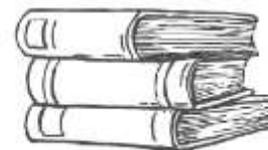




Crayke C of E Primary School

Reading Newsletter



September & October 2020

Welcome to our first reading newsletter of the new academic year. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you!

For those parents and carers new to the school, this newsletter has been published termly last year, but due to its popularity, will now be released every half term. It's a chance to find out about new, high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as a chance to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

As always, your support is hugely appreciated,

Mrs L. Rayner *(English co-ordinator and Class 3 teacher)*

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and is more likely to score in the 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Heiman, 1987



There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!

Author Spotlight

Nizrana Farook



A special message from Nizrana...

Dear Children of Crayke Primary, I hope you had a lovely and restful summer and are ready for the new term ahead. I've been enjoying the sunshine, summer fruits and lots of books!

A new year in school brings so many changes, and this one especially so. But some things always remain constant, and for me, reading is one of them. It's an escape into different worlds that are always there for me, and I find that so comforting.

Some of the new books I've read are Moonchild, Voyage of the Lost and Found by Aisha Bushby, The Beast and the Bethany by Jack Meggitt Phillips, The Unadoptables by Hana Tooke, Sky Pirates by Alex English, The Ship of Shadows by Maria Kuzniar, and Glasheart by Katharine Orton. Every one of them had a new world just waiting to be discovered.

In addition, I've been writing my next book, and that's taken me to a different world too. My first book, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, is about a girl who steals from the rich to help the poor – getting herself, and her friends, into a lot of trouble over it! And yes she does steal an elephant. The second, which I'm editing now, is set in the same world and has some great new characters, including another gigantic animal...

I hope your term is filled with lots of good things – seeing your friends and teachers again, immersing yourself in your school activities, and I hope lots of new discoveries through your reading and writing.

Easingwold Library

Opening Times

Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 until 12.



Like a book on our reading newsletter? Ask them if they have it! If not, they can get it in stock for you to borrow.

For the most up to date information and all the details you need, just visit <https://easingwoldcommunitylibrary.com/>

You can either visit in person or arrange to borrow a book bundle online, via telephone or via e-mail.



Chinese Proverb

Easingwold Library is back open and is a wonderful way of accessing a huge range of high quality books absolutely free!

You may remember at the beginning of March, our Year 5s (now our Year 6s,) got to have the entire library to themselves and they were really impressed with the range of different authors and genres, with new and recent released on offer, too.

Our Non-Fiction Collection

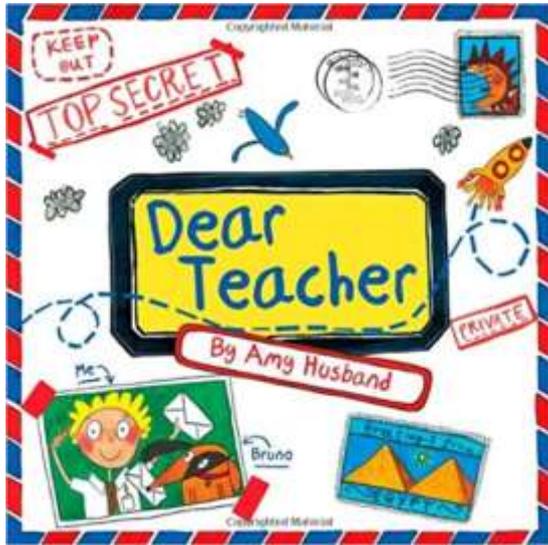


Despite being in the midst of a pandemic, we were blown away when our wonderful Crayke community came together to support the children by helping to buy new non-fiction books for our main entrance. All of the old books that have been replaced, have been sent to Ghana to a school where they have very little resources. The book shelves in our main entrance have begun to be stocked with up to date, engaging and informative texts for children across the school. See the last page for more information...

