



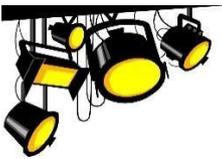
# Charleton C of E Academy

## Reading Newsletter

### Spring Term 2022

#### Author Spotlight

#### A message to our school from Rob Holmes!



We are excited to share our Q and A with local author Rob Holmes who has recently visited our school to share the love of reading with us.



Q. What made you decide to become an author?

A. I really enjoy the process of writing, as I never know what I am going to be writing until I start. For me it's a process of discovery! I like sharing my stories with families and I have a deep wish that they help in some way.

Q. Can you tell us about one of your books and where you got your inspiration from?

A. My first is called 'Master Owl meets Miss Bunny' and it's about how mindfulness can help us to notice so many things we are normally too busy to notice. After a Magical Mindful Moment with Master Owl, Miss Bunny notices why she is unhappy and notices that everything in nature is connected together, so she feels whole, complete and connected to all things. I have been practising mindfulness and meditation for 10 years, so I wanted to create a teacher to teach mindfulness to children (and their parents) so I created Master Owl. He is another part of me, but with more feathers!

Q. What kinds of books did you read as a child?

A. I actually preferred the picture comic book format of Tintin and Asterix! Tintin is a hero of mine, because he likes having adventures.

Q. What advice would you give a child who wants to become an author?

A. Just keep writing and enjoy writing. You are already an author, the moment you start writing words of a story. The more you practice writing the luckier you will get! So keep believing anything is possible, because it is!

Q. How long does it take to write and publish a book?

A. That depends on how long the book is. A picture book can only be 500 words but it can still take weeks to get the words right. The illustrations can take months to create too, so I would say it takes between 6 months to a year to publish a book.

# Kingsbridge Library Opening Hours

Monday, 10am to 6pm    Tuesday, 9am to 5pm    Wednesday, 9am to 5pm    Thursday, Closed

Friday, 9am to 6pm    Saturday, 9am to 1pm    Sunday, Closed

## The Secret Book Quest



Welcome to The Secret Book Quest!

The Secret Book Quest is an exciting new reading challenge for children ages 5 and up. Read a total of 50 books to collect all the stickers, decipher the code, and win a special prize.

Join Pip, Zena and Libro the cat on a unique reading adventure through 10 themed worlds, beautifully illustrated by Emily Fox. Get a certificate when you reach halfway (25 books) and another when you finish (50 books), along with a finisher's prize

### **How to take part!**

To sign up for FREE, simply visit your local library and speak to a member of staff.

You will receive your very own Secret Book Quest journal and the first sticker in your collection.

Then browse the library to find your first book, and begin the quest!

Find your local library and/or search our catalogue at

[devonlibraries.org.uk](http://devonlibraries.org.uk)

Here's one of South Hams Hub Super readers with her awards!



## Have you been to...?



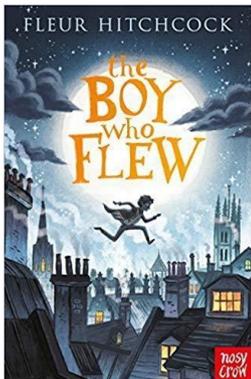
### **The Harbour Bookshop, 2 Mill St, Kingsbridge**

A friendly, local bookshop with a wide range of fiction, children's books and signed copies.

They are really knowledgeable about books – definitely worth a visit!



## Fiction: What's New...



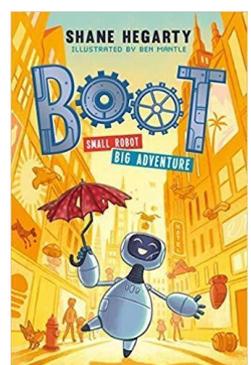
### **'The Boy who Flew' by Fleur Hitchcock** **Aimed at: Year 5 & 6 readers.**

If you enjoy mystery and excitement, then this book is for you! Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose - flight or family?



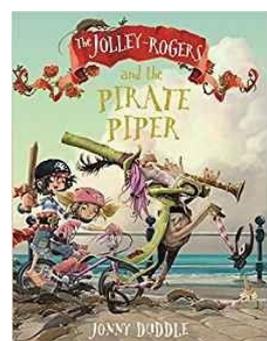
### **'WILDSPARK' by Vashti Hardy** **Aimed at: Year 4, 5 & 6 readers.**

Wildspark is set in a world of incredible technology where the spirits of the dead can be given a second chance at life within animal-form mechanical bodies. Prue, with her aptitude for the mechanical, takes her brother's place at the school of mechanical science in the city of Medlock. Prue's secret goal is to find a way to bring back her brother, complete with the memories that other second-lifers lack.



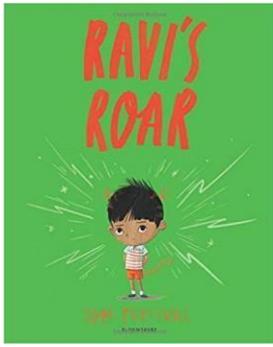
### **'BOOT: Small Robot, Big Adventures' by Shane Hegarty** **Aimed at: Year 3 & 4 readers.**

When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyards, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. With new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth and the gang set off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers...



