



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

January Reading Newsletter

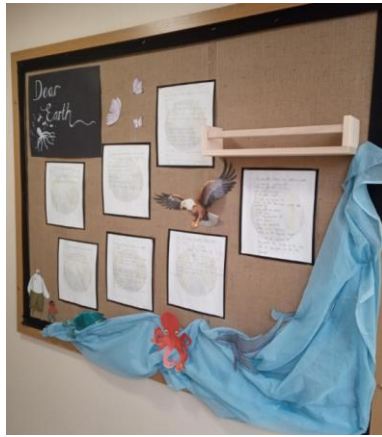
Mrs Heald is still reading:

Finding Bear - The next book in the Hannah Gold Series
This book is taking a while as I am super busy!

Welcome!

Happy new year! We have had such a busy month this month and are back in the swing of things across school.

Our school is looking wonderful this half term: we have lots of exciting displays of writing around school based on the fabulous texts the children have been using in their lessons. The children have been working so hard and are really enjoying the books chosen by their teachers this half term.



School Reading News - World Book Day/Book Fair

This year for World Book Day we would like children to dress up as a word. This can be as simple or imaginative as the children would like e.g. PJs = comfortable, Football Kit = sporty, Party dress = magical

On World Book Day, we shall hold a selection of activities and there will be a timetable of events with each teacher in school for children to take part in. Children are welcome to bring in books they would like to share with others and will be provided with time to read and enjoy books with their peers.

The Reading Ambassadors will also hold a competition in the run up to World Book Day with there being 5 prizes of a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. There will be more information about this closer to the time.

Book Fair Opening

Wednesday 6th March - The children will visit the Book Fair during school hours to make a wish list of books they are interested in

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - Book Fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm

Friday 8th March - Book Fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm

Monday 11th March - Book fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm for final purchases

Our Amazon Wish List

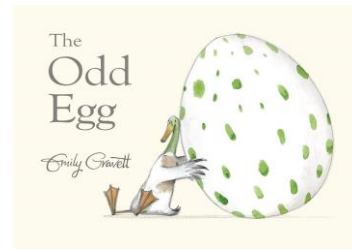
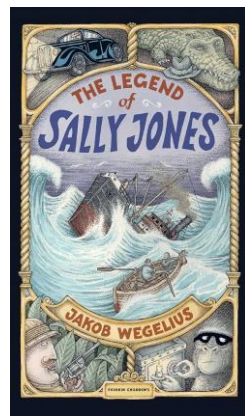
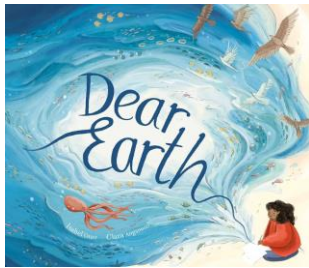
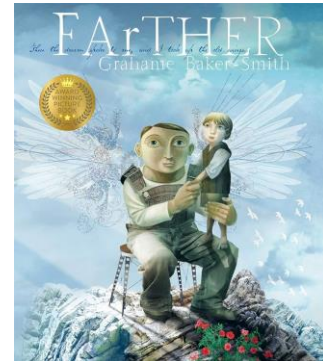
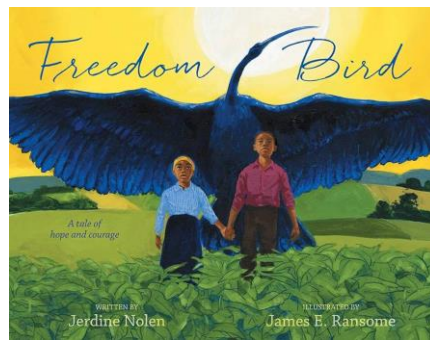
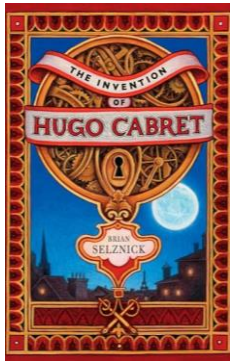
We have recently updated our Amazon wish list and filled it with texts we would love to have in school. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

Please see below for the link

<https://amzn.eu/gW01ELw>

Books of the Month

This month our books of the month are all of the wonderful texts we are currently enjoying across school.