PLEASE continue to spread the word. We have received so many wonderful books, but there are still many that are needed. The link to our wish list is below:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2TMPM915I4NGC?ref=wl_share

Starting Reception and Returning to School

Dear Teacher by Amy Husband



Dear Teacher is a hilarious collection of letters from Michael to his new teacher explaining why he can't go to class. From traveling to the pyramids of Egypt to getting attacked by pirates and going to the moon in a rocket ship, each letter is increasingly outlandish.

When Michael's teacher writes back telling him how sorry she is he'll miss all of the exciting school activities planned for the year, Michael realizes all the fun he'd really miss out on.

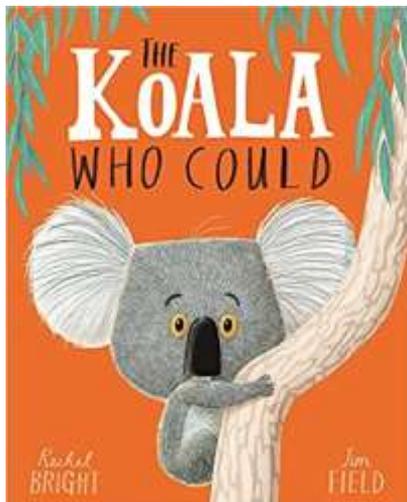
Meesha loves making things . but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her to navigate challenging social situations and help her to make friends.

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival



The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright



Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself!

A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

Supporting our Local Bookshops

The Blue House Bookshop, Bootham, York

Book a browse and have the whole shop to yourselves for half an hour – from 5pm or Sundays from 2.30pm. To book, just email a date and time to

karen@thebluehousebookshop.co.uk



Children's bookshops don't get any better than this! Give your child the 'book shop experience' with a visit to this beautiful one.

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copies! Visit www.littleapplebookshop.co.uk

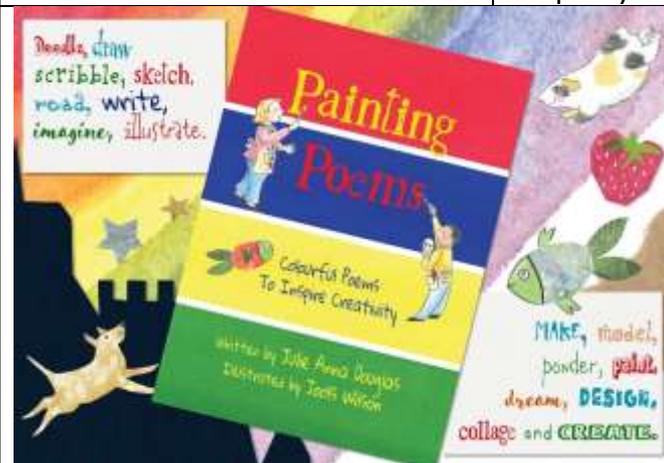
Can you recommend another local bookshop? Get in touch with Mrs Rayner via e-mail and it could be mentioned in our next edition!

Poetry Page



Poet Julie Anna Douglas shares a special message to the children of Crayke C of E Primary School:

I love creating poems full of colourful characters and places. I have always enjoyed drawing, sketching, collage and painting and wanted to create a book of poems that would inspire readers to design their own artwork based on their interpretation of the poems. I love the way artist Jools Wilson has illustrated our book and hope you enjoy 'Painting Poems' of your own!



The Reading Dance, by Julie Anna Douglas

Flamenco with a fiery phoenix in a forest faraway.
Quickstep with the Queen of Hearts for a year and a day.
Shimmy a swashbuckling salsa on a flying pirate ship
and enjoy a jolly, jungle-jiving, tree-swinging trip.

Tango with a tiger in search of a teatime treat.
Can-can into a candy cottage, which looks good enough to eat.
Rumba with a rabbit in a jacket, halfway down the stairs
and have a disco in a deep, dark wood while hunting for bears.

