



# World Book Day 2022

## Horrible (British) Histories

Our first in-school World Book Day for two years and the children were fantastic! Whether they chose to wear a costume or not, there was a definite buzz about books and that is what World Book Day is all about! I hope your child came home and continued their discussion about different non-fiction books they had explored on World Book Day.



Don't forget to use your £1 book voucher to get you one of these fantastic books to keep and enjoy, or use it to get £1 off other books (check offers at our local bookshops!)



### Special Competition!

Our friends at 'Sooper Books' (see below,) have launched a special 'Young Author Award' competition that all children can enter!

They have the chance to win their character turned into an award-winning Sooper Books story seen by millions AND £500 cash!!

To enter, children need to create an original character and describe them in 50 words (or thereabouts).

Step 1: download or explore the online entry form at <https://sooperbooks.com/world-book-day/> and you'll find the form under 'How do I submit my child's entry?'

Step 2: At Home (for parents)

Step 3: Take a photo of i) their drawing and ii) them holding their drawing

Step 4: Type up the character description here and [submit your entry!](#)

#### The Prizes

Winner – £500 cash and your character turned into an award-winning Sooper Books story

3x Runner Ups – £50 Amazon voucher

#### Important Dates

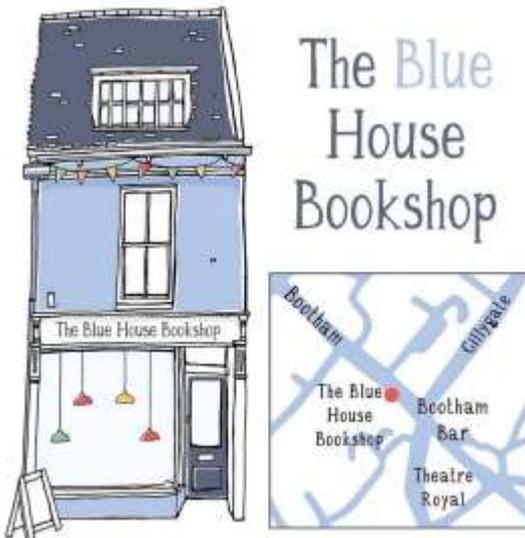
They start accepting entries on World Book Day, Thursday 3 March.

Entries close on Friday 29th April.

Sooper Books will announce the winner on Tuesday 31st May.

## Parent Consultations: Book Stall in the Hall!

We are looking forward to having our first ever 'Book Stall in the Hall' on both of our Parent Consultation evenings. Blue House Bookshop, our local independent bookshop have kindly agreed to open up a mini version of their bookshop right here in school for the occasion. Not only will it be wonderful to have in-person parent consultations, but now you will be able to browse a range of high-quality books for you and your family to enjoy together. If you wish to make a purchase, please note that it is likely to be cash only. For every purchase made, 15% of the RRP is given back for us to spend on books in school, too. Everybody wins!



**A reminder that we have an online 'wishlist' which also gives us 15% of the RRP back to spend on books.**

<https://thebluehousebookshop.co.uk/ols/categories/crayke-c-of-e-primary-school-wish-list?page=1> Thank you so much for the support of our school community who continue to support our drive towards updating and renewing our whole school books.

## Sooper Books



We have been fortunate enough to have an online library of award-winning fairy tales, bedtime stories, fables and poems for children donated to us for use within school. Families can also sign up for a free trial to enjoy the books at home, too!



Take a look at the 'Sooper Books' page on our brand new, dedicated school reading website:

<https://sites.google.com/crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk/reading/home>



# Author Spotlight

## Alex Evelyn

Hello Crayke Primary School!

Thank you so much for inviting me to chat to you on your Reading Newsletter. I had a quick look at your website as Yorkshire is a LONG way from where I live in Wiltshire so I can't pop in and say hello, and I was so pleased to see pictures of some of you looking after plants.

You see my story, *The Secret Wild*, is all about plants. And in particular a very special plant who can understand people. The idea came to me when I was helping at a plant sale at my daughter's primary school. The children were queueing up to buy little cacti plants and when they had bought them they gave them names and were talking about where they were going to put them in their bedrooms. An idea popped in to my head right then and there, about a girl who made friends with a plant, and I couldn't wait to get home and write it down.

