Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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We have had exciting reading events this term with Fox Class visiting Branston Community Library, a very special virtual author events, highlighting wonderful selections of books and introducing children to a host of authors, and genres.

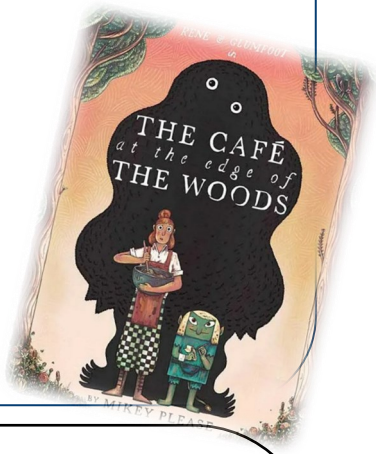
We hope that you enjoy reading our recommended reads with your child at home. Remember that you can reserve books from the local library through the Better Lincolnshire app.

Happy reading!

Mrs Savage

Our book recommendations.

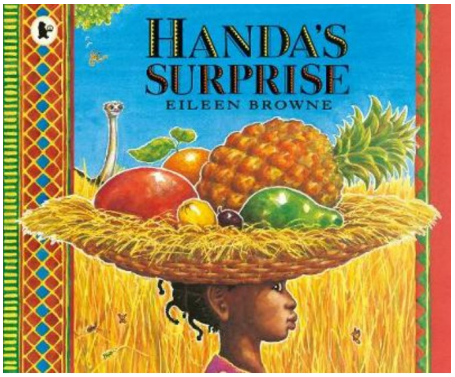
This term I have chosen to share with you the Waterstones Children Book Prize Winner 2025: *The Café at the Edge of the Woods* written and illustrated by Mikey Please.



This is a delightful story about a lady who wishes to set up her own café at the edge of the woods. She wants to cook the most delicious food for her customers but it turns out the creatures visiting her café don't quite have the same refined tastes as herself. Her quick thinking waiter saves the day and everyone leaves happy. A wonderful story with the most amazing vocabulary. A must read!

Handa's Surprise with Eilleen Brown

Earlier in the term, the children had an amazing virtual author visit by Eileen Brown. Eileen Brown is the author of the well known classic children's story Handa's Surprise. The story is about a young girl, Handa, who delivers delicious fruits to her friend Akeyo as a surprise, but meets some hungry animals along the way. This is a lovely story with a familiar pattern as each fruit is eaten by the animals and supports counting.







Performing scenes from the story.



Enjoying listening to the story with our friends.

Fox Class Visit to Branston

Fox Class visited Branston Community Library earlier this term and were treated to a Mexican themed session which linked perfectly to our Magnificent Mexico topic. Sophie, the library co-ordinator, read the children a story all about Mexico. The children had time to explore the books with their friends. Sophie introduced the Mexican festival, The Day of the Dead, the children made created colourful decorations.





Poetry for everyone!

In school, we read a huge range of story books, non-fiction texts and also poetry. Poetry is such an engaging form of literacy and we encourage children to join in performing poems or joining in when we read a poem as class. If you would like to listen to poems at home (and join along with reading poems), there are hundreds of poems at... **childrens.poetryarchive.org**.
You can select the age of your child and what type of poem they would like to listen to. Scan the QR code and it will take you right there!

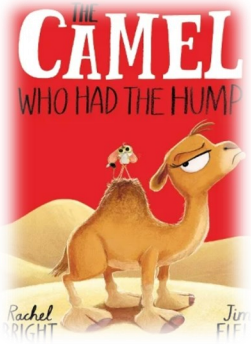
Top Picks of Children's Books



The Oak Tree by Julia Donaldson



Supertato: Happy Birthday Nitwit by Sue Hendra and



The Camel Who Had the Hump by Rachel Bright and Jim Fields

Spotlight on

Our Spotlight for May is 'VE Day'...to celebrate 80 years since the end of World War Two. We choose the books to commemorate those that lost their lives during the dreadful war and to remind ourselves of their bravery.





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