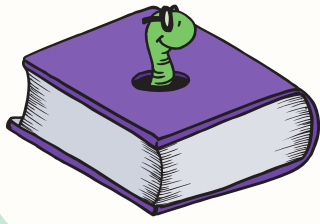
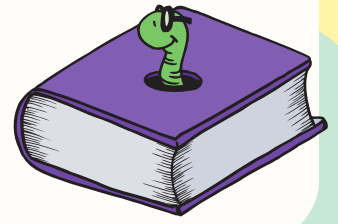




BRAMPTON BOOKWORMS



Reading Newsletter Autumn 1 – 2023



Welcome to the first edition of our Brampton Bookworms newsletter this academic year. This newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it.

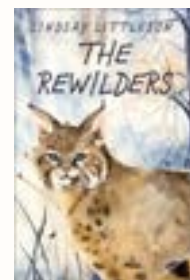
Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening with regard to reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT... LINDSAY LITTLESON

Lindsay Littleson has four grown-up children and lives near Glasgow. An ex-primary teacher, she began writing for children in 2014 and won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel *The Mixed Up Summer of Lily McLean*. *The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean* and *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns* are also published by Floris Books.

In 2015 her WWI novel *Shell Hole* was shortlisted for the Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize and she enjoyed engaging in research so much that she was inspired to write two more historical novels, *A Pattern of Secrets* and *The Titanic Detective Agency*.

She has written a letter to the children in our school (on the next page).



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To everyone at Brampton Village Primary School,

I hope you're all having a brilliant term. When I was a child, my favourite place in the school was the library. Fantasy and historical fiction books were my favourites. What's your favourite story? If you haven't found one yet, keep looking. Somewhere, in a bookshop or on a library shelf, is a story you'll love forever.

Books are so special and so important. Sometimes real-life gets sad or difficult and reading stories can help us realise that we're not alone and that lots of other people have been through the same problems and come out the other side. Also, the whole time we're reading we are developing empathy, that vital ability to stand in other people's shoes. Reading fiction actually makes us kinder people, so be readers.

Occasionally, real-life can get boring, but not when we can lose ourselves in exciting stories. All we have to do is jump aboard that magic carpet, or into that flying car, and we can go on wonderful adventures without ever leaving the building! Do make the most of your school library. You are so lucky to have it.

Keep reading!

Best wishes,
Lindsay Littleson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MEET OUR NEW READING AMBASSADORS!

A huge congratulations to both our returning and new recruits, who expressed a deep interest in supporting reading for pleasure in school. They have already come up with lots of super ideas to spread their passion for reading and will be sharing these with you throughout the year.



Hi, I'm Emmie and I am in 5 Beech. I love to read because it calms me, so I read in bed in the evening. I love the book I am currently reading which is called Super Stars. I am excited about having the experience as an ambassador and working in the library (I especially love alphabetizing the books). I'd like to be a part of organising a visit to the school from Jacqueline Wilson.



Hi, I'm Bella and I'm in 5 Maple. I like reading so much because it's like a mini adventure. I love to read anywhere, but I mostly read in my bedroom because it's peaceful. My favourite author is Laura Ellen Anderson and my favourite book series is her Amelia Fang one. I'm on the second to last book now. The thing I am most looking forward to in my role as reading ambassador is taking part in assemblies. I've never done that before and think it will be a good new challenge for me!



Hello, I'm Huxley and I'm in 5 Willow. I like reading because you can experience things in a world that you don't live in. My favourite author is Anthony Horowitz and I heavily recommend him to any person who likes action and adventure. I am most excited to be a Reading Ambassador because I love hearing different people's opinions about reading and I'd like to organise Anthony Horowitz coming to BVPS or getting a quote from him.

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Hello, I'm Izzy from 6 Beech. I like reading because I feel like my worries leave me when I read and it takes me into a fantasy land. I like to read in my room or on a beach (next to water). My favourite authors are Jeff Kinney and Michael Morpurgo. My favourite book is 'Sometimes', but also the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I am mostly excited about the responsibility of running the library and using the computer! I would love to help organise a book fair this year.



