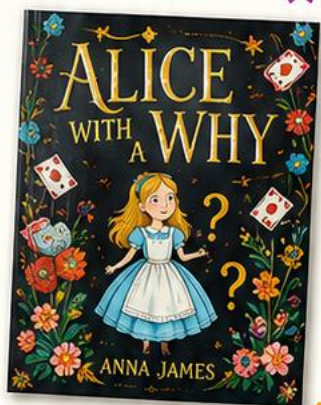
ORGANISED THROUGH

WATERSTONES

ANNA JAMES

TALKING ABOUT HER BOOK

ALICE WITH A WHY



Year 6 enjoyed a virtual author visit with Anna James, organised through Waterstones, linked to her book *Alice With a Why*.

The children heard about the inspiration behind the story, explored some wonderfully imaginative ideas linked to Wonderland, and then completed their own creative writing activity.

It was a lovely opportunity to hear directly from a real author and to remind us that the best stories often begin with a rather curious question.

MORE BOOKS YOU MIGHT ENJOY



PAGES & CO

A magical adventure about a girl who can travel into stories.



THE BOOKWANDERERS

A thrilling journey through stories and the power of books.



THE MIRROR VISITOR

A mysterious tale full of secrets, mirrors and imagination.



THE LOST BOOK OF ADVENTURE

An exciting story about courage, friendship and adventure.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS



THANK YOU, ANNA JAMES AND WATERSTONES,
FOR A WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING VISIT!

YEAR 4 ENJOYED A VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT!

WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

BETH O'BRIEN

TALKING ABOUT HER BOOK

WOLF SIREN

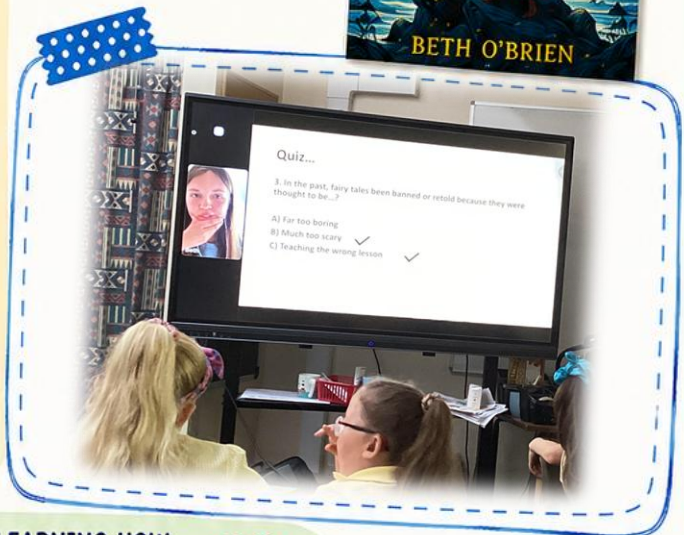
BROUGHT TO US BY THE
NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

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Literacy
Trust

Year 4 enjoyed a virtual author visit with Beth O'Brien, organised through Waterstones, linked to her book *Wolf Siren*.

The children heard about the inspiration behind the story, explored some wonderfully imaginative ideas linked to Wonderland, and then completed their own creative writing activity.

It was a lovely opportunity to hear directly from a real author and to remind us that the best stories often begin with a rather curious question.



YEAR 4 WERE INSPIRED BY THE VISIT AND LOVED LEARNING HOW FAIRYTALES CAN BE RETOLD IN EXCITING AND CREATIVE WAYS!

MORE BOOKS BY BETH O'BRIEN YOU MIGHT ENJOY!



THE KINGDOM
OF THE CURSED

A dark and magical
retelling of a classic
fairy tale.



THE HUNGRY GHOST

A spooky, atmospheric
story inspired by Japanese
folklore.



THE WOOD
OF WHISPERS

A haunting tale of
secrets, curses
and courage.



