



OLD PARK ARE HOOKED ON BOOKS!



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ALAN MACDONALD DATE CHANGE



There has been a change of date to our upcoming author visit: Alan MacDonald will now be visiting on **Wednesday 25th May 2022.**

There will be a book signing as part of the visit - books are available to buy on School Gateway.



Looking for your next read?

The Bookfinder will allow you to search for magical mysteries, astonishing adventures and fantastic facts.

Give it a try!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



READING BUDDIES

- This half term, a number of children have volunteered to be reading buddies. Their role involves hearing readers once per week.
- The buddies have made a brilliant start, asking the readers lots of questions about what they are reading to develop understanding.



ILLUSTRATOR OF THE MONTH



Here, David Roberts will show you how to draw Dirty Bertie!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH_cqjl_58

David Roberts is the illustrator of the Dirty Bertie series and is currently working alongside Julia Donaldson. Here are some facts about David Roberts:

- * Cake is my favourite food ever, ever, ever. Victoria sponge is the food of the Gods!
- * I don't have a mobile phone.
- * I always wear stripy socks, never plain.
- * I have a cat who is 20 years old !!!! Blind in one eye, no teeth and totally deaf, but I love him .
- * I am scared of dogs, all dogs big or small.
- * I once made a hat for Kylie Minogue.
- * The first book I bought is called A Hole Is to Dig by Ruth Kraus and Maurice Sendak, it's still my favourite.
- * When I was 14 years old, I had a pair of bright yellow shoes, I wish I still had them.

<https://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/David-Roberts-5053.aspx>

I went to college in Manchester to study fashion design, and while I was there I shared a house with two children's book illustrators: Gillian Tyler and Dominic Mansell, they were both older than me, and I was very inspired by their work. I think the seed was sown then that took me away from a career in fashion design and into illustration.



OLIVER Author of the month JEFFERS

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Oliver Jeffers makes art and tells stories – fine art for (mostly) adults, and picture books for (mostly) children.

His critically acclaimed picture books have been translated into over fifty languages and sold over 14 million copies worldwide.

In all his books, images are accompanied by Jeffers's distinctive handwriting: the effect of it is exceptionally inviting, to children and adults alike.



<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/about>

MISS WYER RECOMMENDS...

GANGSTA GRANNY BY DAVID WALLIAMS

Inspired by his own cabbage-smelling granny who he dreaded visiting as a child, David Walliams' story of Gangster Granny will have you crying with tears of laughter. The story intrigues you from the moment you start reading - so much so that it is now a number one best seller!



SOPHIE, 6M RECOMMENDS...

HEROES OF OLYMPUS: THE LAST HERO BY RICK RIORDAN

Based on Roman and Greek mythology, this story is filled with action. Jason, Piper and Leo have a deadly quest to complete: they have to fight to save the queen of gods who is imprisoned in a cage.

The trio make a great team because Piper is smart and kind, Leo is funny and Jason is courageous.



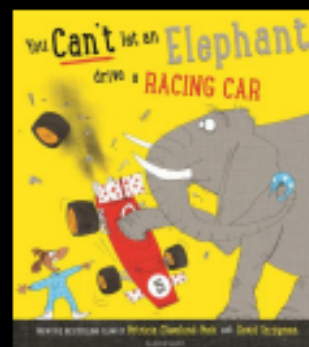
New books to look out for!



Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Eleven-year old Noah sneaks along on his big sister's geography field trip. Everything goes wrong! Six kids are marooned on an uninhabited island. Their teacher has vanished. They're hungry. Their phones don't work and Noah has broken the internet. There's no way of contacting home ... Disaster!



The World's Worst Pets by David Walliams
These ten tales of the world's craziest creatures will have you shaking with laughter. You'll never look at pets in the same way again! Marvel at Houdini, the magician's rabbit. Take a trip around the world with Zoom the supersonic tortoise. Gasp at the chaos created by Griselda, a grizzly bear with a big secret. And run for your lives! It's Furp, the monstrous goldfish!



You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Racing Car by Patricia Cleveland-Peck
Have you ever seen a weightlifting wombat, or a figure-skating alligator? How about a pole-vaulting hippo, or an octopus... playing table tennis? Get ready for all sorts of hilarious animal antics in this side-splitting picture book.