



# Wilbraham - Let's Read!



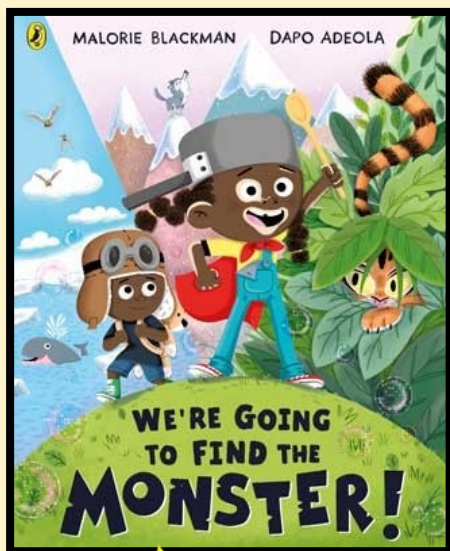
#2 December 2021

Hello and welcome to the second edition of our reading newsletter. We have some more book recommendations linked to science, maths and geography, we have some brilliant book reviews from children and we have plenty of stories and poems for you to listen to. Enjoy!!!

## Storytime - We're Going to find a Monster

by Malorie Blackman

Click on the book or scan the QR code to listen to this fabulous book be read by Mrs Ikin.



## It's Competition Time



Mrs Ikin was reading a book called 'We're Going to Find a Monster'. Who was the monster in the story? What was your favourite part of the story and why?

Email [reading@wilbrahamprimary.com](mailto:reading@wilbrahamprimary.com) with

- Your name
- Your class
- Your answers to the two questions above

All entries need to be sent by Friday 4th February 2022 and you could win this brilliant book *Frankenstiltskin* by Joseph Coelho.

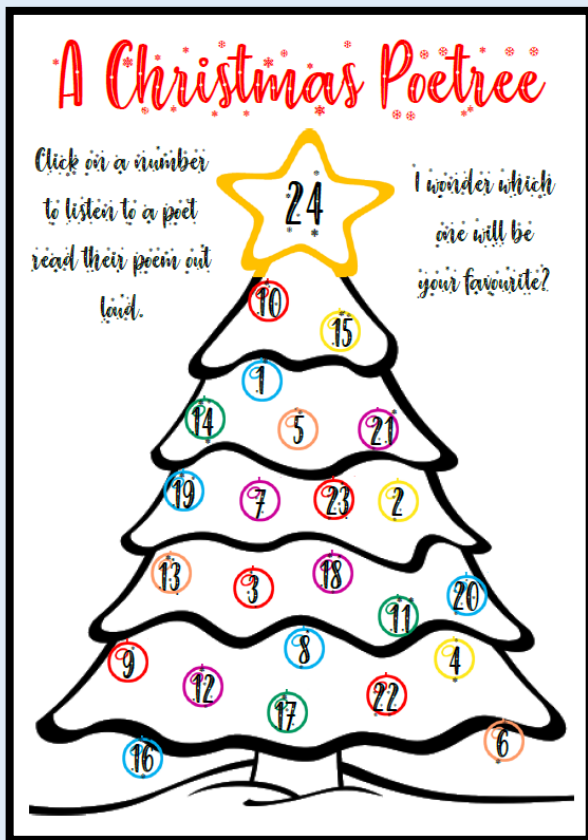


## Advent Calendars

Since December 1st, some classes have been using some poetry and fluency advent calendars, why not continue using them all the way up to December 24th!

