

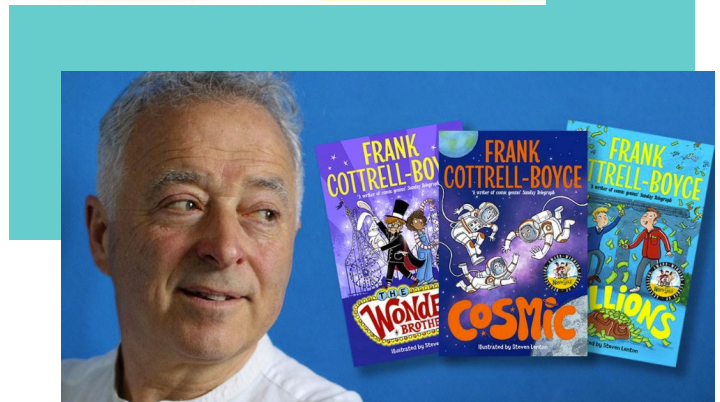
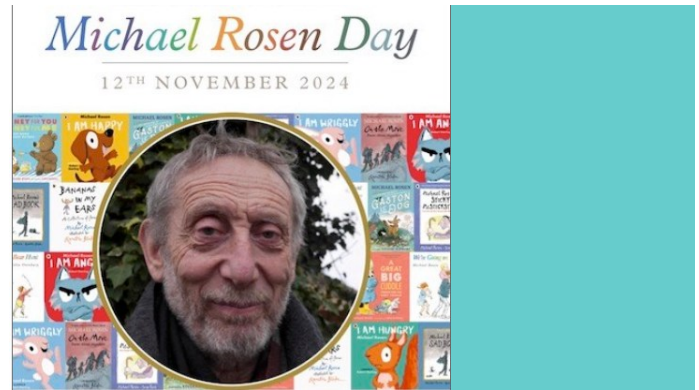
Porthleven Reading: In Class and Beyond November/December 2024



Dear Readers,

We have been incredibly fortunate this half term to host a fantastic lineup of live author events at school, bringing celebrated writers directly to our pupils. Renowned authors Michael Rosen, Serena Patel, and Jacqueline Wilson have shared their time and talents, inspiring us through captivating talks, readings, and interactive sessions. These visits have not only sparked a greater love for reading but have also given the children the unique opportunity to engage directly with authors they admire, asking questions and learning about the creative processes behind their favourite books.

Each author brought something special to the table: On 12th November, Michael Rosen's lively storytelling and humour left us all giggling. On 26th November, Serena Patel will be sharing her insights into the characters and cultural themes that the children read about in Year 2 and 3 and Jacqueline Wilson's will be discussing her new book on 15th November. Finally, we have a Q&A session with the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2024-2026 Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We have been lucky to have such great experiences in school.



Teacher Reader Recommends.



Mr. Goward and Miss Maylam are in the spotlight this term.

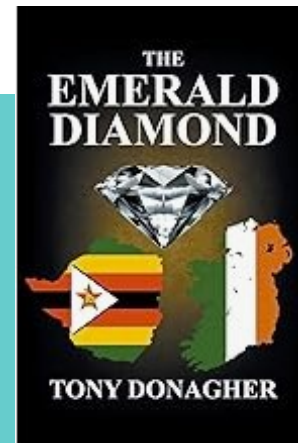
Mr. Goward confesses that reading was something he grew into when his own teacher shared their love for reading and now can often be found chatting about his latest read.

Miss Maylam loves sharing books with her own children and enjoys nothing more than talking with the children about their own books. She remembers so many books that it was hard for her to choose!



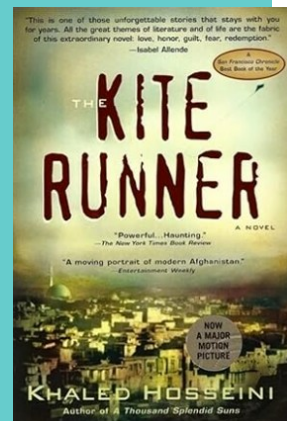
Book Review: The Emerald Diamond by Tony Donagher (by Mr. Goward)

The Emerald Diamond tells the inspiring story of Ireland's national baseball team, highlighting resilience, teamwork, and passion for a lesser-known sport in Ireland. Perfect for young sports enthusiasts, it celebrates overcoming obstacles and cultural boundaries, showing how determination and love for the game can unite people across backgrounds. Don't be fooled by our young group of players though, as there is a criminal side to the story. Chapter 4 and 5 are the best!



