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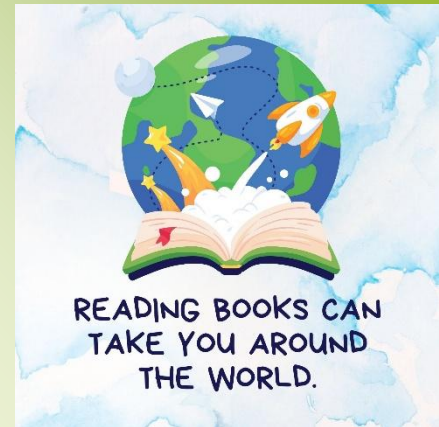
READING: THE NEWS

Springfield Primary Reading news!



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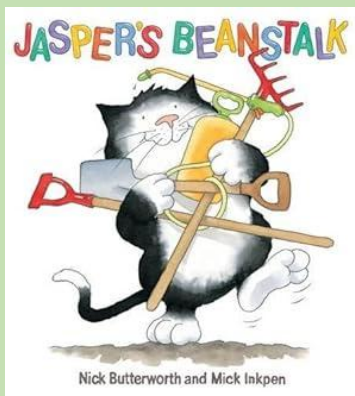
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World Book week- or two!

Classes have been busy this half term working on their World book week celebrations. This year, we combined our World book theme with our Oracy work. Each class used a text as a stimulus for talk and produced an Oracy piece of work which they presented to another class in school. I was lucky enough to drop in and see some of the practices and presentations. The children all worked incredibly hard on their presentations and of the ones I saw, they presented them with confidence- showing how much work went into their learning!

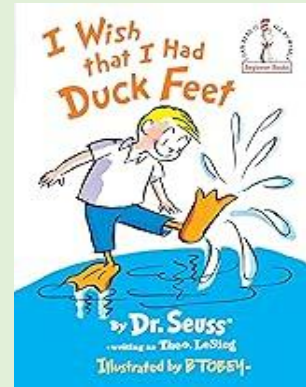
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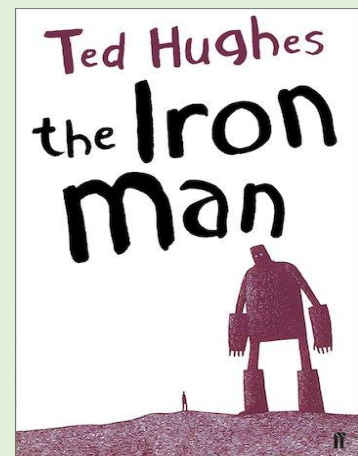
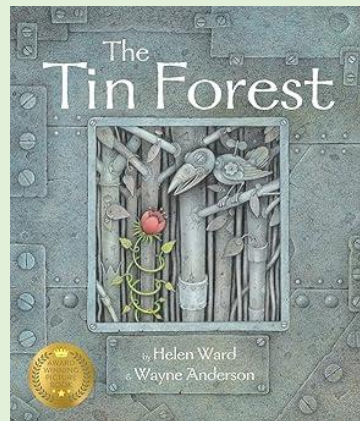
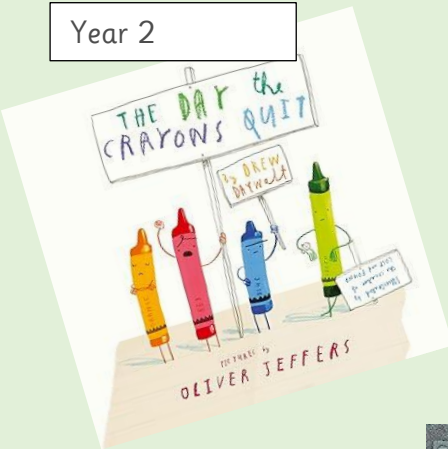
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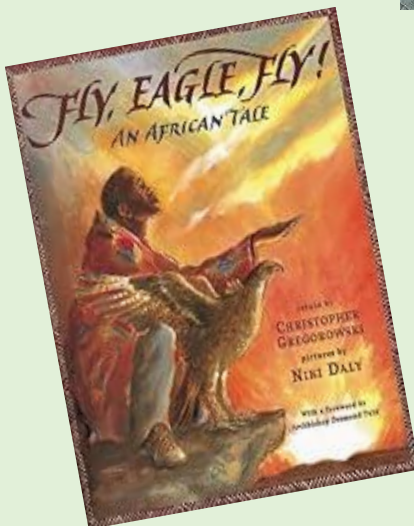
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

Year 6

What can your child tell you about the book and the work they did?