Hello, I'm Amelia from 6 Maple. I like reading because it paints a big, colourful picture in my head. I like reading in my room at home as it's peaceful and there is no one to distract me. My favourite author is David Walliams because his books are so funny and he's such a good writer. My favourite book of his is 'The Ice Monster' as it's such a great adventure story.



Hello, my name is Matthew, and I am in 6 Willow. I like reading because it can make you feel like you are in a different world. An author I would recommend for anyone that likes reading is Liz Pichon since she is very funny. I am very excited to be a reading ambassador because I can help people find books and give suggestions to make the library enjoyable for everyone!

THE YEAR 5 AND 6 LIBRARY



This year, we are rolling out a new library system at the school called Junior Librarian. With the help of our fantastic parent volunteers, the books in the upstairs library have now all been labelled and catalogued. Our new library monitors and reading ambassadors have been working hard to organise the library and have undergone training to help the other children check books in and out. Over the next half term, the online system will be rolled out for the children in Year 5 and 6 to use at home. They will be able to browse library books online, write recommendations for others, create reading lists, and reserve books they fancy reading. Best of all, the system will recommend books to the children based on their previous choices, making it easier for them to find their next great read.

Cataloguing and labelling has already gotten underway in the downstairs library, so we are hoping that they too will be joining the online system later in the year. If any parents are interested in helping with this, please let us know via the school office.

Our new Year 5 library monitors are:

Mason, Tilley-Rose, Hester, Jessie, Charlotte and Scarlett.

Our new Year 6 library monitors are:

Mia, Cataleya, Elsie S, Eva R, Elliot and Alice.



POETRY PROMPTS



BookTrust
backing children reading

booktrust.org.uk
@booktrust

Children's Laureate
2020 - 2022



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

'Poetry Prompts' is Joseph Coelho's flagship project as the prestigious Waterstones Children's Laureate. Through the campaign, Joseph aims to break down the fear often associated with reading and writing and show why poems are for everyone, alongside the joy that writing, reading and performing poetry can bring to our lives.

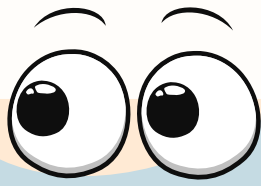
From National Poetry Day onwards, Joseph has shared a weekly 'Poetry Prompt' video to inspire the nation, young and old, to write poems and to become poets. Each video sees him exploring a different subject or technique such as similes, onomatopoeia and figurative language. The bite-sized video series – each lasting under ten minutes – is shared on the Book Trust website every Monday morning. You can also see all his previous posts and resources by using the link below.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/poetry-prompts/poetry-prompts-library/>

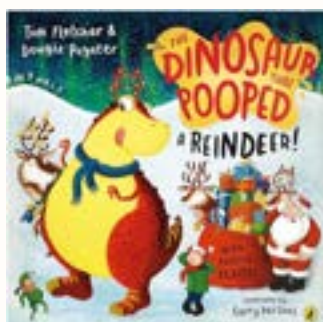
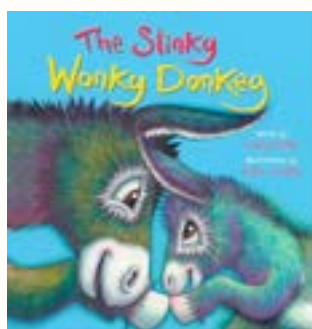


"Poetry Prompts is my invitation to the nation, young and old, to become poets. We turn to poetry at weddings, funerals and births because it goes beyond mere words and translates the soul. But there is baggage associated with poetry that I want everyone to put down – to allow everyone to reclaim the birth right of poet. So often I've met children and adults scared to put pen to paper, terrified of 'getting it wrong' – this has repercussions in all aspects of life. I want to show everyone that poetry is for them, that we can enjoy the rules and break the rules."

