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Literacy Newsletter

Check out the latest Blue Peter writing competition!

The competition is inviting children to write and send in a story or a poem. The winning entry will be turned into a book and read as a CBeebies bedtime story by Tom Fletcher from McFly. Have a look on the Blue Peter webpage to find out more about how to enter.

WORD SQUARE PUZZLES

@VocabularyNinja



'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

Check out these challenges from the Vocabulary Ninja website. Their resources are free and have the aim of developing vocabulary and spelling. These word squares are designed to give children the opportunity to generate as many different words as possible using the letters supplied. The ultimate challenge is to discover the single word that is made up from all of the letters within the square. (A is easier than B.)

Challenge A

S	E	U
A		K
Q		Y

Challenge B

L	I	K
R	B	B
A	C	D

Answers are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Literacy at home suggestions...

KS1

Can you make something and then write some step by step instructions to show how you made it?

KS2

Can you bake something and then write some step by step instructions to show how you made it?

It was a pleasure reading your story entries for our National Novel month story competition. An extra well done to Class 5 who were the class with the most entries and a huge well done again to this year's winners:

Year 1: Beatrix Bowyer

Year 2: Jude Corps

Year 3: Evie Senior

Year 4: Evie-May Thackray

Year 5: Joe Hornby

Year 6: Florence Bojke



Usborne books



Thank you again to Emily at Usborne books, the Wormy Bookshop, for helping us organise our sponsored read in school. With the support of our children and families at home, we raised almost £1300 to spend on new books for school!

A huge well done again to our sponsored read winners (the children who read the most in each class):

Class 1: Billy Calverley

Class 2: Amelia Travis

Class 3: Evie-May Thackray

Class 4: Felicity Bowyer

Class 5: Nihal Sharma

Here are a small selection of the books that we have bought with the money raised:



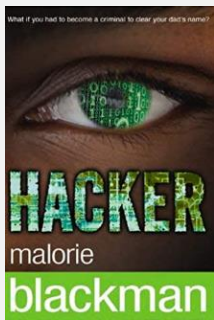
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Featured Author KS2: Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman is a British author who has written over 60 books for children throughout her career so far. Her writing has won over 15 awards and she has had books translated into over 15 languages! In 2014, she supported the Let Books Be Books campaign which aims to stop children’s books being labelled “for girls” or “for boys”. Next year’s Class 5 children will read her book ‘Thief’ in guided reading. In the meantime, here are some of her other books:



Age 9+



Age 10+



Age 8+ and

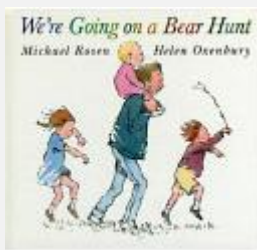


Age 7-9

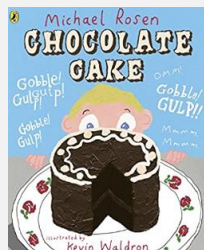
dyslexia friendly pages

Featured Author KS1: Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen is a well-known British author who has written over 140 books. He has received many awards for his writing. He has a passion for engaging school children with poetry.



Age 2-6


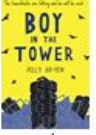

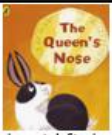

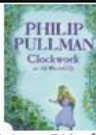


Age 3-7



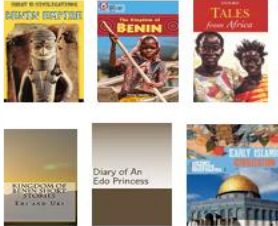





Age 6+

Each Key Stage 2 class has regular whole class reading sessions where a text is studied for approximately six weeks. Where possible, we link these texts to children’s half termly topics and then link some of our writing to the books also. Here’s what we’re reading in class this term:

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
 <p>A story of the Battle of Hastings</p>	 <p>The Normans were known for building castles. For Ade, his tower block is his castle.</p>	 <p>A brother and sister flee from Nigeria.</p>
 <p>Set in England, a girl finds a magical 50p coin.</p>	 <p>Jim sets sail in search of a fortune.</p>	 <p>A tale about Prince Otto (no link to topic)</p>

Each class in Key Stage 1 and 2 also have a selection of ‘bookshelf books’ available in class for them to read in independent reading time. These are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics.

Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
		
		

Class 1 and Class 2


				
				

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Here is our list of the some free homework websites and apps suitable for children and parents/carers:

- **A+ spelling test app**  A quick and easy way to upload your child’s spellings so that they can try them in an interactive way. We’ve trialled this with some of our children in school recently and think it’s a great resource!
- **Blue Peter writing competition.** An exciting writing competition launching at the end of January and supported by Tom Fletcher from McFly.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-competition>
- **Oak Academy.** Click on English Grammar or English Spelling sections for free short video lessons filmed by teachers.
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2>
- **Oxford Owl.** This has some great tips on how to help your child at home. It also has a free e-book library.
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>
- **The Literacy Shed.** A collection of film clips that provide a stimulus for writing. Each clip comes with suggestions of writing activities.
<https://www.literacyshed.com/>
- **BBC Bitesize.** Useful child-friendly information, particularly for spelling, grammar and punctuation aspects.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>
- **Hatman Reads.** Andy Seed, an author, recommends books for 7-11 year olds.
<https://www.andyseed.com/hatman-reads/>