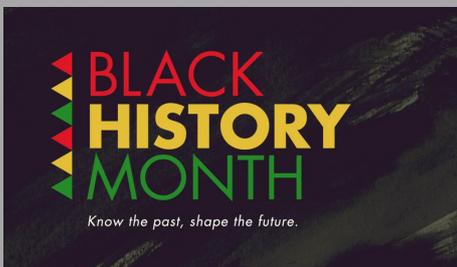


Upcoming Events

- Black History Month
- All through October - Morpeth Waterstones book review challenge (see page 2 for details)
- October 23rd & 24th - Illustration Workshop at [Seven Stories](#)
- 18th November - Local author visiting Year 5 & 6
- All through November - Nursery's 45 Bedtime Story Challenge

Black History Month

The main aims of Black History Month are to celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people not just in the UK, but throughout the world and also to educate all on black history.



This Week in school...

It has been another very busy week with lots of lovely reading happening across the school.

If you have a child in **Year 1 or Year 2**, you have probably noticed some **Buddy Reading** stickers in their reading records. Our lovely **Year 6** children have been spending time on a Wednesday afternoon supporting the younger children with their reading. It's fair to say that all the children involved absolutely love taking taking part. **Year 2** have produced a wonderful Reading Journey display in their classroom to record all the books they have read together and to share their thoughts. They have given 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine, a whopping 10 out of 10!



Year 1 have enjoyed the story 'What You Shouldn't do at School' by Joshua McManus. They found the child's behaviour very funny and have used their enjoyment of the book to write sentences about their favourite part. **Nursery** have also been chatting about their lovely story this week, 'After the Storm' by Nick Butterworth. It has some beautiful illustrations and has helped the children to talk about feelings.

Year 4 have shared the heart-warming story of Greyfriars Bobby which is set in a church in Edinburgh. They have also read about the challenges that astronauts face when exploring Mars and have begun to use Bug Club Independent in the class to enhance their independent reading. Meanwhile, next door in **Year 3** the children have been creating actions to go along with 'Stone Age Boy' and they are using the book to inspire their own writing. **Year 3** have also been getting to grips with Bug Club Independent and have done some wonderful reading and comprehension work both at home and at school.

Reception have been reading all about the seasons this week and have been exploring non-fiction books about the autumn.



Books That Celebrate Black History



Sulwe By Lupita Nyong'o • Vashti Harrison (Illustrator)

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From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colourism, self-esteem and learning that true beauty comes from within.

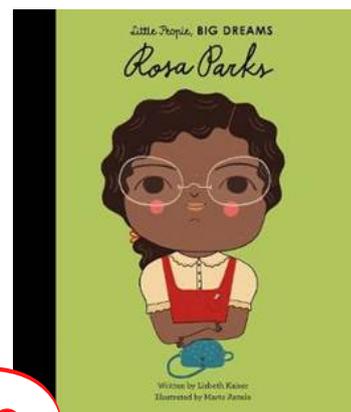
(Penguin.co.uk)

Rosa Parks - Little People, Big Dreams Author: Lisbeth Kaiser Illustrator: Marta Antelo

The Little People, Big Dreams series does it again: this book about Rosa Parks is yet another astounding and eye-welling read that will make you cheer on an historical icon.

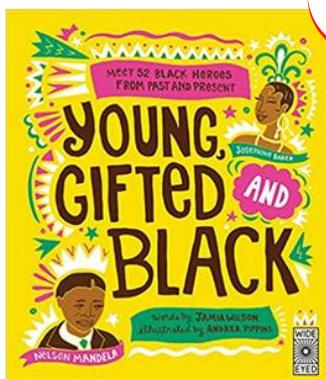
Like the others in the series, this one includes a big chunk about Rosa Parks' childhood, to make it easier for younger readers to identify with her.

(Booktrust.org.uk)



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Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present Author: Jamia Wilson Illustrator: Andrea Pippins

This beautiful and eye-catching hardback celebrates a selection of black icons from history and the present day to inspire all children to discover what they can achieve.

(Booktrust.org.uk)

Waterstones Book Review Competition

Don't Forget!

Exciting News!

The lovely staff at Waterstones in Morpeth are offering one lucky winner the chance to receive their **children's book of the month** as well as a **voucher** for their bookshop. This competition is open to all ages across the school.

All you have to do is **write, record or type** a brief book review of a spooky story you have enjoyed in 50 words or less. Don't forget to hand it in to Mrs Sligo before the 20th of October.

Winner will be announced in next week's reading newsletter!