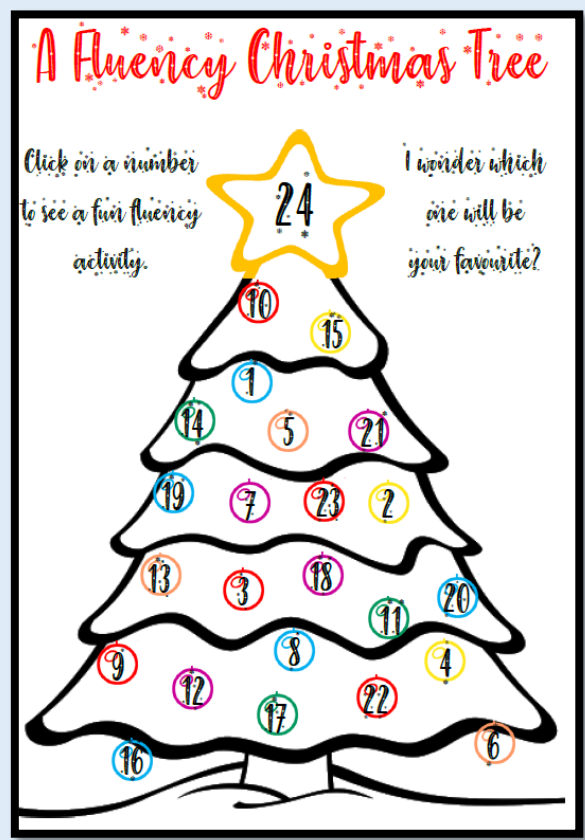
### Advent Christmas Poetree

Click on the tree below to open up the advent calendar.



### Fluency Advent Calendar

Click on the tree below to open up the advent calendar.



## Children's Poetry Archive



If you want to read or listen to some more poems , then check out the Children's Poetry Archive here

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>



## Meet Wilbraham Readers!

### Ms Morrison

#### **What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?**

I absolutely loved reading Judy Blume books growing up.

I particularly liked Superfudge, all about what it felt like getting a new baby sister and Frecklejuice maybe because I have so many myself!!



**Where is your favourite place to read?** My favourite place to read would have to be in some comfy pjs on the sofa, all snuggled up.

**Who is your favourite character from a book?** My favourite character would have to be Everywhere Bear from the book with the same name by Julia Donaldson. My daughters and myself often make up our own journeys and places we would visit if we were Everywhere bear.

#### **Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?**

I would rather have the ending spoiled, I wouldn't be happy not ever knowing the ending!

### Ms Randeniya

#### **What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?**

The Far away Magic tree - Enid Blyton. My mum used to read it as our bed time story. My brother and I loved it.



**Where is your favourite place to read?** My favourite place to read is on a sun lounger. In winter I love to get snuggly in bed with a book.

**Who is your favourite character from a book?** Hermione Granger from Harry Potter as she is smart and brave.

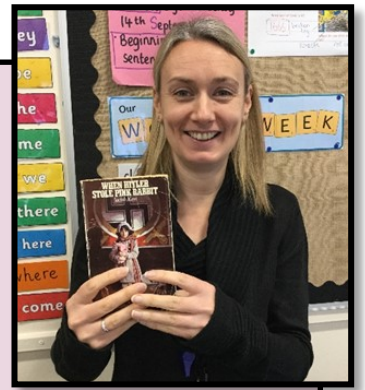
#### **Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?**

An ending spoiled as the not knowing the answers to the puzzles in the story would drive me crazy.

## Ms Stapleton

### What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

Judith Kerr (Mog books as a child but then my favourite chapter book was *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*). This book is about a young girl called Anna that has to flee her home just before the second World War. The story talks about her journey and living in a different country.



**Where is your favourite place to read?** In bed before I go to sleep.

**Who is your favourite character from a book?** Princess Pearl (from *Zog* by Julia Donaldson). She follows her dreams of becoming a doctor and doesn't let other people's opinions deter her.

### Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I always need to find out the ending. I couldn't cope if I never knew the endings!

## Ms Toft

### What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

I didn't have a favourite, I always read books by lots of different authors. Dad had lots of poetry books and he'd help me learn poems from them. I remember the first Roald Dahl book I read which was *Danny the Champion of the World* and it was amazing!



**Where is your favourite place to read?** I love curling up on my comfy armchair at home in the school holidays to enjoy a good book. I read really quickly and usually finish a book in 2 or 3 days.

**Who is your favourite character from a book?** Definitely Carla from *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*. I love the way she is with Bradley Chalkers and how much she helps everyone she works with. I wish I had her job!

### Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I couldn't sleep if I never knew the ending, although I'd hate someone to spoil it, I need to know how the story ends.





## Tongue twisters!

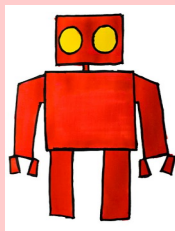


Red robots are on the rise, grasping their  
red, radiating bellies.

Red robots have red eyes and red rust on  
their radio relays.

Red robots race on rails  
repurposed from railways.

Red robots are revolutionary  
with their radioactive rays.



## Make someone laugh!



What is a snowman's favourite food?  
*Chili*

Why was a snowman looking at a bag of  
carrots?

