

Our school has been buzzing with Reading for Pleasure news since we opened our doors, after the summer break, on September 5th.

- Children's librarian, Tracy Hagar, was delighted to see so many Staverton pupils visiting Trowbridge Library over the summer. Approximately 40 children from Staverton School completed the Summer reading challenge. Well done to you all!
- We now have our own Pop Up Bookshop in the foyer, outside the office. If you are looking for inspiration for what your child(ren) could read next, then pop along and browse the shelves. There is no obligation to buy. It is worth a visit as the shelves are packed full of interesting reads.
- Yellow Lighted Bookshop has also hosted a highly successful Book Fayre over the past few weeks.
- Some classes celebrated National Poetry Day on October 6th by reading and sharing their favourite poems. Year 5/6 went outside onto the playground and charked their favourite lines on the ground for all to see!
- Children's author, Alex Cotter, visited our school on Thursday 6th November. The children and adults had a wonderful time listening to her speak, sharing writing tips and story ideas.
- Year 5/6 had a wonderful Zoom call with Sophie Anderson, author of The House With Chicken Legs. Sophie was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and probing questions.



What a wonderful start to the year!



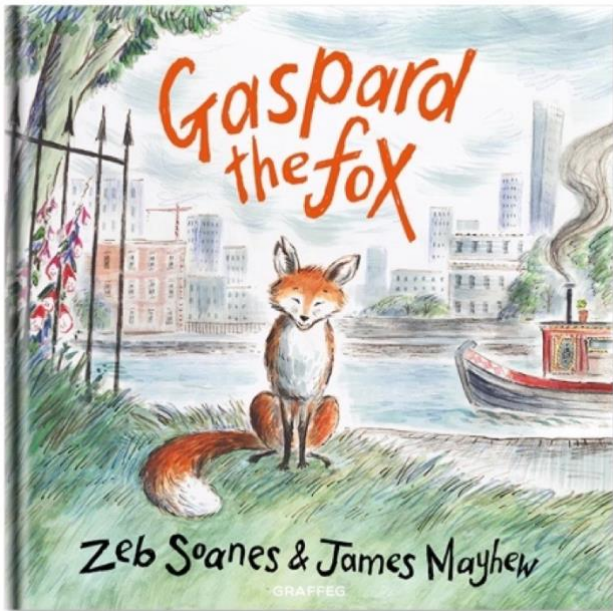
Meet the teacher!



Who am I?

Who am I dressed up as?

Answers at the bottom of this page!



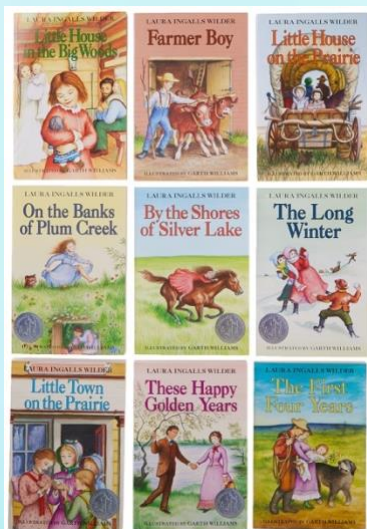
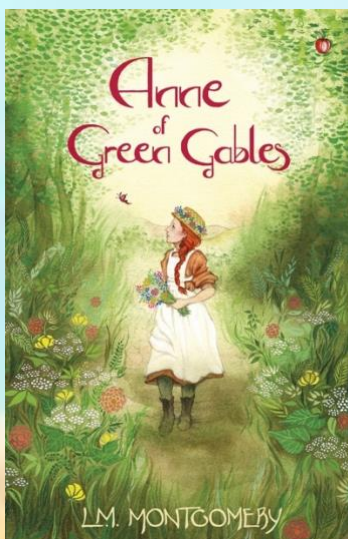
What is your favourite book?