THE DRAGON'S CHARM

An epic adventure full
of magic and mystery.



THANK YOU, BETH O'BRIEN AND THE NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST,
FOR A FANTASTIC, INSPIRING EVENT!

YEAR 1 JOINED A VERY MUSICAL EVENT!

BASED ON THEIR CLASS BOOK

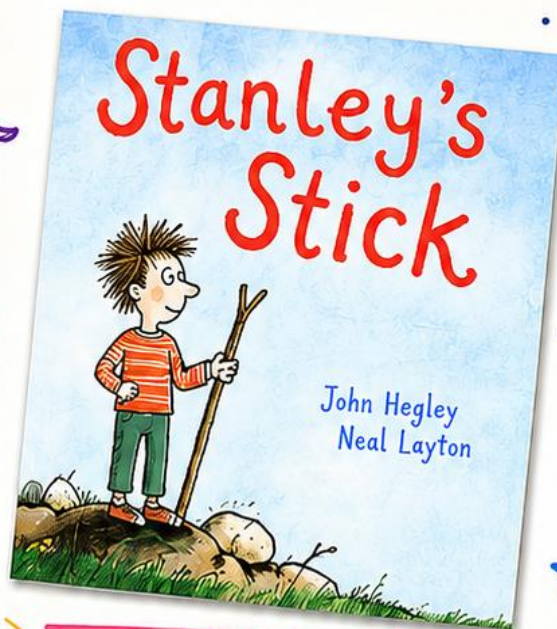
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STANLEY'S STICK

WHAT A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!

SUCH FUN!



OUR PHOTOS



MORE BOOKS BY JOHN HEGLEY TO READ!



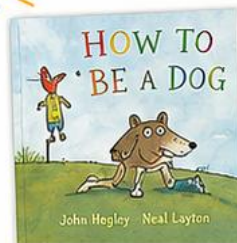
SOMETIMES I FEEL...
Feelings, big and small!



THE LITTLEST GIANT
A funny story about
being yourself.



**THE GIRL WITH
NO SHOES**
A heart-warming story
with a big message.



HOW TO BE A DOG
A playful guide to
life from a dog's view!

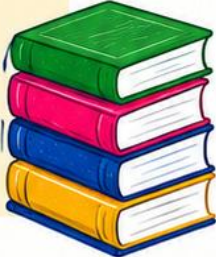
THANK YOU TO THE NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST
FOR A WONDERFUL, INSPIRING AND MUSICAL EVENT!

READING ASSEMBLIES



♥ TOGETHER, WE'RE NURTURING A LOVE OF READING! ♥

This year, as part of the **National Year of Reading**, we've been enjoying our **Reading Assemblies** to celebrate books, stories and the joy of reading. They are helping us all to discover new favourites and to inspire a lifelong love of reading across our school.



WHAT WE'VE LOVED...



ADULTS
from across our school have shared some of their favourite books.



CHILDREN
have asked to read and have brilliantly volunteered to get involved.



PARENTS
have also joined us to share stories they love.



IT HAS BEEN GREAT FUN
and something we all look forward to!



Our Reading Assemblies are bringing our school community together and nurturing a real love of reading.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A FAVOURITE STORY OR BOOK WITH US?



We would love to hear from anyone in our school community – parents, carers, grandparents, staff and volunteers.

If you'd like to take part in one of our **Reading Assemblies**, please let the school office know.



WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME YOU!



THANK YOU TO **EVERYONE** WHO HAS MADE **OUR READING ASSEMBLIES** SO SPECIAL – YOU HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL A PLACE WHERE STORIES THRIVE!





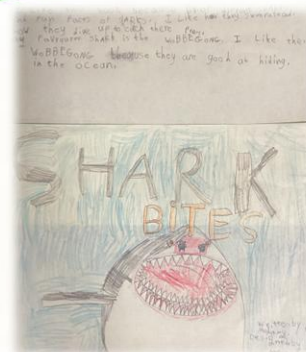
OUR READING GALLERY

READING HAPPENS EVERYWHERE! ♥

National
Year of
Reading
2024-2025



Take a look at all the wonderful reading moments from across our school!
Different places. Different books. Same joy!