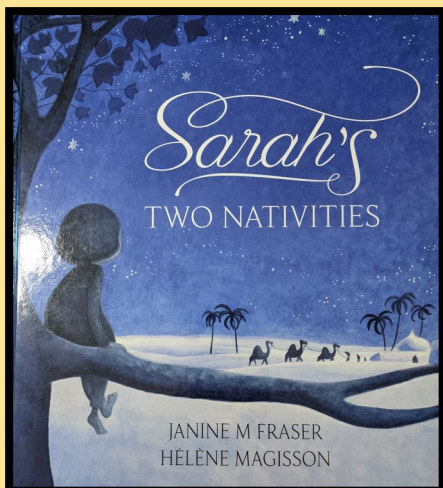
*He was picking his nose!*

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
*Ice Crispies*



## Storytime - Sarah's Two Nativities

Click on the book or scan the QR code to listen to this brilliant book be read by Mrs Izon.



*In Sarah's house, the Bible and the Koran sit  
together on a shelf - two books bursting with  
stories.*



## Illustrator Spotlight

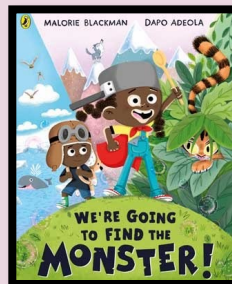
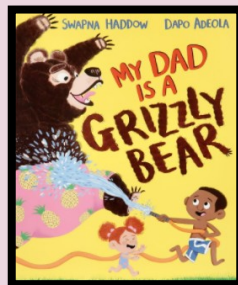
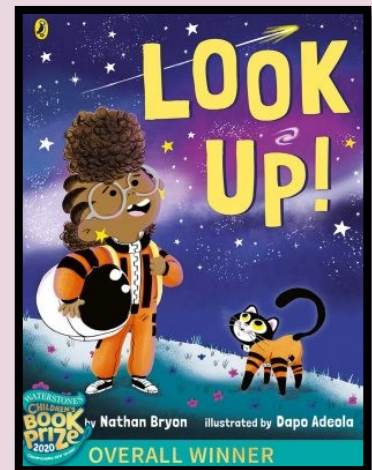
This edition we will look at Dapo Adeoli



Dapo Adeola is an award-winning illustrator and designer who creates characters and images that challenge expectations around race and gender in a fun and upbeat way. He is the co-creator and illustrator of bestselling picture book *Look Up!* — winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the number 1 debut picture book of 2019. It is also the book Wilbraham chose for World Book Day and every class enjoyed!



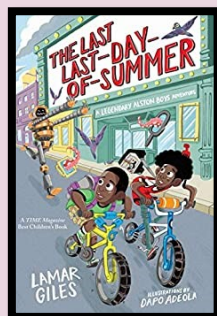
Click the picture to read the book or click on the cat to draw some illustrations



Books read out loud



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## Competition Winner



Well done to Nancy in Y6 for winning our  
'My Pet Star' competition.



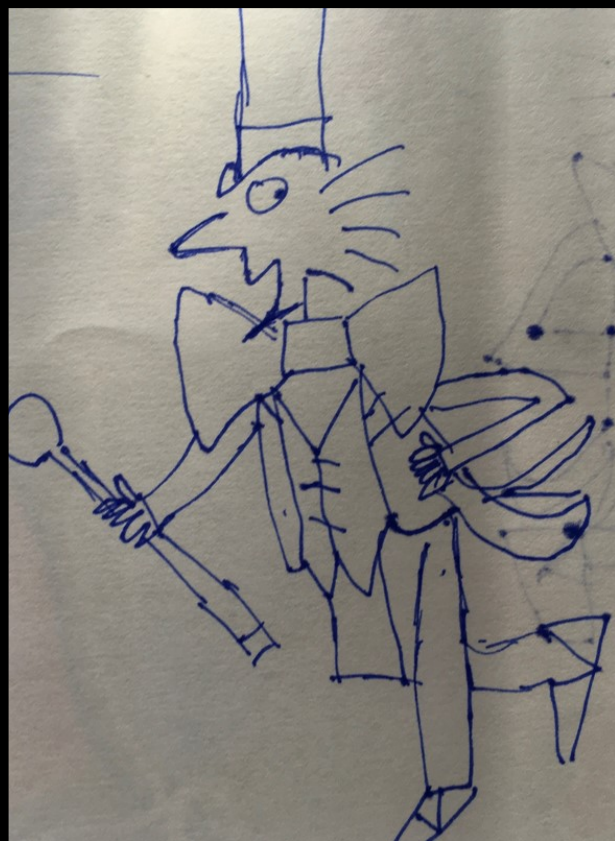
Thank you to everyone who entered and don't forget to enter this edition's competition - details are on the front page of the newsletter!

