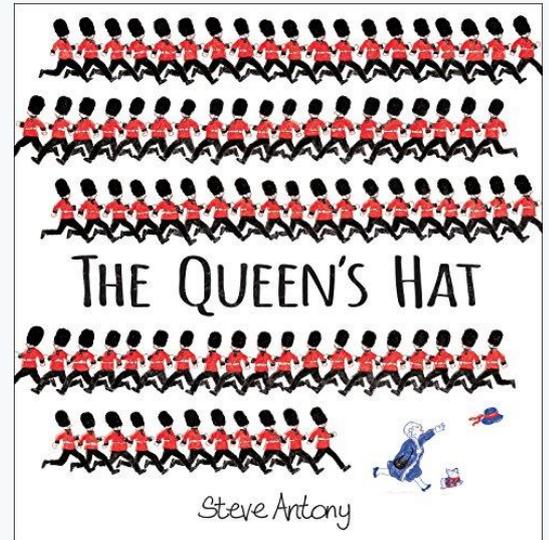


## This week in school...

This week in school we have shared the wonderful picture book 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Antony. This book is part of our jubilee display in the library and has lots of lovely activities to go along with it. The younger children can follow a story trail around the yard and try to spot as many illustrations as possible - see if you can spy any of them at home time.

Some of the older children will be joining a draw-along with the author and illustrator next week, and EVERYONE in school is going to be designing their own queen's hat to be part of a wonderful display. If our display really dazzles, we may even win some more of Steve Antony's books!



You can find out more about Steve Antony [here](#), and you listen to him read his own stories online [here](#).

Have you visited our website recently? You can find lots of information about the reading scheme that we use and how we teach phonics in school. You can find the information by clicking this link, [Phonics & Reading](#)



- Parent Letter
- Parents Guide to Phonics
- Parent Presentation
- Bug Club Reading Support for Parents and Carers
- Bug Club Phonics progression chart



Brilliant website for learning more about the platinum Jubilee and the Queen's life and reign.

<https://www.royal.uk/platinumjubilee>

## Is it sometimes a struggle to get your child to read?

Lots of different things can affect a child's desire to read - one of them is simply not having the right book in their hands. We always encourage our older children to change their books if they are not enjoying them. It sometimes takes a little trial and error to find the right author, book and place to sit. Booktrust have a brilliant list of suggestions for even the most reluctant of readers. [Click here to read.](#)

### 8 books for kids who don't like books

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To celebrate ten years of Barry Loser, author [Jim Smith](#) shares eight books for kids who don't like books.



# What's going on in class?



This week, in Year 3, we have continued our new class reader called 'A Mummy Ate My Homework!' by Thiago De Moraes. In our English lessons this week we have been reading an active learn text called 'Was Tutankhamen Killed?'

This week Nursery have shared the story and song about **Old MacDonald had a farm**. The children have enjoyed learning about farm animals and the names of mother and baby animals. We have also shared farm stories from Usborne Farmyard Tales about Mrs Boot the farmer and all her animals.



This week **Year 4** have been reading stories from the Torah such as David and Goliath. We have been reading about the Sutton Hoo Anglo Saxon mystery in English/History to try to solve the mystery of who was buried on the ship that archaeologists excavated in 1939. We have also been following instructions to make string telephone and to explain how they work!



**Year 5** are getting to the juicy bit in 'The Hobbit' now and have met the new character, Gollum. They have been using their knowledge of the characters to write detailed sentences with relative clauses and will be working towards an extended piece of writing next week.



**Year 6** have been very helpful in the library this week, helping to prepare the Platinum Jubilee display and organizing the books on the shelves. They are flying through their Reading Quest books at them moment and particularly loving the wide range of authors and styles on our Year 6 bookshelf. The junior newspaper 'The Week', is always a very popular choice during quiet reading time.



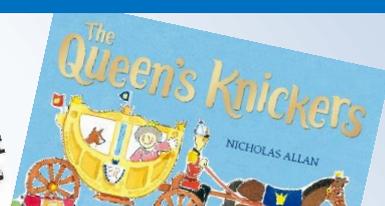
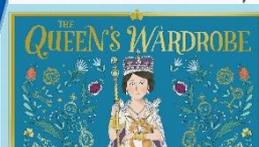
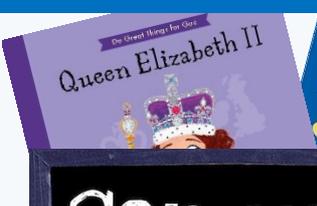
**Reception** have really enjoyed reading the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have loved taking part in some role play and singing the Giant song, we have some excellent mean, greedy, loud Giants in Reception! The story has also led to a lot of debate and discussion about Jack taking the hen and harp. We have had fabulous answers for and against this but also some amazing explanations for their reasoning.



# What's next?



Our brilliant new library management system has now been installed! We will be able to keep track of all our lovely books and teach children in every class how to take responsibility for all our lovely new stock. We now have to start the mammoth task of entering every book into the system – which will take us a little time but will be worth it.



Can you help?

We are looking for parent/carer helpers who might be able to give us some time to listen to readers across the school. If this is something that you would be interested in, please would you send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher. Thank you!