

## Upcoming Events

- 9th November - Live Author Session online for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Don't forget to order your signed books!
- 18th November - Local author visiting Year 5 & 6
- All through November - Nursery's 45 Bedtime Story Challenge
- 4th Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Percy the Park Keeper Winter Walk at Cragside, Rothbury.

## This Week in school...

After a lovely half term break, we are back to business with lots of fabulous reading going on around school. There are new reading displays popping up around the corridors and classrooms and the children are doing brilliantly with their new access to online books with BUG CLUB INDEPENDENT.

In **Year 2** the children have been reading Animal Recipes by Ruth Merritts. They have loved finding out about all their favourite foods and have used the inspiration to create their own wonderful recipes.

**Reception** have started their ONCE UPON A TIME theme with the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. They have chatted about whether wolves are always bad and listened to The True Story of the Three Little Pigs to help them see the story from a different viewpoint. Perhaps the wolf wasn't so bad after all!

**Year 4** have started reading their new eBook in English, which is called Christophe's Story. It is about a boy who has to leave his country in Africa, because of a war, and begin a new life in the UK. They have also transformed into British Intelligence Officers in order to read information about possible German bombings. They had to decide where would be targeted first and were helped to get in role by a German Spy (Mr. Waterfield). They had to keep their mission TOP SECRET!

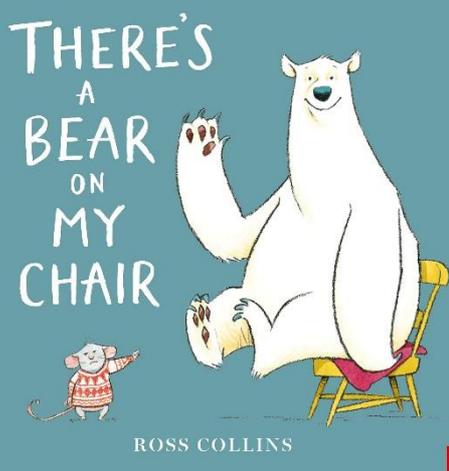
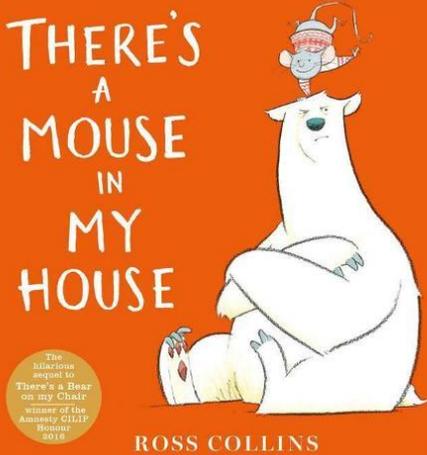
Our **Nursery** children have been reading Snuffles' House - a story all about a little hedgehog whose house is set on fire. The perfect story in preparation for Bonfire Night along with non-fiction eBooks about bonfire and firework safety.

**Year 3** are going to be writing their own poems next week so they have read lots of Halloween and Firework example poems to help them. They have talked about their favourites and explained why they liked them in order to create a poem review.

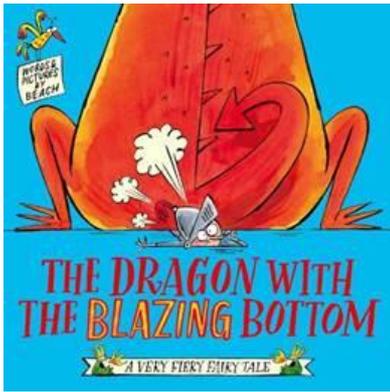
Mrs Vallons has been reading Five Minutes Peace as part of the **Year 1's** familiar stories topic. By the end of the week, the children could confidently retell the story using their own story maps and sentences.

The **Year 5** children are completely enthralled by Goth Girl. Chris Riddell's story writing and illustrations are utterly spellbinding and we are very grateful to Miss Bartley, who has donated some Goth Girl books to us.

**Year 6** have begun a very special project since finding out that bubbles needed to be tightened. They really loved their time with Year 1 and 2 doing Buddy Reading so they have begun recording stories to share so that they can still create a regular reading feature with the younger pupils.



# Bonfire Night Books (well, sort of)



## The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom By Beach

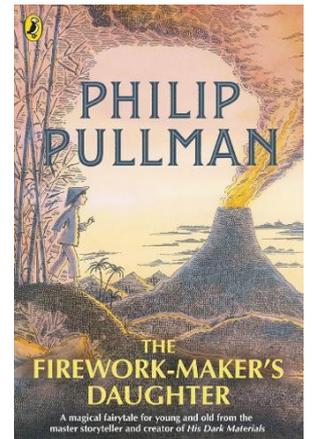
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A delightfully silly rhyming fairy tale story, *The Dragon With the Blazing Bottom* has plenty of laughs and zany illustrations, with an adorable dragon and his loyal adversary who is absolutely dedicated to helping out his friend.  
(Booktrust.org.uk)

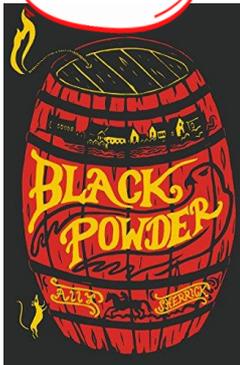
## The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is.

(Waterstones)

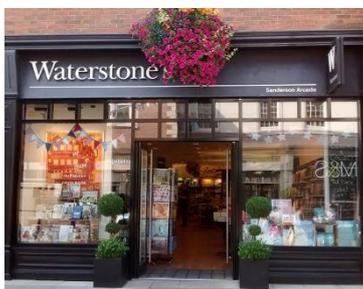


## Black Powder By Ally Sherick



Black Powder tells the story of a boy called Tom, who finds himself at the service of an intriguing stranger called 'The Falcon'. The stranger seems to be the only person who can help Tom to save his father from being hanged, but as Tom journeys towards London he discovers that the Falcon has his own, somewhat explosive, mission in mind. Suddenly Tom is faced with the choice of freeing his father or saving the king from an assassination plot. This gripping adventure will capture imaginations and is likely to resonate with anybody who has ever felt like knowing which people and beliefs to trust can sometimes be extremely difficult.

(Booksfortopics.com)



The first picture book video, created by Year 6, is  
THE COLOUR MONSTER by Anna Lienas



A HUGE thank you to Waterstones in Morpeth for their generous prizes for our recent book review competition.

The runners up received £5 gift vouchers to spend in store and the winner received a brand new book called Frankenstiltskin by Joseph Coelho

A big well done to everyone who took part - there is another competition coming very soon!