## Illustrator Spotlight

Last edition we looked at Quentin Blake and Musa sent in his drawings that he did based on his work. We think they are great - thank you Musa!

If you want to send in any from this edition then email your picture to

[reading@wilbrahamprimary.com](mailto:reading@wilbrahamprimary.com)







## Mrs Morrison's Science Sector

In this section Mrs Morrison will share some brilliant books that can also teach you about scientific concepts.

*The Big Book of the Blue* shares a range of different creatures you might find in the 'Big Blue' - our seas and oceans.

It uses funny captions and a play on words to demonstrate some extraordinary features of the magnificent creatures that inhabit our waters. For example: 'Flipping awesome' 'Bobbing along' and 'Fin-tastic'. Along with this there are some lovely pictures to help you see what these creatures look like.



## Miss Johnson's Geographic Region

In this section Miss Johnson will share some brilliant books that are linked to geography.

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema



This is a beautiful, rhyming story about a boy named Ki-pat and the animals he cares for on the Kapiti plain. The book explores how the hot weather and dry climate of the area affects the land, the people, and the animals and how Ki-Pat works to help his wild friends



## I see ME!

It is so important that the books we share with our children represent all the diversity in the world. Children need to be able to 'see' themselves in the books they read and they need to learn about others who are different to them too. In this edition we look at books that focus on children who have feelings of worry and anxiety and children who are deaf.

This book deals with the feelings of anxiety and worry.

Only Small, the youngest of the Hopes, has the courage to face the Black Dog that appears outside the family's home. When it chases her through the forest she shows no fear, so it grows smaller and smaller.



Be open, be honest, be you!

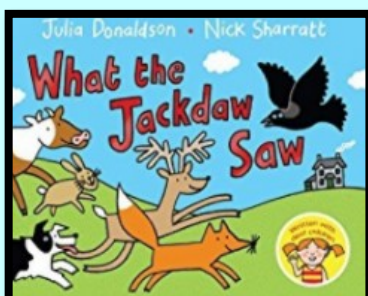
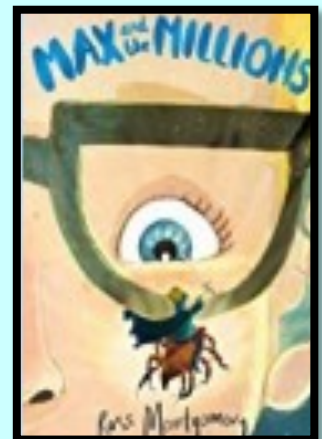
Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad.

How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life . . . like making awesome, detailed replica models.

Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.'

There on the floor he finds a pile of sand . . . and in the sand is Mr Darrow's latest creation . . . a tiny boy, no bigger than a raisin, Luke, Prince of the Blues. And behind the tiny boy . . . millions of others - a thriving, bustling, sprawling civilization!

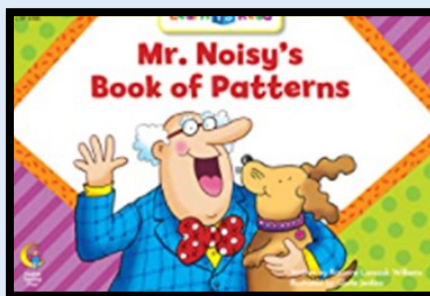


The jackdaw wants all his friends to come to his party, but when he calls out his invitation the animals just touch their heads. Why won't they answer? And what do their actions mean? Luckily a brown owl can help him with the puzzle!

This book about friendship and sign language was created by Julia Donaldson, author of *The Gruffalo*, with a group of deaf children in a workshop organized by the not-for-profit organisation Life & Deaf which helps deaf children to explore their identities through poetry, film, performance and art.

# Mrs Wright Reads Maths

Each newsletter Mrs Wright will share some books aimed at different age groups that you can use to talk about maths.