You see, ideas can pop in to your head at any time and in anyplace. So I always like to carry a notebook around with me in case I see something that gives me an idea. I even keep a notebook by my bed in case I wake up in the middle of the night with an idea. Why don't you find a notebook and write down some things that you see or hear? You never know, they might inspire a story one day!



Stories are a bit like plants, sometimes they grow really, really quickly, sometimes they grow a bit slower and sometimes it feels like they are hardly growing at all. If you find a story is coming out a bit slowly, and in a bit of a wonky way, don't panic, it doesn't mean it won't make it! Like looking after plants, you could feed or water the problem - I find chocolate biscuits and a cup of tea can help with creativity. Or, just like looking after plants, maybe your story needs a bit more light - how about going for a walk and looking at nature until an idea comes to you? But sometimes, just like seeds, an idea just doesn't germinate. And that is ok too. I have about six stories in a box in my house that I never finished because I just couldn't get them to grow right. All published authors have had this happen to them, it is how you learn.

When I am growing a story I like to doodle ideas in my notebook with lots of colourful felt tip pens (I am not very good at drawing but it doesn't matter, nobody reads my notebook!) Another thing I like to do is cut up magazines and make a story board with ideas for what my characters might wear or houses they might live in. Sometimes (when no one is watching) I like to put on something that makes me feel like I am one of my characters - a pair of glasses or a wig, or I carry a bag around the room and even try and walk like I think they would. Another favourite is to build a lego set and act

out what is happening in a scene. All these little things can help you get inside a story and make it feel more real to you. And if it feels real to you, then it will feel real to people who read it too.



As this is a newsletter about reading, I had better say something about that hadn't!! What I am going to say may surprise you a bit. You see, I have three daughters, and one of them is dyslexic and she finds reading difficult. For her, taking a book up to read at bedtime is a bit like me taking a page of fractions to bed to work out just before I go to sleep (I find doing fractions very hard.) I used to try and get her to read books that I thought were important to read, and it took me a while to realise that it didn't matter what she read as long as she was enjoying it. Even if that was picture books and comics when she was really quite grown up. And it took me a little bit longer still to realise that what she likes best is to listen to books. So now I buy her a book and I buy her the exact same book on Audible and then she can choose how she takes in the story. Because stories are stories, however you take them in, and stories are what make us grow taller.

It has been so lovely to write to you all, and if you grow any stories will you ask a teacher to send them to me, I would love to see them!

## Easingwold Library Visit

Easingwold Community Library will be visiting us on the afternoon of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April for a very special session in each class. The children will get to explore a range of new and exciting books, have opportunities to discuss books with a librarian and share their love of reading!

Look out for posts about the visit on our website, so that children who are not yet members of Easingwold Community Library, can sign up and have their library card in time for the visit (it's completely free!)



## Breaking down barriers to reading – Barrington Stoke

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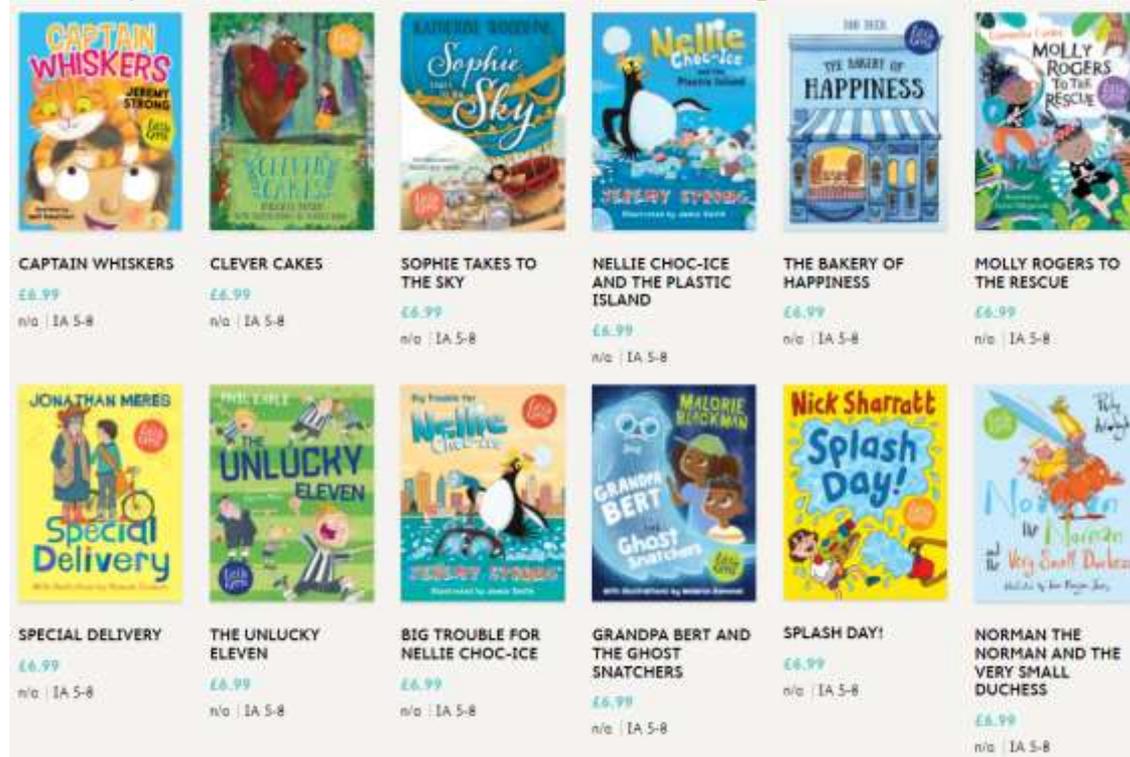
Every child can be a reader