Gaspard the Fox by Zeb Soanes and James Mayhew

What is your favourite book from your childhood? Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Where is your favourite place to read? In my garden

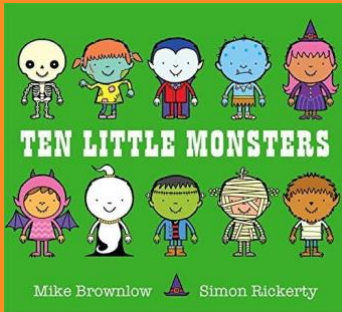
Which book character would you most like to be? Anne Shirley from Anne of Green Gables



The above photograph shows Mrs Harvey dressed up as Florence from Amelia Fang



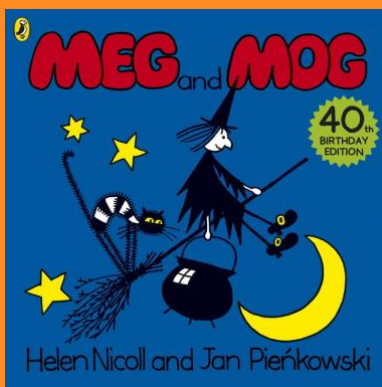
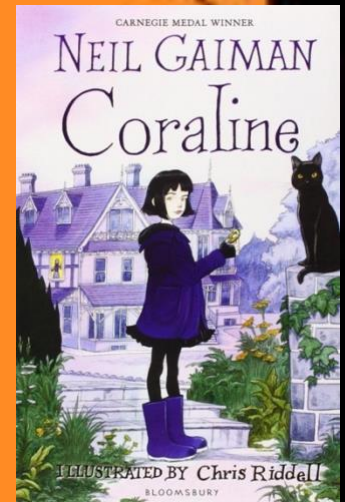
Top choices for Halloween



Ten Little Monsters by Mike Brownlow Ten little monsters set off in search of adventure and encounter plenty of ghosties and ghouls on their way. This lovely rhyming counting book offers all the fun of Halloween and trick or treating and none of the scare factor for younger readers.

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

There's another house lurking inside Coraline's new home. Another mother and father live in the other house; they have black-button eyes and papery skin and they're waiting for Coraline to join them forever... A sinister, spooky modern must-read from graphic-novel master Neil Gaiman.

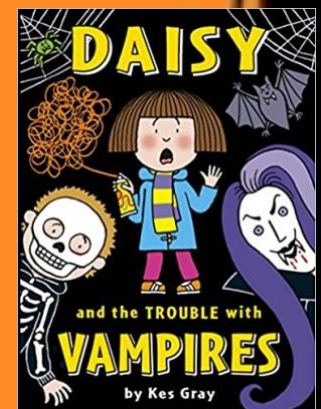


Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski

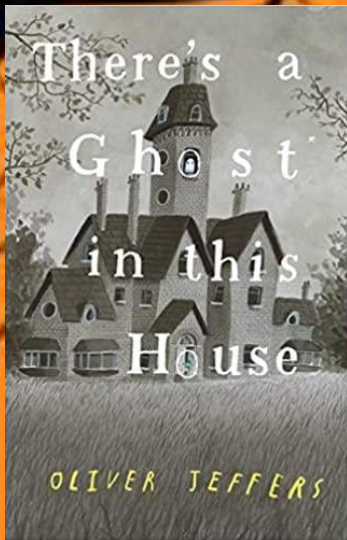
The very first story starring classic picture-book characters Meg the witch and Mog and cat. After choosing clothes from her witch wardrobe and enjoying a witch's breakfast, Meg flies off to meet her witch friends for some spell-making at a Halloween party, but the spell doesn't exactly go according to plan...

Daisy and the Trouble with Vampires by Kes Gray

Daisy's not exactly keen on Halloween, or on Jack Beechwhistle's stories about zombie graveyards under the classroom, or on trick-or-treaters... Luckily she has a plan to defend herself against the supernatural. And things might go according to plan...