Book Review: Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini (by Miss Maylam)

The Kite Runner is a powerful story of friendship, loyalty, and redemption set in Afghanistan. Though not a children's book, it introduces young readers to important themes like forgiveness and courage. Through Amir and Hassan's journey, readers learn about empathy and the impact of choices, making it a meaningful, emotional read.



Reading News and Events.



The Bookshop in Helston



Event

Sarah Winman Book Signing at The Bookshop

Sarah Winman will be popping in to the bookshop on Saturday 16 November for a book signing! A bookshop favourite, we're huge fans of her four novels - When God Was a Rabbit, A Year of Marvellous Ways, Tin Man and Still Life!



Event: Wreath Making at The Bookshop

Get your front-door festive at our fundraising wreath-making workshop. All materials will be supplied for you to make a natural foliage wreath, with guidance from the workshop leader, Vanessa Hodder. £12 from each ticket sold will be donated to Kernow Education Arts Partnership (KEAP), a long-standing arts, community and education charity based in Redruth that works all over the county. Each session will last about 90 minutes – please bring secateurs if you have them!

06/12/2024 - TWO sessions, 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

Reading News and Events.



Helston Library and Information Service



Rhyme time - every Friday at 10.30 am.

Why Read?

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

This is your chance to try your luck and win some brilliant prizes in BookTrust competitions. Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/>

Current competitions



Win a thrilling Adventure Gamebook!
We are giving away a bundle of Adventure Gamebooks to three lucky winners.



Win a signed copy of the new Bunny vs Monkey book!
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Win a beautiful Catherine Rayner book bundle!
Find out how you could win six beautiful Catherine Rayner picture books to celebrate the arrival of Otto the Top Dog.



Story Sharer Week: Win a book bundle for your setting!
Find out how you could win a bundle of books for your setting as part of our Story Sharer Week celebrations.



Win brilliant books about ADHD and dyslexia!
Find out how you could win books to mark Dyslexia Awareness Month and ADHD Awareness Month.



Win this scary set of adventure books with Dread Wood!
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Delve into some Creepy Classics with this spooky prize!
We are giving away a set of Creepy Classics to three lucky winners.



Win five books in the legendary Supertato series!
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Early Years Foundation Stage



What are our Class Readers?



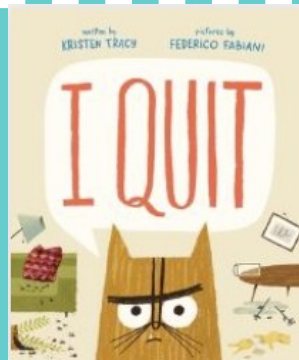
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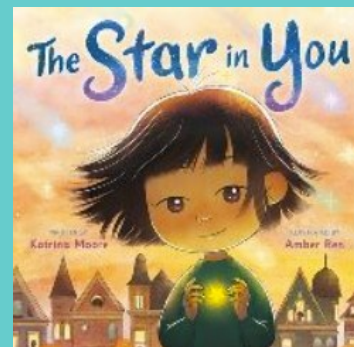
New Books for EYFS—November.



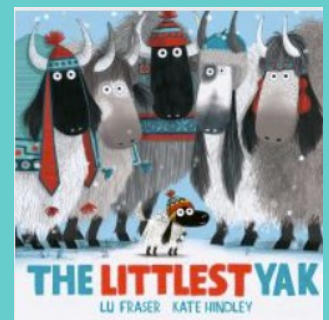
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KS1



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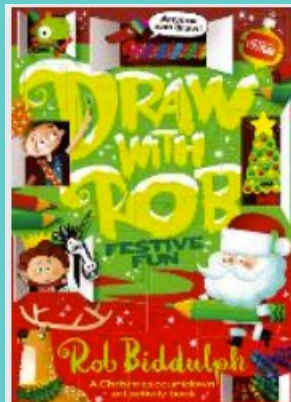


Chat to your

Year 2



New Books for KS1—November.