Love reading? We'd love you to be part of our gallery! ♥

Staff, children, parents and carers – keep sharing your amazing reading moments. Let's inspire each other every day! ☆

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHARES THE JOY OF READING!





READING

over the

SUMMER



Keep reading. Keep growing. Have fun! ♥

Simple ideas to keep reading fun all summer long!

1 CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Pick stories that interest you – funny, adventurous, fact-filled or magical!



2 READ ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Read in a comfy spot, in the garden, at the beach or under a tree. Take books with you!



3 MAKE IT A DAILY HABIT

Even 10–15 minutes each day can make a big difference!



4 TRY SOMETHING NEW

Comics, joke books, magazines, audiobooks or non-fiction – try different genres!



5 READ WITH SOMEONE

Share a book with a friend, brother, sister or parent. Take turns reading or enjoy it together.



6 JOIN A SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Set a goal and track your books. Challenge yourself and celebrate your progress!



7 MAKE CONNECTIONS

Talk about what you read. What was your favourite part? Did it remind you of anything?



8 GET CREATIVE

Draw your favourite character, write a new ending or make a book in your own words!



9 VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Libraries are full of amazing books – and it's free! Librarians can help you find great reads.



10 TRY THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

It's fun, free and a great way to stay motivated, earn rewards and discover new favourites!



➤ HAVE A FUN & HAPPY READING SUMMER! ➤



READ to the BEAT!



Get ready to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge,
inspired by music, rhythm and brilliant stories!

Visit any Warwickshire Library to sign up, choose your books,
and collect rewards as you read through the holidays!

Let's make this a summer *of reading, reading, reading!*

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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Libraries



THE WORLD CUP MAY BE OVER...



BUT THE ADVENTURE ISN'T! ♥



CARRY ON THE FOOTBALL FEVER BY READING ONE OF THESE!

Whether you love **amazing** true stories, **exciting** adventures or tales of **teamwork** and **dreams** – there's a book for every football fan to enjoy!



GREAT BOOKS FOR FOOTBALL FANS



FOOTBALL SCHOOL: WHERE FOOTBALL EXPLAINS THE WORLD

Discover how football connects the world in this brilliant and fascinating book!



KICK Mitch Johnson

A funny and inspiring story about a boy chasing his football dreams.



ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES

Easy-to-read biographies of top players like Kane and Bronze.



FRANKIE'S MAGIC FOOTBALL

Exciting adventures full of football, teamwork and fantasy!



FRANKIE'S MAGIC FOOTBALL

More magical football adventures that will keep you turning pages!



THE BOY WHO BIKED THE WORLD

An incredible true story of adventure, determination and following your dreams.



KEEP READING, KEEP DREAMING,
KEEP SUPPORTING!

There's a whole world of brilliant books waiting for you!



PICK UP A BOOK AND LET THE FUN CONTINUE! ♥





WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER!

CELEBRATE STORIES & FUN ACROSS WARWICKSHIRE!

★ STORY SEEDS FESTIVAL ★

WARWICK BOOKS & WARWICK LIBRARY



Early July ~ Late August

Author Events &
Creative Workshops!

★ For Ages 3-12 ★

Tickets From £5 via Warwick Books

★ LIBRARY SUMMER READING FUN! ★

LEAMINGTON & SOUTHAM

- Design Your Own Book Cover
- Storytime & the Vorh
- Meet-the Author Stedione!



RSC: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM FOR KIDS



★ The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon

★ 19 June ~ 30 August

★ Magical Show & Outdoor Trail!

★ Free drop-in activities for families!



★ ★ MAKE IT A SUMMER OF STORIES! ★ ★



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