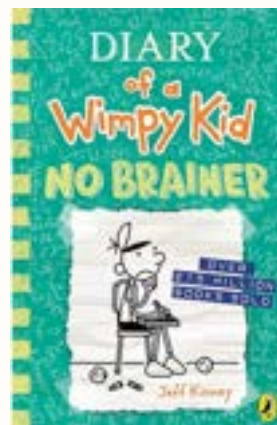
NEW RELEASES TO LOOK OUT FOR...



Foundation and Key Stage One...



Key Stage Two...



COMPETITION TIME!

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by BBC Teach, where you can find all the instructions and resources you will need to enter. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

The Rules

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount a historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment



To enter, go to : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile>

EXCITING AUTHOR EVENTS NEAR US!



The BEAST and the BETHANY

Welcome award-winning author
Jack Meggitt-Phillips
to celebrate his book **On Monday
6 November**

*The Beast and the Bethany:
Child of the Beast*

"A funny and (bone) cracking good read"
Michelle Harrison, author of
A Pinch of Magic

Event followed
by book sale
and signing.

The BEAST and the BETHANY: CHILD OF THE BEAST
JACK MEGGITT-PHILLIPS

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On Monday 6th November 2023

4 – 5:30 pm

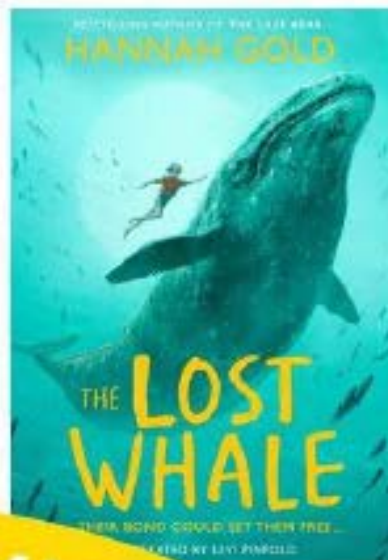
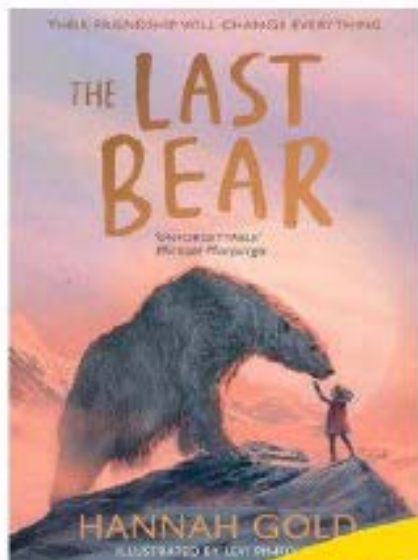
Recommended for age 7+

Huntingdon Methodist Church

£3 per child, adults FREE

**Tickets: from the Bookshop or
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6812268668**

EXCITING AUTHOR EVENTS NEAR US!



AUTHOR VISIT

Tuesday 28 November 2023

at 4pm. Recommended for age 7+
Huntingdon Methodist Church

Join Hannah Gold to hear about her
passion for storytelling, the environment
and animals.

Tickets £3 per child, available in store or
Eventbrite and can be redeemed against
any of Hannah's books.



Admission plus a copy of her new book
'Finding Bear' is £9.00
Photos, booksigning and questions at
the end of the event.

Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/705233180427



Why Read?



**Research proves that
reading for pleasure
can help us to:**

**Improve our literacy
and communication
skills**

**Feel less lonely and
isolated**

**Improve our social
skills**

**Get a job and
progress at work**

**Reduce symptoms
of depression**

**Increase our self-
esteem and feel
more confident**

**Open a door to
other cultures and
perspectives**

**Feel less stressed
and anxious**

**Be more creative
and imaginative**

**Do better at school,
right across the
curriculum**

**Get a better night's
sleep**