Barrington Stoke are an established publishing company. For over 20 years, they have been publishing readable books to help every child unlock a love of reading. Alongside award-winning and engaging stories from some of the best writers, their books contain a whole host of specialist features designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers. This means that their books are accessible to all children so that everyone can enjoy them!

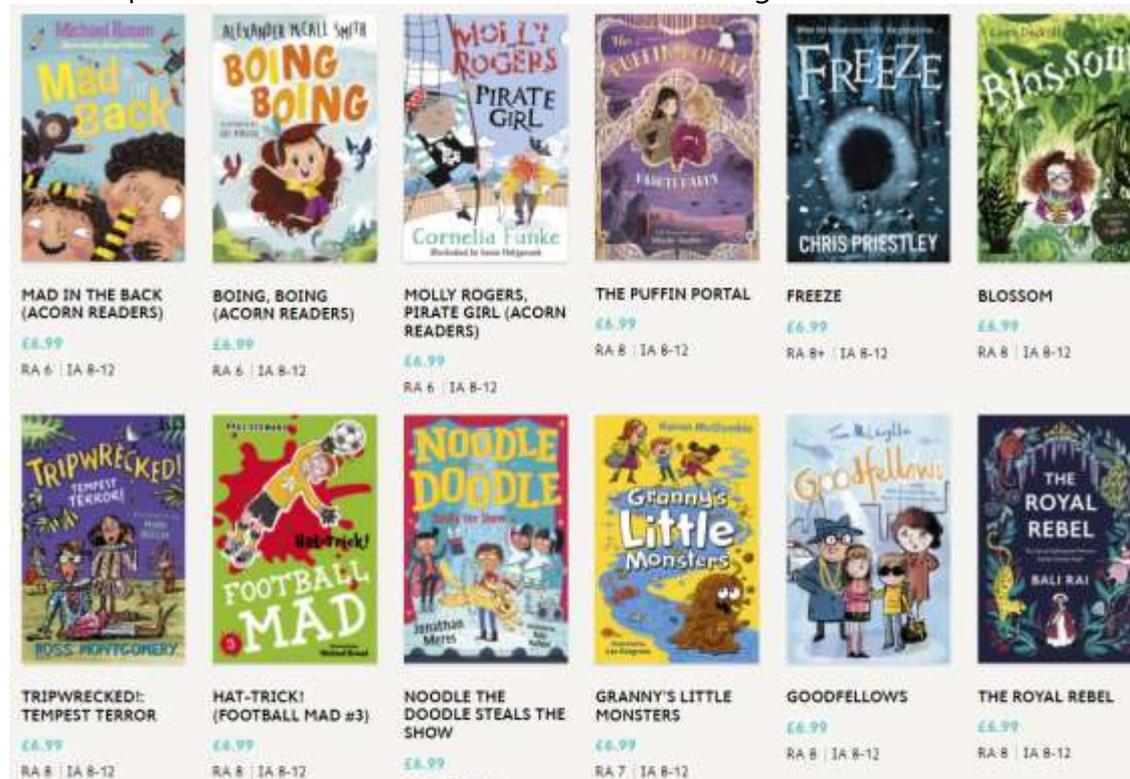
Their website provides useful tips, a free downloadable sample book and also has a 'chat' tool, where you can discuss which books may be best for your child:

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/dyslexic-reluctant-readers/>

An example of some of their books aimed at children aged 5 to 8:



An example of some of their books aimed at children aged 8 to 12:



Remember that you can also ask Easingwold Library if they are able to get particular books that you are interested in, so you don't necessarily have to buy them yourself.

# Book Box Subscriptions

*We need your help (please!)*



For the past year, we have been fortunate enough for our wonderful school community of parents, carers and grandparents sponsoring a box of high-quality books. Unfortunately now, we have run out of sponsorship and so the children are no longer receiving these amazing books from 'Reading Rocks!'

Could you help to sponsor a class to receive TWO brand new books?

- One book box costs **JUST £16.50!**
- Each box will usually contain two books (sometimes more!) and is sent directly to the class for them to excitedly open up.
- Books will be new releases.
- Often, books are signed by the author.
- There is a new box sent out each half term – that's 6 boxes per class, per year.
- Books will be posted to arrive at the end of JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY.
- They will gradually build up a collection of high-quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry from a range of authors, for children to develop their love of reading and explore something new. You could help to leave a legacy in your chosen class!
- Postage is **INCLUDED** in the price!

## **To donate a box:**

Please go to the appropriate link below.

*Please note that if you click on more than one link it may automatically add a different class box to your basket, so please check before you purchase.*

***The deadline for getting a box sent to us this half term, is ordering by 6<sup>th</sup> March (orders can still be made after then but will be delivered later in one of the other half-termly slots)***

To buy the Apple Class 1 box (Reception) :

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=QGW36FLNEZR7W](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QGW36FLNEZR7W)

Beech Class (Year 1 and 2) box:

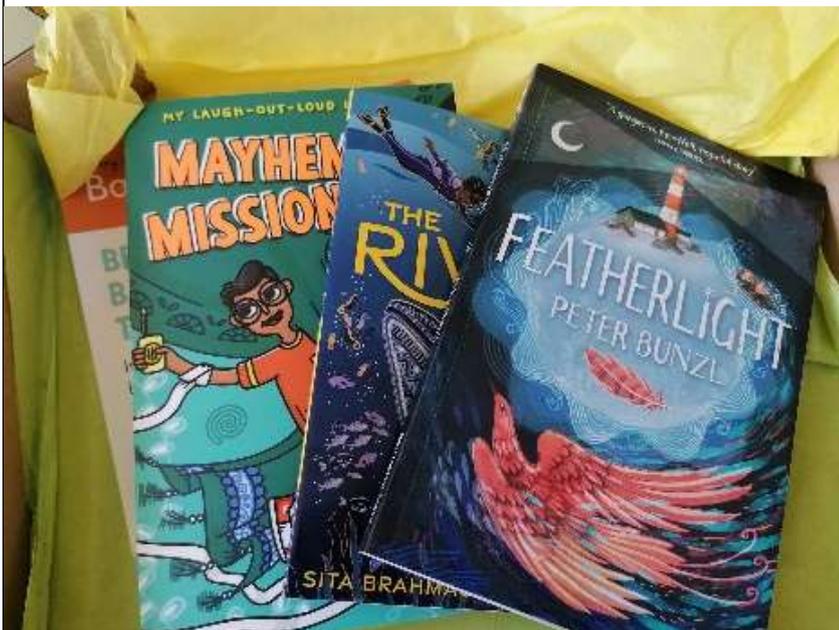
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Holly Class (Year 3 and 4) box:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=F4VMRAVUY7F4U](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=F4VMRAVUY7F4U)

Oak Class (Year 5 and 6) box:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=CMHGGNSDBLGZ6](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=CMHGGNSDBLGZ6)



*From everyone at Crayke C of E Primary School, a HUGE thank you to anyone who is able to sponsor a box of books.*

*Please remember that the most important thing you can do, is to read to your child regularly and help to instil that passion for books, so please do not worry if you are unable to sponsor.*