Goth Girl and the Sinister Symphony : Gothic but definitely funny rather than terrifying, the Goth Girl series from former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell is packed with tightrope-slipper-wearing heroines, psychic governesses and lords who are mad, bad and dangerous to gnomes. *Sinister Symphony* is the latest book in the series, but the first three are just as packed with literary references for Gothic-loving grownups and wonderfully-plotted silliness for younger readers. Enchanting (in a ghoulish kind of way).

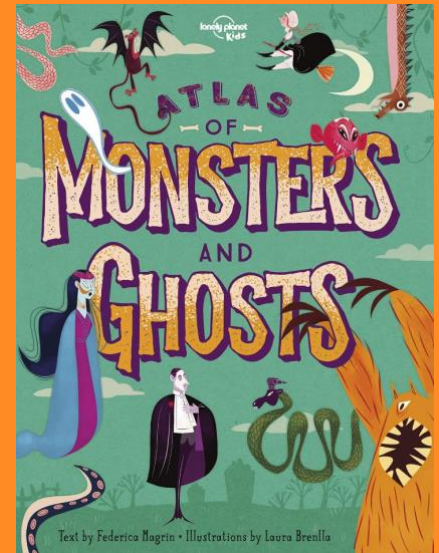


There's a Ghost in this House by Oliver Jeffers

The new picture book from world-renowned artist Oliver Jeffers tells a ghost story with a difference by encouraging the reader to peek through transparent pages to spot the phantoms a little girl is searching for. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Follow her on a ghost hunt through a mansion that's haunted... or is it? A lovely (non-scary) story to pore over with a young child.

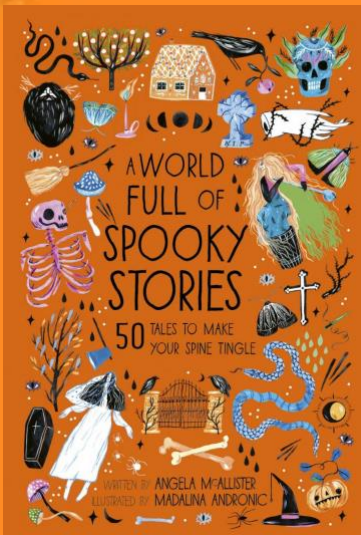
Atlas of Monsters and Ghosts

Join monster hunter Van Helsing on a trip around the globe to find haunted castles, restless spirits, terrifying dragons, wicked witches, and beasts. Continent by continent, you'll be equipped to spot (and defeat) each creature, having learnt about its defining characteristics. Can you tell your orcs and trolls from your gremlins, krakens and bunyips?



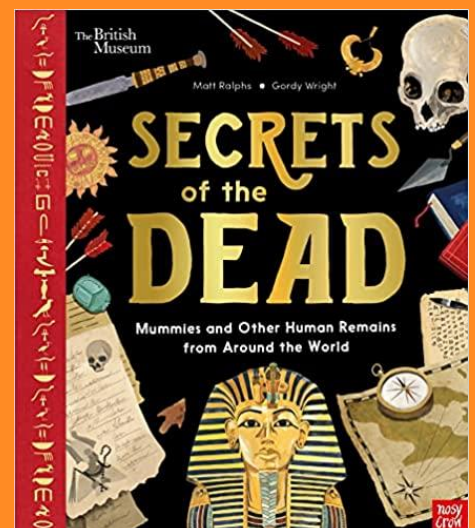
A World Full of Spooky Stories: Travel round

the world, one scary story at a time, with a child-friendly collection of chilling traditional tales from different cultures; meet the bunyip, explore a graveyard and come face to face with Baba Yaga on her house with chicken legs. Each story is the perfect length for cosy, curled-up bedtime reading and beautifully illustrated, well-known stories from European tradition are complemented by tales from the Inuit, West African, Australian, Persian and Tibetan worlds, amongst others.



