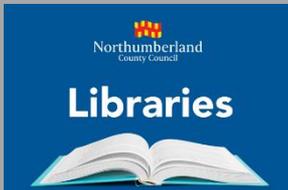


Upcoming Events

- All through November - Nursery's 45 Bedtime Story Challenge
- Library Van in Pegswood - 8th of December from 15:45 to 16:45
- 4th Dec - 3rd Jan Percy the Park Keeper Winter Walk at Cragside, Rothbury.

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This Week in school...



Jacob made his own book in class and then worked with Mum at home to finish it off.

This week **Year 2** have been reading poems about families. The children discussed what they liked about each poem and were able to choose their favourite poem.

Reception have been reading The Three Billy Goats Gruff as part of their Once Upon a Time theme. Some of the children decided to re-arrange our reading area, this led to a discussion about what kinds of books the children would want to read. We noted everyone's ideas down and checked the reading area 'stock'. They suggested we have a library which the children have enjoyed so much and the coffee machine too! They have been fascinated looking at the different genres, magazines, newspapers and their choice of books.

This week **Year 4** have been reading two dramatic chapters of Christophe's Story and sequencing the events ready to perform as a story telling activity next week. We have also been learning our Makaton song for Children in Need and exploring the history of Pudsey Bear to make our own information poster.

Our story in **Nursery** this week has been 'Say hello to the jungle animals!'. The children have enjoyed learning about jungle animals and watching Andy's adventures where he has met some jungle animals. We have loved our animal puppets in the ECAT/Talk for writing area.

Year 3 have read poems by Roger McGough and Christina Rossetti. We have looked at alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification and rhyme and talked about the effect they have on poems. We have also continued to read a selection of poems for Year 3 by Pie Corbett.



Pictures of the fabulous Reception reading area.



Watch out for this sign - it means you have come across one of Mrs Sligo's favourite books!



Christmas Competition
Coming Soon...

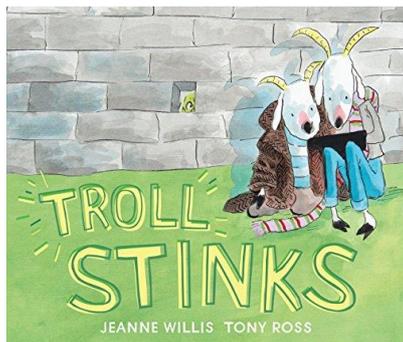
This week, **Year 1** have read "Knuffle Bunny" this week, about a child that loses their favourite toy. We brought in our soft toys and we are preparing to write our own lost toy story.

The **Year 5** children have started appearing with Chris Riddell books this week! It is absolutely brilliant to see them inspired by the book we have been studying. The impact on their writing has been clear to see too as they have produced some fantastic character descriptions full of detail and interesting vocabulary.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Kylie Dixon this week. It seems we have lots of budding artists and illustrators just raring to go with their own children's story ideas - FANTASTIC! We are looking forward to reading the rest of Kylie's first book and developing our own characters.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

KS1



Troll Stinks By Jeannie Willis & Tony Ross

This is a great choice of book for exploring the topic of cyberbullying with young children. Billy the Goat and his friend Cyril are playing with a phone when they decide to send mean messages to the troll living under the bridge. Soon the two friends discover that their online actions have had a big impact on troll's feelings and that their messages were not such a fun idea after all.

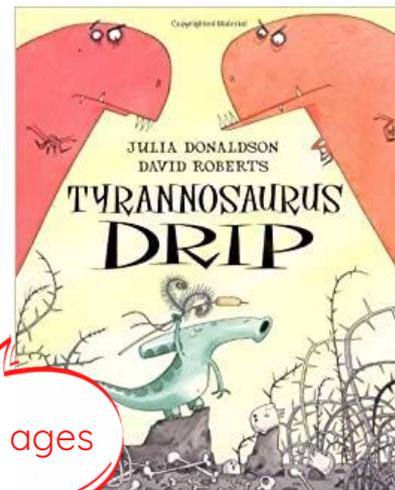
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Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson & David Roberts

Tyrannosaurus Drip, a little peace-loving vegetarian dinosaur, never fits in with his adopted family of fierce Tyrannosaurus. After putting up with lots of bullying from the other dinosaurs, Drip runs away to find a place where he really belongs and soon he finds the inspiration to stand up to the bullies. .

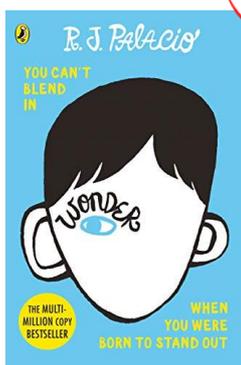
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All ages

UKS2

Wonder By R.J. Palacio



August Pullman (Auggie) has a severe facial deformity and is home-educated until the age of 10, when he begins to attend school. The story is not just told from Auggie's perspective, but also through the eyes of his family and friends - following his fears and challenges as he comes to terms with other children's reactions to his appearance. It's an emotional journey and a superb book to start discussions about accepting people for who they are, empathy and the importance of friendships.

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On Thursday, the Year 5 and 6 children met **Kylie Dixon** - Author and illustrator of The Magical World of Mushroom Marvelous Books.

Kylie, who is from Seaham, wrote and illustrated two children's books during the last 18 months, with Book 1 selling over 500 copies in the first few months of publication. Kylie was this year's featured artist at the Durham Children's Book Festival.

Her work as an artist (with an interest in mushrooms) influenced her allotment based stories and helped her to develop her fungi characters.

Kylie talked to the children about how she achieved her dreams of becoming an artist and children's author and she spent time encouraging them to follow and achieve their own dreams.

We have been reading Kylie's first book in class and we are using her inspirational characters to create ideas of our own.

You can find out more about Kylie and the wonderful world of Mushroom Marvelous here:
<https://magicalworldofmushroommarvellous.com/>