Guest Readers

Each class also welcomed a guest reader during Book Week. These were members of staff who do not usually work with those classes, making it an exciting and special experience for the children.

Mrs Su Read with Reception class.



Mr Lever and Mrs Abdul-rub read with Year 1.

Mrs Nasser read a story with Year 2.

Mrs Cao read with Year 3.

Miss Eddison read with Year 4.



Mrs Basu read with Year 6.



Can you remember anything about the stories that they chose?

Thank you to all our Guest readers!

Parent Guest Readers.

Our Reception class enjoyed an extra special treat during Book Week. You may remember that we invited parents to come in and share a story with our pupils—and we were delighted when one of our Reception parents, Mr. Bell, kindly volunteered.

Mr. Bell chose a family favourite, *Heavy Metal Badger* by Duncan Beedle, which proved to be a fantastic choice. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story, with plenty of laughter throughout. Mrs. Shikabonga shared that the class particularly loved having a special visitor and were even asking when Mr. Bell might return for another story time!

Experiences like this are so valuable. The children love welcoming visitors into school, and opportunities like these help to promote a love of reading—encouraging children to discover the joy that stories and books can bring.

A big thank you to Mr. Bell for giving his time and helping to inspire our young readers!



Buddy Reading

During our World Book Week celebrations, our oldest pupils in Year 6 enjoyed sharing their love of reading with some of our youngest learners in Year 1. The Year 1 children were delighted to listen to stories read by their Year 6 reading buddies, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere for all.

With the sunshine on our side, the children took their books outdoors, finding cosy spots to read together in the fresh air. It was particularly special to see older pupils reading with younger siblings, making the experience even more meaningful. A wonderful celebration of reading!





Drop Everything and Read (DEAR Time!)



During the two weeks, children were invited to Read for pleasure more frequently than usual. Time was given for pupils to 'Drop everything and read'. Children were given a selection of books to choose from during this time. We hope you enjoyed this time and found a book to read which you may not have normally chosen- introducing you to many genres, authors or texts types.



World Book day tokens

We hope our EYFS and KS1 pupils, along with their families, enjoyed 'spending' their World Book Day tokens and choosing some fantastic new reads to take home.

Our Key Stage Two classes were also lucky enough to visit Waterstones Sheffield in the city centre. The Waterstones team, as always, provided a wonderful experience for our pupils. Not only did the children have the opportunity to spend their tokens in store, but they also took part in a range of engaging activities. This annual visit is always thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff and is a highlight of our reading celebrations.