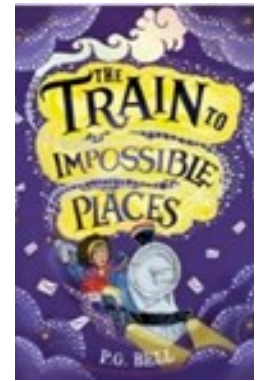


LKS2



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Year 3



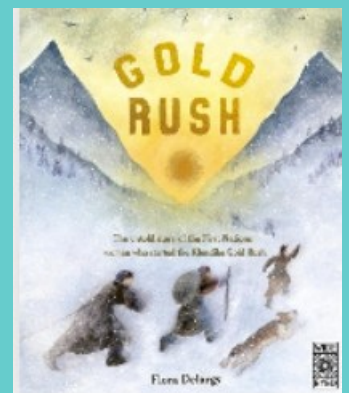
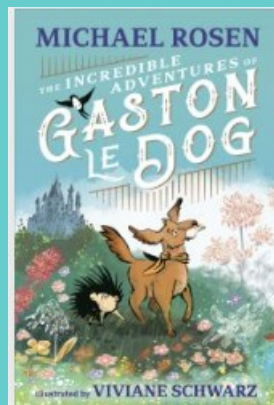
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Chat to your child about



New Books for LKS2—November.



UKS2



What are our Class Readers?

Year 5

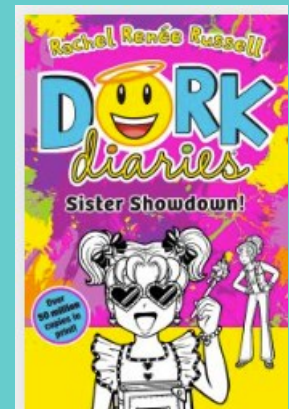
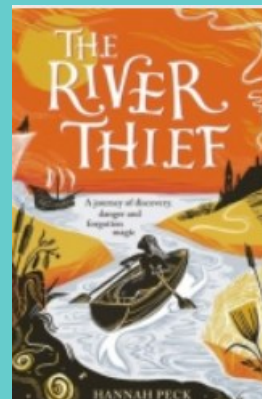
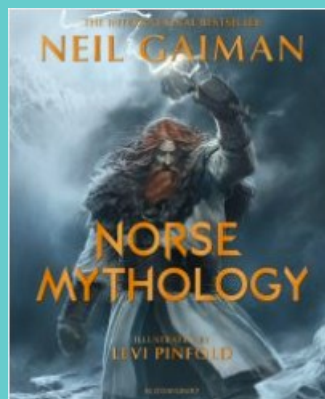
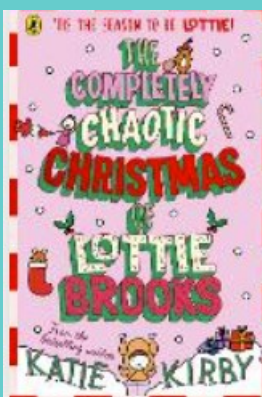


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Year 6



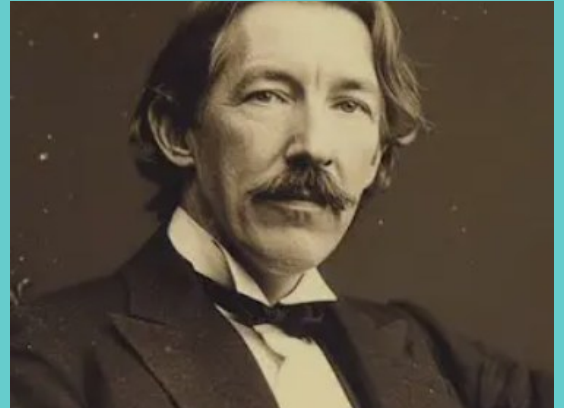
New Books for UKS2—November.



Poetry Corner



Robert Louis Stevenson



A Child's Thought

At seven, when I go to bed,
I find such pictures in my head;
Castles with dragons prowling round,
Gardens where magic fruits are found;
Fair ladies prisoned in a tower,
Or lost in an enchanted bower;
While gallant horsemen ride by streams,
That border all this land of dreams
I find, so clearly in my head
At seven, when I go to bed.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