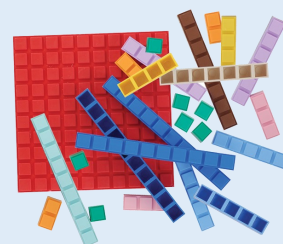
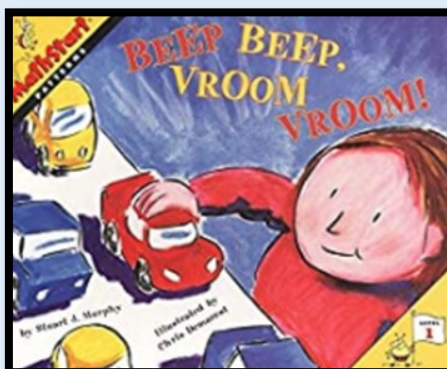
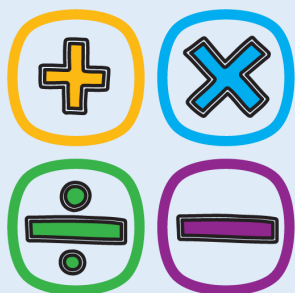


## Pre-schoolers

Everywhere he goes, Mr. Noisy makes a lot of noise! When he walks, his shoes go click -click-clack, click-click-clack. When he drives, his car goes zoom-rattle-bang, zoom-rattle-bang. Even asleep, he makes a pattern: His snores go zzZZ-zzzZ.

**TOP TIP** Guess what comes next in the pattern

Listen to the pattern: click-click-clack, click-click-clack ... What comes next?



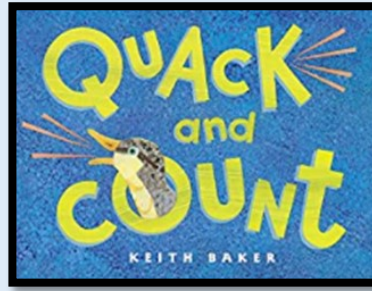
## Early Years

Kevin doesn't want little sister Molly to play with his toy cars, but when he leaves, she can't resist taking them off the shelf. She has fun making the cars go BEEP BEEP and VROOM VROOM and CRASH CRASH. But Kevin is about to return! Can she put them back on the shelf just as they were before Kevin left? Molly lines them up in the right pattern—red-blue-yellow, red-blue-yellow—and gets a special present of her own!

**TOP TIP** Notice the different types of pattern

I see that Molly's pattern uses colors: green-purple, green-purple. Let's find a pattern that uses the shapes of the cars, too.

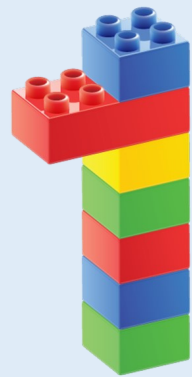
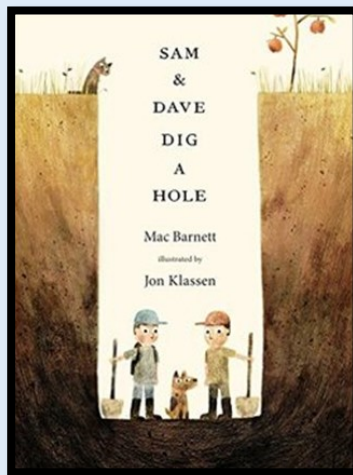
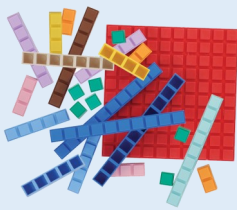




## Key Stage 1

Quack and Count is about seven ducklings quacking, sliding, and flying in marshland. Throughout this beautifully illustrated story, the seven ducklings form different groups that can be added up to always make seven.

**Top Tip:** Explore dividing a number into smaller groups  
How else can we separate a group of seven ducklings?



## Key Stage 2

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find ... nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all. Attentive readers will be rewarded with a rare treasure in this witty story of looking for the extraordinary – and finding it in a manner they'd never expect.

**TOP TIP** Estimation

Can you work out how far down they have dug with their spades?



# Wilbraham Loves to READ!

Here are some of the many books that we have been reading.



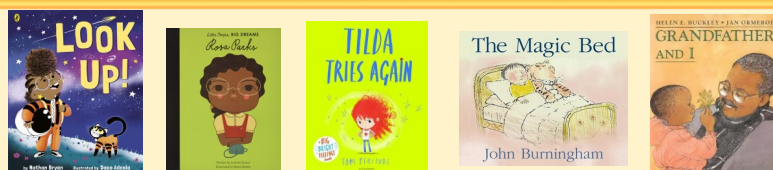
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## Y2



## Y3



## Y4



## Y5



## Y6