Book events in school

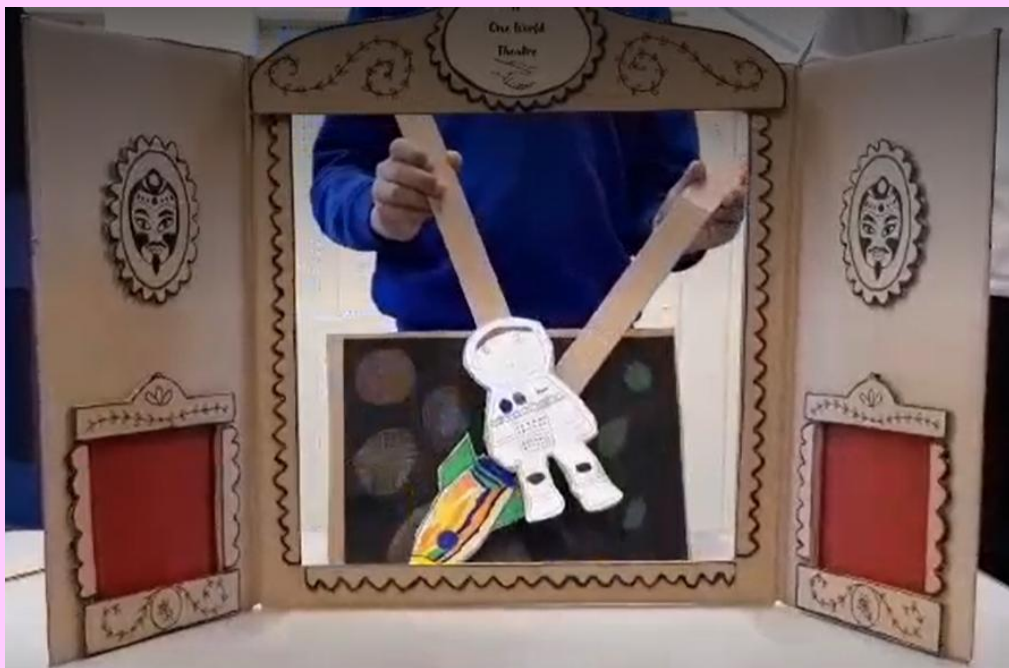


During the Spring term, the FACES Team returned to school to work with families on an exciting Traditional Tales workshop, bringing storytelling to life.

Parents and children collaborated on family favourites and traditional cultural stories, creating props and retelling their tales orally. The quality of the outcomes was fantastic, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and growing confidence in storytelling.

It was wonderful to see parents, children, and siblings working together so enthusiastically on this oracy-focused project, strengthening both communication skills and a shared love of stories.





World Book Reading Bingo Challenge

We were overwhelmed by the response to our Reading Bingo Challenge! Pupils from across the school took part, with many completing the full set of activities and submitting entries for Challenge 13. It is truly wonderful to see so many of our community taking part in whole school events. Thank you!

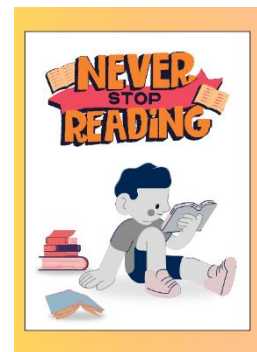
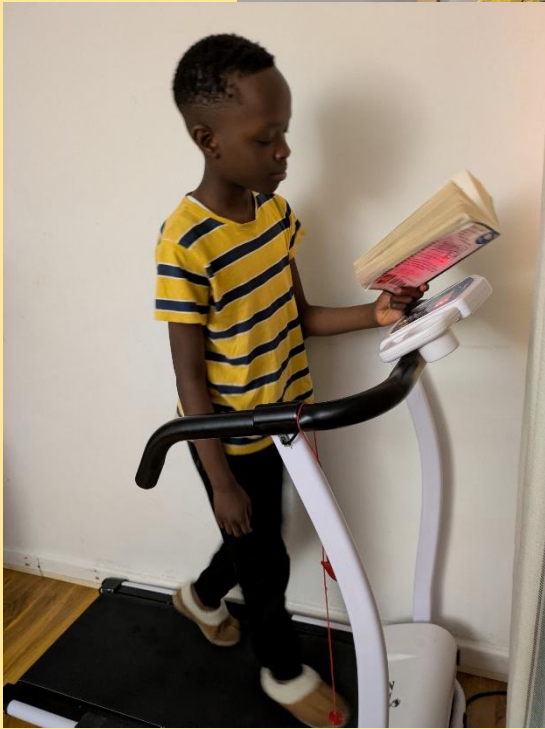
All participants received a certificate and a bookmark in recognition of their entry, while winners from each class were awarded an additional prize. The standard of entries was incredibly high, with so many imaginative and creative ideas on display that Mrs Pycroft and Miss Button had a very difficult job choosing the winners.

It was especially lovely to see how pupils embraced the challenge, taking their reading to new places by capturing photos in a variety of locations and situations.

All entries—from both pupils and staff—are now proudly displayed on the board near our main entrance. Well done to everyone who took part!

Our winners:





Mrs Pycroft & Miss Button