Secrets of the Dead: Travel back in time to discover secrets of mummies and other human remains from around the world in this fascinating book, publishing 100 years after the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb.

From ancient Egyptian mummies and European bog bodies to the plaster citizens of Pompeii, painted people of the Steppe and Japanese self-mummifying monks, this book reveals what scientists and experts have uncovered about our ancestors' lives from the bodies they left behind. Find out what these people ate, wore, believed in, enjoyed doing and much, much more in this unique and stunningly illustrated book.





Dates for your diary

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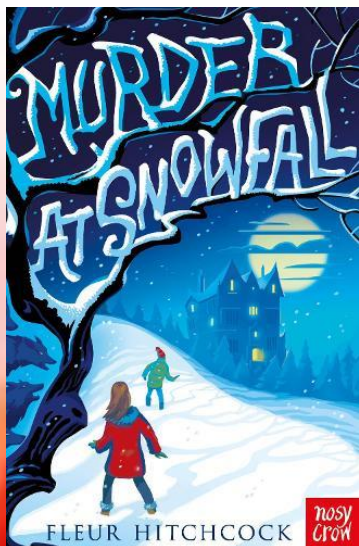
Waterstones

1st November 2022

Join local children's author, Fleur Hitchcock, for an evening of drinks and nibbles in Waterstones in Bath to celebrate her new book *Murder at Snowfall* which is set in Bath. This is a *free* event but you will need to book online before going.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/murder-at-snowfall-launch-party-tickets-427258500677>

Murder at Snowfall is a gripping thriller for readers who like danger, mystery, chills and spills from the comfort of their sofas. When Lucas and Ruby find an abandoned truck covered in snow, Lucas says there's bound to be a body inside. Ruby laughs but what if he's right? Nervously she starts to open it and immediately wishes she hadn't. From that moment on, they're drawn into a thrilling mystery, one that they have to solve before the falling snow smothers all trace of wrongdoing...



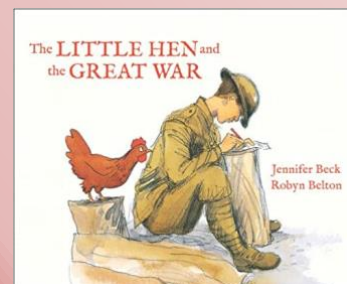
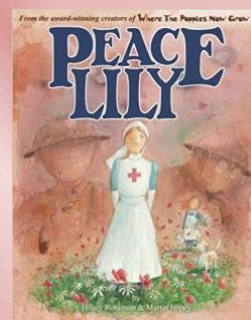
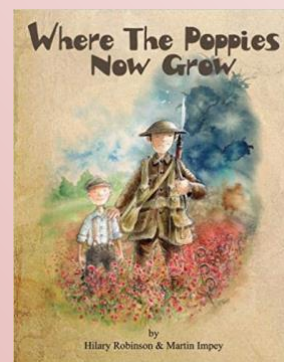
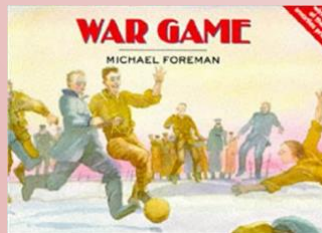
Fleur has written many other exciting children's books. Here are just a few. We are hoping to arrange a Zoom call with Fleur in the new year.



18th November 2022

Children's author, Alex Evelyn will be visiting school. We will have a whole school presentation, various workshops with Key Stage 2 classes, meet the author and book signing in the library at lunchtime. Her book *The Secret Wild* is a fantastical, botanical adventure about friendship, bravery- and finding home in a new place.

11th November : Remembrance Day



Chilling and spooky reads for Year 6

If you're looking for suitably chilling and spooky books to read with year 6 children in the run up to Halloween, you won't go far wrong with any of these.

