



# Reading Newsletter



Summer 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, it has been another busy term. The children have continued to impress with their hard work and enthusiasm when exploring and engaging with a range of texts in class and at home.

**Reading Journals:** It is great to see the wonderful commitment to reading at home, and these children have really impressed their teachers this year with their commitment and dedication to reading with excellent reading journals.

1R Jack Hourihan  
 2R Jahiem King  
 3R Olivia Kelly  
 4R Neha Kerai  
 5R Olivia Bravo  
 6R Christo Stoilov

1S Ailbhe Connaughton  
 2S Serafim Voloseniuc  
 3S Jason Ha  
 4S Cristina Rionda-Yau  
 5S Emily Francis  
 6S Ellie Murphy



**Scholastic Book Fair:** After a very successful Book Fair in the Autumn Term, we are pleased to inform you that we will be running another Book Fair straight after half term. Please note that we will be accepting both card and cash payments for the purchase of books and merchandise.

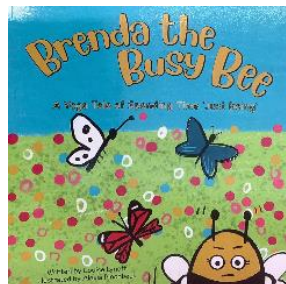


**Dates: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Times: 3.10 – 3.40pm**

**Where: KS2 Playground, under the canopy.**

**Author Visit:** Early years were extremely lucky to have an author visit from Louise Lynott. She shared with them her brilliant book 'Brenda the Busy Bee – A Yoga Tale of Spending Time Just Beeing', which encourages mindful movement and breathing. The children loved the book and the yoga session they received!



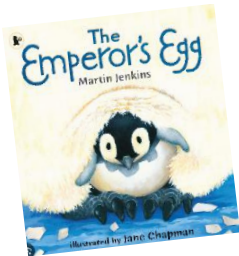
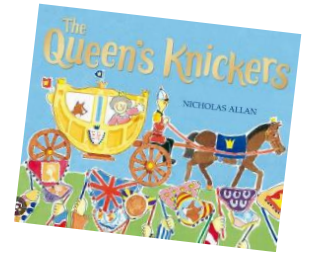
*Following Jesus' footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness.*



# What We Have Been Reading....

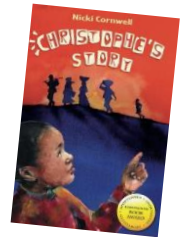
**One of the 'subjects in focus' for the Summer Term is Geography. Each year group has selected a text with a theme that links to their Geography focus.**

**Year 1** have been reading 'The Queen's Knickers' about a girl who day-dreams about a school visit from the Queen and imagines a parade of all the different knickers she might own, and wonders which knickers she might choose for a school trip. The children were inspired to write character descriptions about Queen Camilla using a range of adjectives, verbs and prepositions.



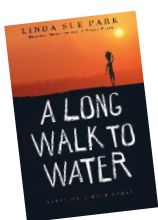
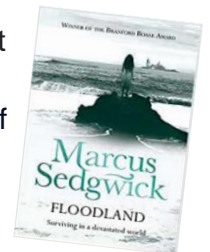
**Year 2** have been reading 'The Emperor's Egg' where the Emperor penguin is the only large animal to remain on the Antarctic mainland throughout its bitterly inhospitable winter. It follows the male Emperor's journey where he has to keep the egg warm in the freezing cold until it hatches. After reading this story, Year 2 wrote their own recounts of the story.

**Year 3** have been reading 'Christophe's Story' about a young Rwandan refugee now living in the UK. Christophe finds it challenging to settle into his new life, in a new school and having to learn a new language. After reading all about Christophe, Year 3 wrote new scenes from the book by writing their own playscripts, which they then confidently acted out.



**Year 4** have been learning about sustainability and how to look after the planet through the book, 'Sona Sharma Looking after Planet Earth' where the protagonist combats climate change after learning about the climate crisis at school. Feeling very worried that no one is doing enough to combat it, she takes up the challenge herself. Inspired by this, Year 4 have been writing their very own sustainability stories.

**Year 5** have been reading 'Floodlands' which is set in the near future on the east coast of England. It tells the story of a girl who, having been mistakenly left behind by her parents escaping from the flood, she heads off to find them but ends up in the hands of a mob of nasty men on a small island. After reading this compelling story, Year 5 have been writing their own fantasy stories.



**Year 6** have been reading the story 'A Long Walk to Water' that teaches about water conditions in South Sudan, Africa. The story is told from two perspectives, a girl named Nya and a boy named Salva and the reader follows their journeys through Sudan with little water, and little family. Year 6, wrote persuasive speeches about one of the hard decisions that the characters had to face.