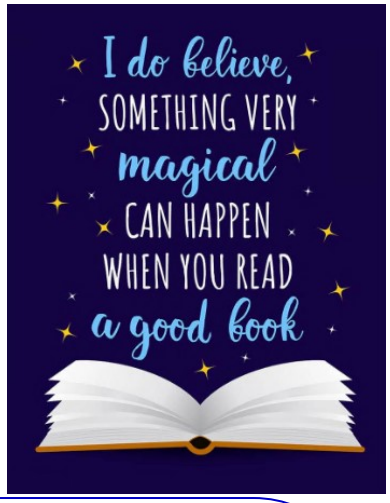
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Reading News

Spring: Term 4
Edition 4

I always think that this time of year is just perfect for sitting curled up with a blanket over my knees, a mug of hot chocolate and reading an exciting tale! In school, we take every opportunity to share our love of reading with the children.

This term we will be delving into our wonderful new collection of Usbourne books, celebrating World Book Day and having a vitual author visit from the wonderful Hannah Shaw (author of the *Unipiggle* stories).



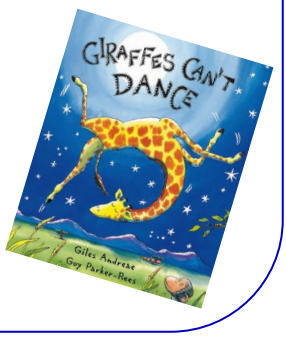
IF YOU READ JUST ONE BOOK
A DAY TO YOUR CHILD,
THEY WILL HAVE BEEN
READ 1825 BOOKS
BY THEIR 5TH BIRTHDAY.

EVERY BOOK COUNTS.

Mrs Hall's book of the term.

This term we asked Mrs Hall for a review of her favourite children's book.

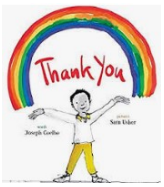
I have chosen Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae and Giles Parker Rees as my favourite children's book. I used to read this book to my daughters when they were little. We loved the bright colours and exciting pictures. It is rhyming book that is great to read aloud.



Poor Gerald the giraffe can't join in with the other giraffe as everyone knows, giraffes can't dance. But can they? With a little help from his friends Gerald grows in confidence and who knows, one day he may learn to dance...

Miss Sneyd's Top Picks:

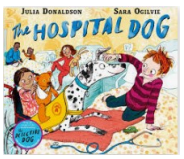
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***Thank you* by Joseph Coelho**

A touching picture about how a small thank you can grow into something much bigger.

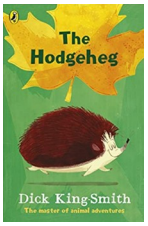
Year 1



***The Hospital Dog* by Julia Donaldson and Sarah Ogilvie**

A lovely rhyming story about a dog who loves to visit and children's ward, and ends up saving the day!

Year 2



***The Hodgeheg* by Dick King Smith**

This story is about a determined hedgehog, who with a little help from his friends, manages to over come an obstacle.

Upcoming events

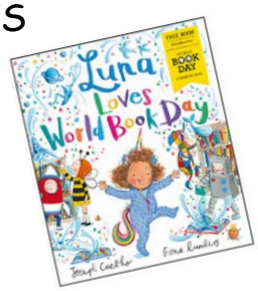
World Book Day



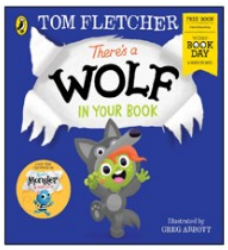
Join in the fun of this year's World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March**. This year our theme is 'Bedtime Stories': we would love you to dress in your pyjamas or onesies (and you can even bring your teddy!) to get cosy for lots of stories and activities. If your in school or at home, you can take part. We will be having a 'Bookie Brunch' in school where we eat brunch together whilst listening to some of our favourite stories.

This year children will be given a copy of one of the books to take home!

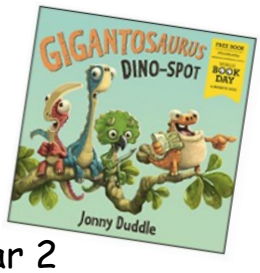
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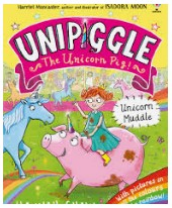
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Author visit



On Friday 26th February we will be taking part in a virtual author visit with the talented Hannah Shaw who is the author of the *Unipiggle* series of books.

She will be talking to the children about her stories as well as leading a session to teach the children how to draw fantastic illustrations.

Not only will we be taking part in this exciting experience but each child will be given a signed copy of one of the *Unipiggle* stories too!



At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on Twitter @BranstonInfant1 to see how we promote a passion for reading.

Usbourne Books

At the end of last term, we received a delivery of a wonderful array of new books from Usbourne book company. These books were purchased with the money raised from the sponsored reading challenge and through money donated by local businesses. A massive thank you to everyone who donated: the books will be thoroughly enjoyed by the children and help to promote a love a learning that we are so keen to share.



Pop up library

Our pop up library is opening daily. Why not come and change your reading books and see what exciting activities we have for you to try as well? Mrs Cook will share a story on Class Dojo every Monday and there will be an activity to accompany it in the pop up library.