

LET'S TALK BOOKS...

EDITION 2



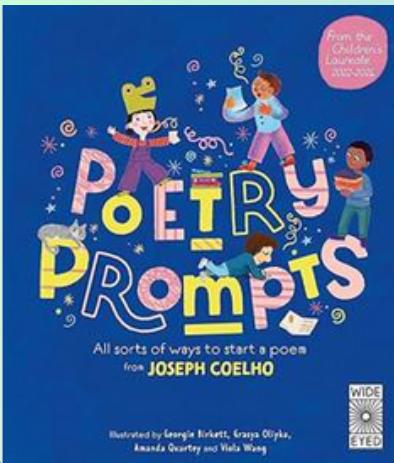
Welcome to our second edition of Let's Talk Books. Our aim is to promote reading for pleasure across the trust with recommendations for reading and extracts from books we think you might enjoy, as well as snippets of how reading looks in our schools. This edition focuses on reading at St Mary's CE Primary Academy in Leeds.

Joseph Coelho meets pupils from St Mary's!



St Mary's pupils had the incredible opportunity to speak with the amazing Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. Pupils from the school gathered to hear from Joseph about his life and how he became a writer. The children were able to ask him questions and even share their poetry with him. We heard him perform some of his poetry and even learnt about some of the poets he admires!



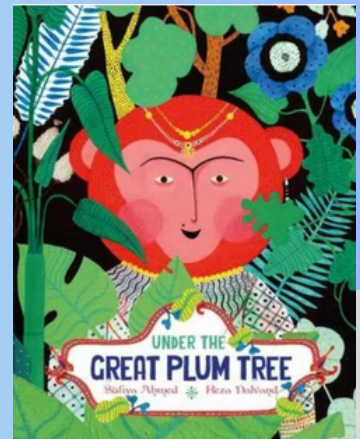


Joseph Coelho is on a mission to make everyone a poet during his tenure as Children's Laureate, and this beautiful book will definitely help! Filled with ideas and prompts for starting poems about a huge range of subjects and styles, this stunning collection will inspire even the most reluctant poet!

Book Review

Mr T (HLTA)

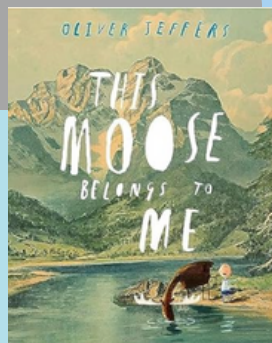
An unlikely friendship between Miss Bandari (a monkey) and Mr Magarmach (a crocodile) forms when the pair meet under the great plum tree, deep in the heart of India. Mr Magarmach is old and his hunting days are over but Miss Bandari loves hearing his stories as they munch plums together. One day their friendship is tested but with courage, trust and forgiveness they discover that living happily together tastes just as sweet as Miss Bandari's golden plums. The story of the monkey and the crocodile is a fable from the Panchatantra, an ancient Indian collection of animal fables dated to 300 BCE. But it's a tale from around the world and versions can be found in Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, China, Japan and the Caribbean.

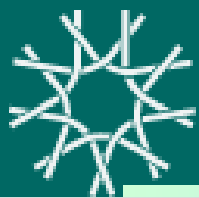


Let's talk about illustrators:

Oliver Jeffers

Learn to draw like a moose like the wonderful illustrator Oliver Jeffers. with this edition's fantastic QR code





Mae Jemison

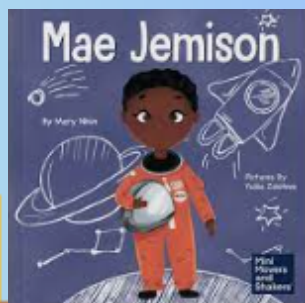
Author: Mary Nhin

Illustrator: Youliia Zolotova

Published by Grow Grit Press 2020

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Check out the QR codes
for video links



A beautiful picture book about Mae Jemison and how she succeeded to become an astronaut despite overwhelming obstacles. It highlights that with hard work, anyone can achieve great things!

Years 1/2

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Author & Illustrator:

Peter H. Reynolds

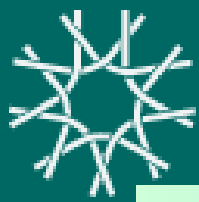
Published by:

Walker Books Ltd



A delightful and inspiring picture book that encourages readers to embrace the beauty of imperfection and creativity. Ramon discovers that making 'ish' art is more important than striving for perfection. The author's simple, yet profound message, celebrates the joy of self-expression and the freedom. A charming and empowering read for both children and adults, reminding us that the journey of creativity is a wonderful adventure filled with possibilities.





Stones and Bones: Fossils and the stories they tell.

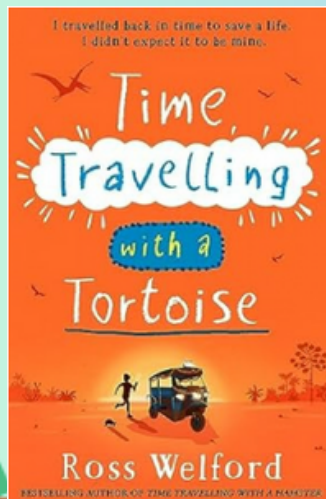
Years 3/4

Author: Rob Wilshaw
Illustrator: Sophie Williams
Published by:
Cicada Books



This book is packed with eye-catching illustrations, diagrams and facts! We guarantee it will be loved by anyone with an interest in fossils and palaeontology. It celebrates also Mary Anning (a self taught naturalist) whose discoveries sadly did not gain her recognition during her lifetime.

Years 5/6



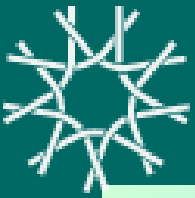
Time Travelling with a Tortoise

Author:
Ross Welford
Published by:
Harper Collins Children's Books

"Sometimes, bonny lad, not getting exactly what you want turns out to be the best luck of all."

These words, from Grampa Byron, encapsulate one of the themes of this fascinating book. This is both an emotional and humorous book which follows Al Chaudry on a time travelling adventure. It is the sequel to Time Travelling with a Hamster.





Mrs Smith (Headteacher)

My favourite book is: **The Faraway Tree**
by **Enid Blyton**

I love reading because it allows me to escape to another world.

I recommend Winter's Child by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith



"I really enjoyed Winter's Child. The plot was great. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys adventure."



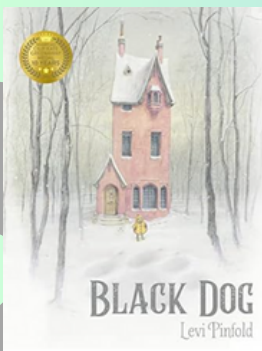
My favourite book is: **Press Here**

I love to see the excitement in the children's faces when we press the buttons and they see what changes ... just like magic!

Miss Crisp (Deputy Headteacher)



I recommend **Black Dog** by **Levi Pinfold**



"I really liked the illustrations in this book. The ending was my favourite bit. The book taught me that everyone feels scared sometimes and that is OK."