Samba with a spinning spider, hip hop with a horrid pest
and conga across Middle Earth on an epic quest.
Whether you are looking for adventure, fun or fairytale romance,
just pirouette through the pages and join the reading dance.

With kind permission from Julie Anna Douglas

Word Origin WOw-er!

Did you know that the Old English word 'aeppel' (apple) was used to describe any kind of fruit? Peach was 'persicum' in Latin (Persian apple). Pomegranate was 'apple with many seeds.' Pineapple was named as a 'fruit' that looked like a 'pine cone.'

THE journey
OF A lifetime
STARTS WITH THE
OF A turning
page.
-SHELLENDERS

Guiding Children's Reading Choice

Does your child always read books by the same author or the same genre of book? Children's choice about what they read is really important, but it's also important that they know what's out there to be able to make an informed choice, with adults guiding them towards quality books wherever possible. Any reading is better than no reading, so it's not worth a battle, but children's series can often contain the same sort of style and vocabulary, making children read more passively (especially if the book has been made into a film that they have seen.)

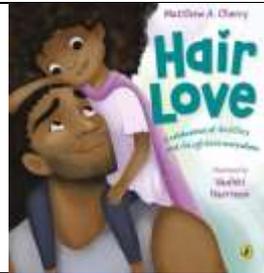
'Banning' books by certain authors can make the problem worse... so why not offer your child one of these alternatives if they have got stuck on one of the most common series of books? Get in touch if you'd like any further support with this and I'd be glad to help.



Reading for Pleasure Tube Map by @MisterBodd

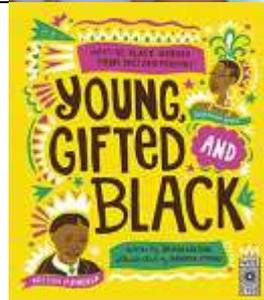
October: Black History Month

Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



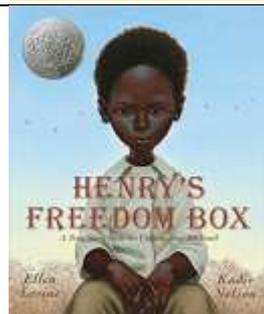
Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

Zuri's beautiful hair has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it, but Daddy is keen to learn to style it for an extra special occasion.



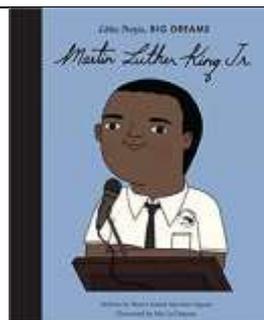
Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this collection of stories about strong, courageous, talented and diverse men and women: the perfect read to encourage, inspire and empower children young and old.



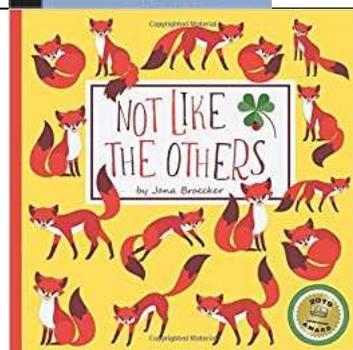
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.



Martin Luther King, Jr – Little People, Big Dreams

This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring activist's life.



Not Like the Others by Jana Broecker

This book about diversity promotes acceptance, understanding, and kindness for all by showcasing that each of us, irrespective of our own unique qualities, is an essential part of a bigger picture.

Which fox has the fluffiest tail? Where is the squirrel that holds an acorn? Over 250 forest animals fill the pages of this beautifully illustrated book. Little eyes will be eager to spot the one animal that is *Not Like The Others*, little ears will cherish the fun, fact-filled rhymes, and little minds will learn that it's our differences that make us special.