### **'The Jolley Rogers and the Pirate Piper' by Jonny Duddle** **Aimed at: Year 2 & Year 3 readers.**

One morning the townspeople of Dull-on-Sea wake to find that their town is overrun with rats. Just when everyone is at their wit's end, a nautical stranger who plays the pipe turns up and offers to get rid of the rodent problem - for a fee. Once that rats have gone, the greedy mayor refuses to pay - so the Pirate Piper plays an enchanted tune and leads the children away. It's up to Matilda, Jim and Nugget to save their friends.

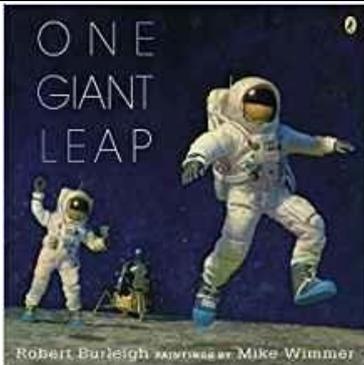


## 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival Aimed at: Reception, Year 1, Year 2.

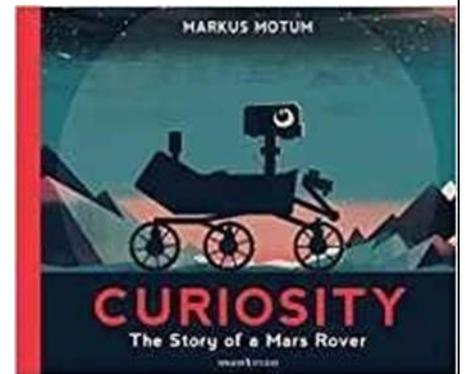
Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within. Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends.

## Non-Fiction

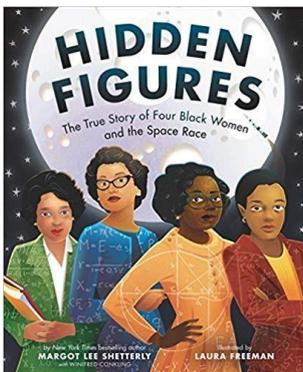
With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful Apollo landing on the Moon, take a look at these wonderful books all with a 'Space' theme!



One Giant Leap: A Historical Account of the First Moon Landing by Robert Burleigh

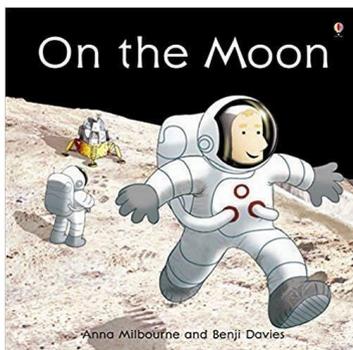
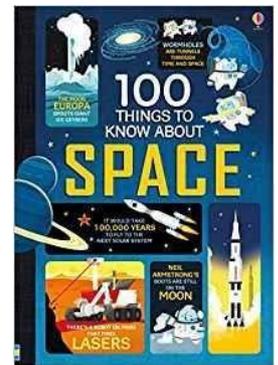


Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum



Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly

100 things to know about Space by Alex Frith et al.



On the Moon (Usborne Picture Books) by Anna Milbourne

# Have you tried...?

## Start Point

'The Bumblebear' by Nadia Shireen

## Goodshelter

'in the Library' by Louie Stowell

## Croft

'Beetle Boy' by M.G Leonard

## What are YOU reading?

Have you read a book you'd love to recommend in the newsletter?

Write a recommendation with the title, author, your name and a reason why you'd recommend it, to be in with a chance of it being featured in our next newsletter in the spring!

Please pass your recommendation onto [Miss Coombe](#)



## Important Dates, Events & Competitions

### February

## Blue Peter Book Awards

**Winners Announced Spring 2022**

### Blue Peter Book Awards 2022

Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential Blue Peter Book Awards have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children.

Read the shortlist here- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/#!?sortOption=AtoZ&pageNo=1&pageSize=16>





