



Coulston Reading Newsletter

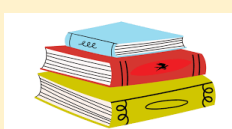
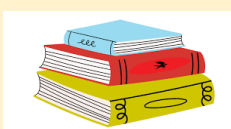
Spring Term 2025

Heather Maisner Visit

We were lucky enough to be visited by a real author!
She shared her stories with each class, and answered
questions about self-publishing. Heather also gave Yrs
5&6 a sneaky preview of a book she is currently writing!

<http://www.heathermaisner.com/>

Visit her website for more information about her
stories.





Storytelling Week and World Book Day

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World Book Day was a delight for all, as the school filled with costumed characters, avid readers and a general buzz about books!



Over the spring term, we have enjoyed so many 'Reading for Pleasure activities', including:

- A visit from a self-publishing author, Heather Maisner
- Classes gathered for a 'Big Comfy Read' in the hall, where they shared stories with different aged children
- Online lessons, such as The Great Big Footie and Bookie Quiz, a countrywide event run by the Literacy Trust
- Lots of teacher swaps, where teachers read their favourite story to the children in other classes

A big thank you to our Reading Ambassadors, who have helped to run a Book Club on a Thursday lunchtime. This is a very popular spot for children to enjoy sharing stories from our library, and children read to each other.





Big Book Swap



Thank you to all the families who have brought in books ready for the Big Book Swap. We are hoping to have enough books to be able to hold the event next term.

Keep bringing in quality books that your child doesn't read any more - particularly in KS2.

And thank you in general for all the book donations families have made to boost our Library, they are much appreciated by the children throughout the school. We are looking for KS2 books such as comic novels or graphic novels, and magazines please.





Our Authors of the Month have been:

January

Tom Fletcher

After writing songs with his band McFly for several years, Tom Fletcher turned his hand to writing stories. He is one half of the duo behind the bestselling *Dinosaur That Pooped* series. As well as writing, Tom continues to be a singer-songwriter and guitarist.

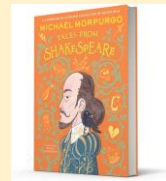


February

Michael Morpurgo



Sir Michael Andrew Morpurgo, OBE, FRSL is the author of many books for children, five of which have made into films. He also writes his own screenplays and libretti for opera. Born in St Albans, Hertford in 1943, he was evacuated to Cumberland during the last years of the Second World War, then returned to London, moving later to Essex. After a brief and unsuccessful spell in the army, he took up teaching, started to write. He left teaching after ten years in order to set up 'Farms for City Children' with his wife. They have three farms in Devon, Wales and Gloucestershire, open to inner city school children who can come to stay and work with the animals.



March

Julia Donaldson

Julia says 'Two of my great passions are for drama and music. Having come to book-writing via song-writing, I often write in verse, and the sound of the words is as important to me as their sense. I've always enjoyed performing my own stories and songs, and have observed how most children also love acting and singing, which do wonders for their self-confidence...'

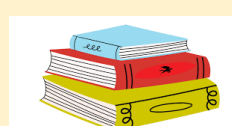
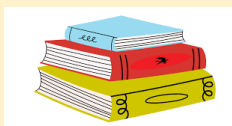
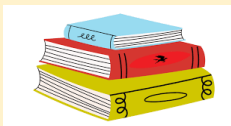


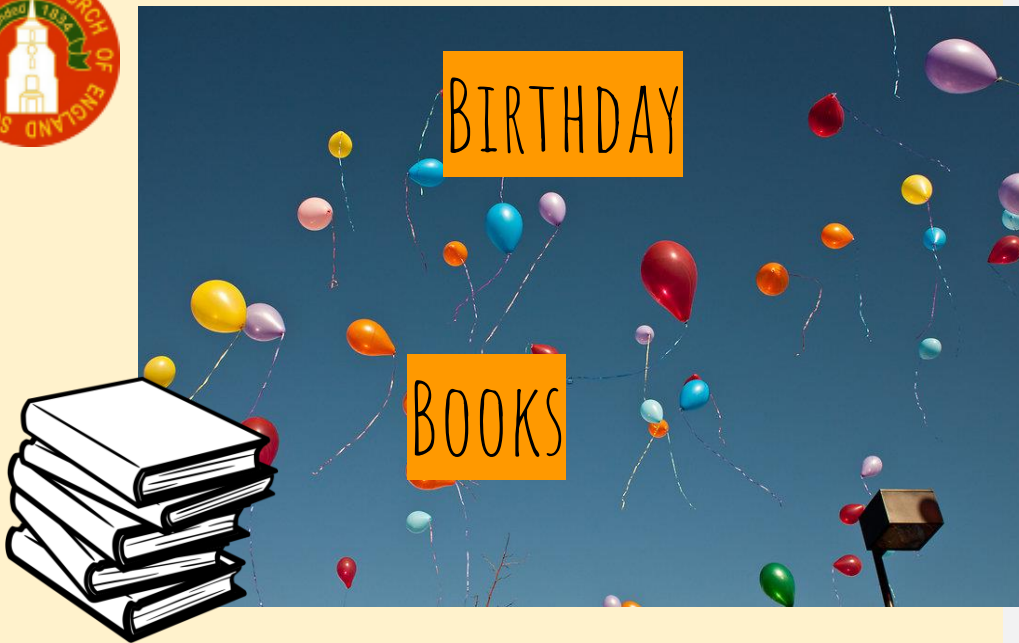
April

David Walliams



David Walliams might have written one of your most favourite books ever! But did you know that he's the biggest selling children's author to have started writing since the year 2000? Not only that, you can also read his books (there's 42 of them!) in over 55 languages, and he's sold over 55 million copies worldwide! There are picture books, junior fiction, short stories and fiction for 9+ readers! Each one has family laughs guaranteed for every age and reading ability!



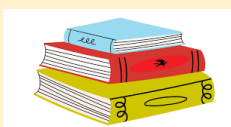


A huge thank you for all the birthday books that have been donated to the classes!

The children have been very proud to present their gifted book to the class on their birthday, and the class has increased its shared book library with books relevant to their peers!

Please continue to donate a book on your child's birthday if you can, instead of distributing sweets, in line with our healthy school policy.

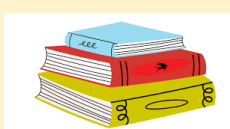
Easter Reading Suggestions





‘I’m wondering what to read next,’ Matilda said. ‘I’ve finished all the children's books.’

Roald Dahl





BENEFITS OF READING TO CHILDREN