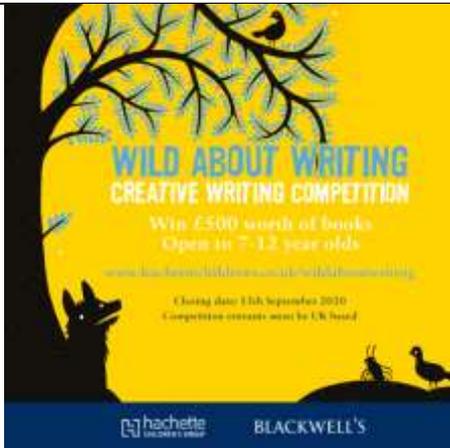
Exciting dates, events and competitions to get involved with!



Rotary Young Writer Competition Open now

The Rotary hosts a range of competitions to encourage and celebrate young talent. The Young Writer competition offers participants chance to express themselves and get creative with the written word. After being given a theme, participants can choose to write fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem. It's a chance to be imaginative.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/>



Wild About Writing: Creative Writing Competition Closing date: 13th September

Piers Torday (author of the incredible 'The Last Wild' and other books,) has teamed up with Hachette Children's to bring a spectacular creative writing competition, with the chance to win £500 worth of books!

Visit <https://pages.hachette.co.uk/piers-torday-writing-competition/> for details.



Roald Dahl Day 13th September

Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author.

<https://www.roalddahl.com>



Reading is Magic Festival 27th September – 2nd October

An online festival packed full of engaging activities for all readers, in association with Cressida Cowell, children's laureate and author of 'How to Train your Dragon.'

Sign up for updates and see the latest information at

www.readingismagicfestival.com/

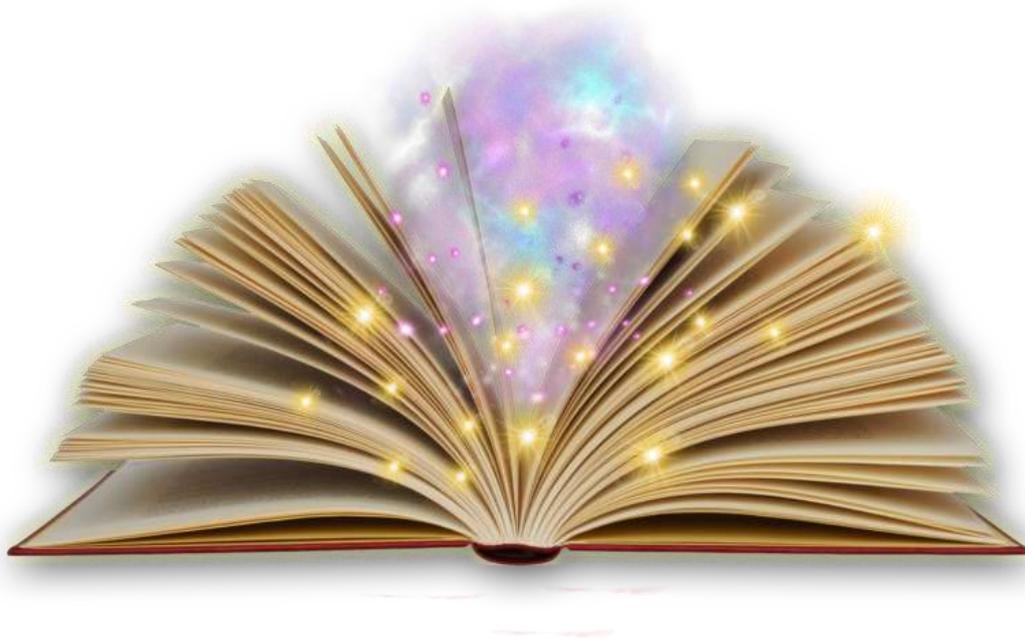
NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2020

See It Like a Poet

National Poetry Day and Competition
1st October

National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. The 2020 theme is Vision.

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>



Here are the amazing books we have so far... thank You!

A huge 94 books purchased so far! (As of 10th August 2020)

Around 200 more needed.

Tip: If you filter the search in the wishlist to show the highest priority first, you'll see the books that are needed for the Autumn term first.

Many thanks for your support

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