**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.**

**Theatre Royal, Plymouth**

**Tue 22 Feb – Sat 26 Feb**



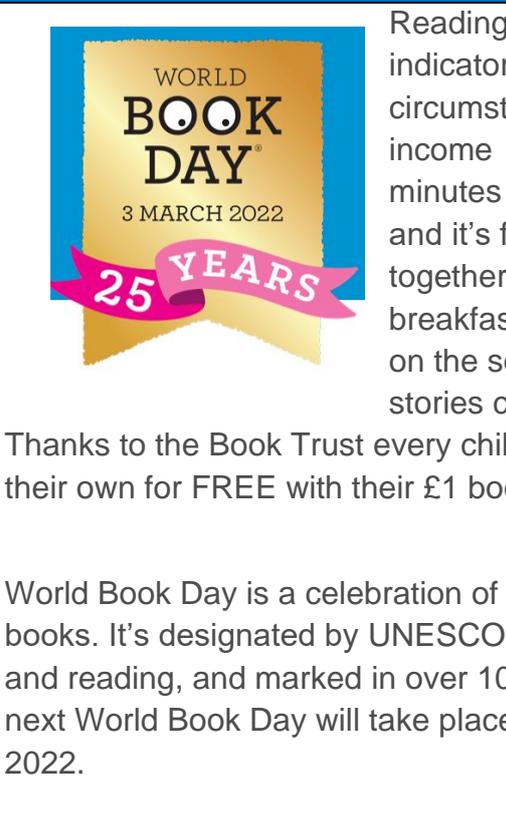
Direct from London, the smash-hit production of C.S. Lewis' classic The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, voted the nation's favourite book in 2019, is coming to Plymouth! Step through the wardrobe...

Theatre Royal, Plymouth

**March**

**World Book Day**

**3rd March**



Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background, or income. Sharing stories together for just ten minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

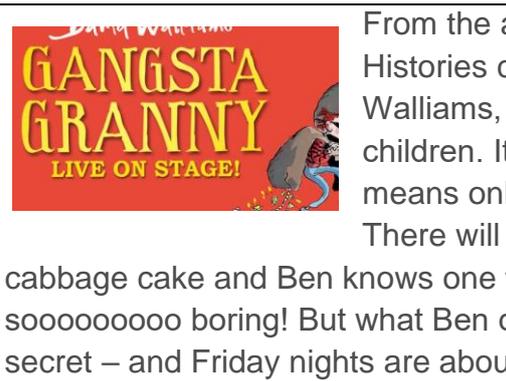
Thanks to the Book Trust every child has the opportunity to have a book of their own for FREE with their £1 book tokens.

World Book Day is a celebration of reading, authors, illustrators and books. It's designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. The next World Book Day will take place in the UK and Ireland on 3rd March 2022.

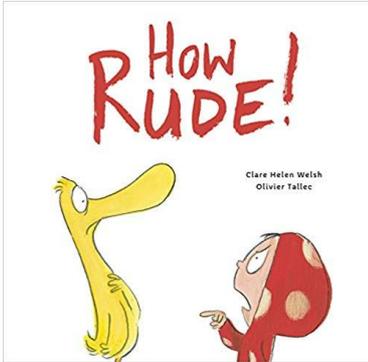
**Gangsta Granny**

**Mar 2022 - 26 Mar 2022**

**Princess Theatre, Torquay**



From the acclaimed producers of Horrible Histories comes the amazing story by David Walliams, the UK's best-selling author for children. It's Friday night and Ben knows that means only one thing – staying with Granny! There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie and cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure – it's going to be soooooo boring! But what Ben doesn't know is that Granny has a secret – and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could

	<p>ever imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his very own Gangsta Granny!</p> <p>Princess Theatre, Torquay</p>
<p><b>The Tiger Who Came To Tea</b></p> <p>7 March</p> <p>Princess Theatre, Torquay</p>	<p>A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood, based on the book by Judith Kerr. Following a smash-hit West End season, the tea-guzzling tiger is back on the road in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos! A stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem . . . expect to be surprised!</p> <p>Princess Theatre, Torquay.</p> 
<p><b>Storytelling and Crafts with author Clare Helen Welsh</b></p> <p>March 12th 10:00 to 12:30</p>	<p>As part of the English Riviera Literature Festival. Clare Helen Welsh is a former teacher, now award-winning children's author, from Torbay. She has published over 40 books. When Clare isn't writing stories, she is inspiring children to write their own. Clare loves all opportunities to meet and inspire young readers. Come and meet the characters from Clare's How Rude and How Selfish stories and help them discover the right way to treat a friend. Includes craft linked to the stories.</p> 
<p><b>National Poetry Day 21st March</b></p>	<p>National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. Each year there's a different theme and in 2019 the theme is Truth. National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. <a href="http://www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk">www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk</a></p>

## April

<p><b>2 April</b></p>	<div data-bbox="470 100 821 560" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, 2 April, International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.</p> <p>Each year a different National Section of IBBY has the opportunity to be the international sponsor of ICBD. It decides upon a theme and invites a prominent author from the host country to write a message to the children of the world and a well-known illustrator to design a poster. These materials are used in different ways to promote books and reading. Many IBBY Sections promote ICBD through the media and organize activities in schools and public libraries. Often ICBD is linked to celebrations around children's books and other special events that may include encounters with authors and illustrators, writing competitions or announcements of book awards.</p>
<p><b>Costa Book Awards (shortlist in November, winner announced in Jan 2020)</b></p>	<p>The Costa Book Awards honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. There are five categories: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book, with one of the five winners chosen as Book of the Year. The 2018 winner was Bart van Es for his novel <i>The Cut Out Girl</i> (Fig Tree). The winner is announced every January.</p> <p><a href="http://www.costabookawards.com">www.costabookawards.com</a></p>