Reading Ambassador Update

The Reading Ambassadors have been busy since the new year. They have now started visiting classrooms across school and reading stories, listening to class novels, sharing book recommendations, helping in reading lessons and getting to know the readers in each of the classes.

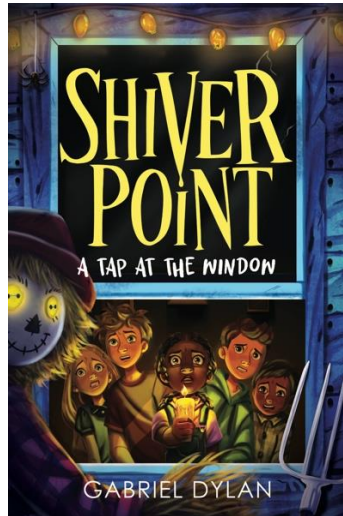
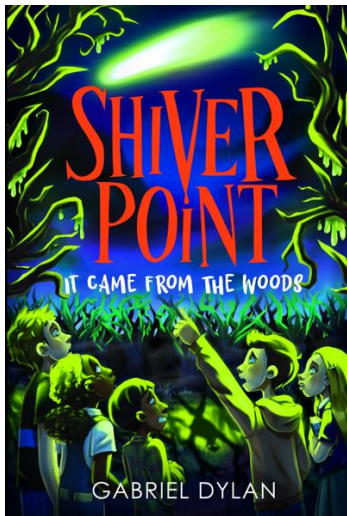
The children across school have enjoyed getting to know their allocated reading ambassador and spending time with them talking about books.

The reading ambassadors will be a crucial part of our World Book Day celebrations and will not only help children write a wish list for the books, they will also stay and help with the running of the book fair. They will be there to guide children with their shopping and keep the book fair neat and organised.

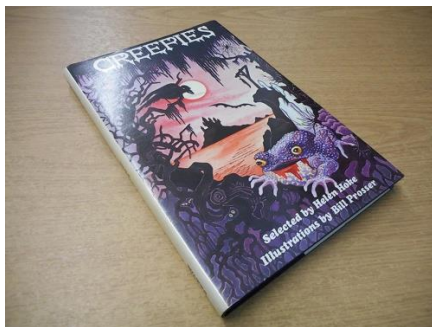
Keep an eye out for further information about the book fair and look for the posters that will appear around school next month.

January's Guest Author

Hi, my name is **Gabriel Dylan** and I write scary stuff for children and teenagers – the first book in my new series *Shiver Point* came out in September, and book 2 is out in February!



I've wanted to be a writer for as far back as I can remember. When I was at primary school, I used to read all the time, mostly comics, and then one day I discovered a book in the reading corner called *Creepies*.



It was a book of short horror stories (my favourite was about a zombie attack on Mars, it sounds silly but it was really scary!). Although I found the stories terrifying, I fell in love, and I knew those were the type of stories I wanted to write myself. I wrote for many years, all through secondary school and when I left school, until one day, quite a few years later, I got the courage to send my first book away to a publisher, and I was lucky enough to get a book deal and see my story in readers' hands.

I think reading is so important – it opens the door to all other subjects, and no matter what you read, as long as you're reading *something* it will help you so much at school. I honestly believe that the only reason I'm lucky enough to be a writer today is because my mum and dad read to me before bed, and encouraged me to read as much as I could. Reading literally made my dreams come true!

Even though I'm busy writing my own stuff now, I still love to read – nothing is better than getting hold of a good book and escaping into another world where anything can happen. There's so many cool books out there now for children, and I find I'm spoilt for choice when I go into a bookshop. I still love to read scary stuff, and if you do too you should check out my new series. It's scary, **but not too scary**, and there's monsters, aliens, and a group of kids that realise it's up to them to save the town from danger.

Happy reading!