



OLD PARK ARE HOOKED ON BOOKS!



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Hey, Old Park.



It's us, your old reading books. We NEED to talk. We love that the first time you set eyes on us, you couldn't put us down. You carried us everywhere and we went on the greatest of adventures. Now, it's like we don't even exist!! We're thrown on the floor, hidden below a huge pile of other books. I bet you can't even remember our names! All we want is to share our stories!

Your lost friends,
Reading books.

To help our old reading books, we are going to hold our first book swap.

The book swap will be held during the week commencing: 14th March 2022.

Old Park Book Swap

Each child will bring in any books that are no longer wanted.

A token will then be issued which can be 'spent' during the book swap.

Books should be handed to class teachers by 11th March 2022.

Competition winners

Congratulations to Eve, 5C, and Jessica, 2W, who each won a brand new book in February's competition.



March competition

Are you a budding illustrator? Then, this is the competition for you!



The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop is a story about a racehorse with one problem... he won't gallop!

Your task is to create a front cover and blurb for a story based on an animal with a problem.

We can't wait to see your creative ideas!

Closing date: **Friday 1st April** (hand in your entries to Miss Smith in 6S)

Kaitlyn, 5P,
recommends...

Dork Diaries
Author: Rachel
Renée Russell



When I read Dork Diaries, I feel like I can relate; you can write a diary yourself so they're like reality!

I recommend Dork Diaries because they are: interesting, colourful and the pictures bring it all together!



Miss Payne and SP recommend:
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

The mysterious shop from nowhere is open for business and the only thing you are required to bring is your imagination. Daniel explores the magical labyrinth of rooms in the emporium, which all contain wonders of the world. However, what Daniel does not know is everyone who enters has a price to pay.



Author of the month

ROALD DAHL



49 – the total number of books published by Roald Dahl, not including screenplays and plays.

3 – the number of languages that Roald Dahl could speak (English, Norwegian and Swahili).

4 – the number of hours spent writing each day (from 10am until 12pm, and then from 4pm until 6pm).



1 – the number of times that Quentin Blake, his illustrator and personal friend, was allowed into the writing shed (Roald wanted the shed to be a private space and rarely let anyone enter, not even his family).

283 – the number of words that Roald Dahl invented in his writing, collectively referred to as 'Gobblefunk', including frobscottle, scrumdiddlyumptious, Chiddler, and Oompa Loompa.

1939 – the year Dahl enlisted in the RAF, whereupon he was awarded the rank of Leading Aircraftman (LAC).

6 – the number of sharpened HB pencils that Dahl typically kept to hand.

<https://www.roalddahl.com/home/>



New books to look out for!

Spark

Author: Mitch Johnson



Ash and Bronwyn have to survive a journey across an arid landscape, discovering that other people out there are even more dangerous than the lightning strikes that follow them. Then they reach The Wall – beyond it, something impossible.



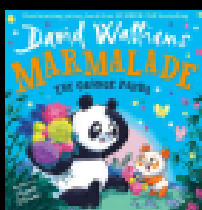
Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space

Author: Dr Dominic Walliman

What is it like to live in space? Is there life on other planets? What exactly is a black hole? Join Professor Astro Cat and the gang as

they travel across space to find out everything

there is to know about our galaxy, the solar system and the Universe.



Marmalade: The Orange Panda

Author: David Walliams

One morning, deep in the forest, a beautiful baby panda was born. The panda was different to all the others, as he had dazzling orange fur.

Meet Marmalade, the little panda who goes on a big adventure.

Illustrator of the month

Liz Pichon

Liz is the author and illustrator of the best selling **TOM GATES** series for 9+

readers, which has sold 5,000,000 books in the UK. Tom Gates has been translated into 44 languages and has sold over 11 million copies around the world.



I loved writing stories when I was at school, but I was just hopeless at spelling, hopeless at grammar, so it gets drummed into your head that it's something other people do; I could do the pictures, but I would never be able to write the stories.

<http://lizpichon.com/>



To celebrate World Book Day, our children immersed themselves in their task of creating T-shirt designs inspired by their favourite authors.

T-shirts were worn with pride, showcasing their creative designs.



£1 World Book Day vouchers can be spent at:

- Blue Sheep Books, Wednesbury
- Waterstones
- WH Smith
- Asda
- Tesco
- Morrisons
- Sainsbury's



KS1 took part in a live author event with Catherine Rayner.



KS2 took part in a live author event with Michael Rosen.

