

Little Green Reading Review

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The last month at Little Green has seen us host our first book fair hosted by Chorleywood Bookshop. It was wonderful to see our children browsing high-quality children's books and showing intrigue and excitement at what was on offer. Twenty percent of the money raised will go to Little Green to fund the purchase of new books for the school - I look forward to sharing how much we've raised in an assembly soon. We also had a visit from the inspirational author Sita Brahmachari who spoke about the plight of bees around the world and her links with Amnesty International. See the thoughts of some of the children overleaf.

Teacher Recommendation –

This time: Mr Flint

Which book are you recommending?

The Fox & The Star, by Coralie Bickford-Smith

What genre would you say the book is?

Genre: illustrated fiction

Without giving too much away, what is the book about?

This sweet, short story follows Fox and his relationship with his best friend, Star.

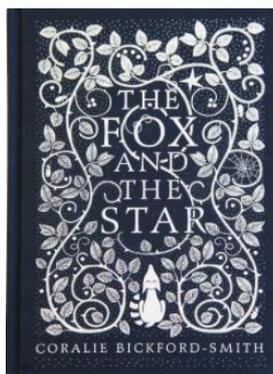
What was so enjoyable about the book?

What makes this book quite so wonderful are the illustrations; every page is a work of art. The story itself works on many levels and can be interpreted in different ways. I think that the book is about dealing with change and finding the positives when things seem bleak.

Can you tell us some great vocabulary you saw in the book?

foraged, tangled, dense, thicket, ignited, brightening, peered

- Maybe you could have a go at using these in your writing?



Quick Suggestions:

The Snow Dragon – Abi Elphinstone (All Ages)



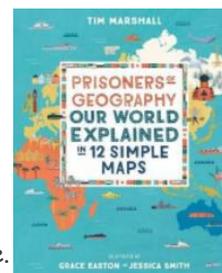
I read this beautiful book in assembly to Year 4 and Year 6 just last week and all 180 children were gripped by the story - I didn't want to stop reading it! I see it as a cross between Matilda and The Snowman - it's a story about an orphaned girl who is living under the rule of dictator-like orphanage owner. To see the world, she needs a little bit of magic and a whole lot of love.

Remember to check these out on 'LoveReading4Kids'

Prisoners of Geography (The World Explained in 12 simple maps) –

Tim Marshall (All Ages)

I love maps in books, so naturally, I love this book about maps and geography. This book introduces the idea of how geography has shaped the political world around us over the years and it's written brilliantly for children. I have read the adult version of the book (which I also recommend adults!) and learned so much! Check out the free extract on LoveReading4Kids - it's all about the geography of Russia. There is a link on the school website.



Asha and the Spirit Bird – Jasbinder Bilan (Year 5/6)

Asha lives in the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. From her den in the mango tree, Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. But the journey is dangerous: they must cross the world's highest mountains and face hunger, tiredness - even snow leopards.



Sita Bramachari Visits Little Green

'She inspired me by the way she used her voice; it reminded me of Greta Thunberg' - Philip

'I liked the way she didn't just talk about her book, but how she inspired me too' - Neve

'I've only read a few pages of the book and I can't wait to finish it' - Zohan

'I liked how she used volunteers to act out parts of her story' - Beatrice

'I really liked the way Sita used moments from her childhood to create the story and it made me think... I can do that!' - Harmani

'Even though I don't usually read that type of book, I loved the way she used drama to engage us in the story' - Ethan

'I enjoyed the way she expressed herself through her book and the way she told her father's story' - Naomi

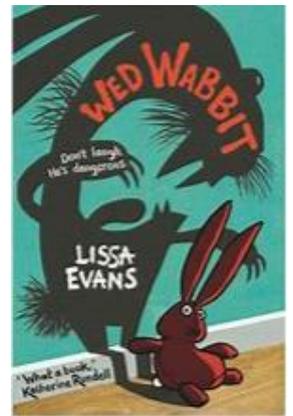


Author Visit Next Term

We are delighted to be hosting **Lissa Evans** at Little Green next term on **10th January 2020** for the whole school.

Lissa will be coming in to talk about being a writer, and will be able to sign copies of her books. She has written one of my favourite books, 'Wed Wabbit', which is hugely popular in Year 6 at the moment, but accessible for all ages with adult support.

Details on purchasing the book will be available in the coming weeks. We are hugely grateful to Chorleywood Bookshop for our developing relationship and look forward to seeing where else we can benefit in the future!



Reviews by children, for children

'The Little Prince' - A book review by Lottie in 6H

Which book are you recommending?

I am recommending The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupery translated by Katherine Woods. This is because this book truly breaks my heart because of the beautiful pictures, the detail, and the storyline for the book.

What genre would you say the book is?

I say multiple genres: it's funny, it's scientific, it's light hearted and it's adventurous.

Without giving too much away, what is the book about?

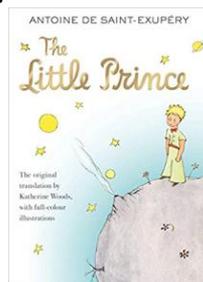
The book is about a pilot lost in the Sahara Desert and finds this little prince, he makes friends with the little prince and they have adventures together. The prince loves a rose and he travels around the world and meets a king and a business man. It's the story of how the prince goes to the Sahara.

What was so enjoyable about the book?

The character, the little prince, made the book so enjoyable because he was really sweet, smart and kind.

Can you tell us some great vocabulary you saw in the book?

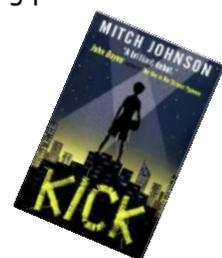
Thunderstruck, habitation, and absurd.



'Kick' by Mitch Johnson (Year 5/6) -
A book review by Shiv in 6R

This book is about a boy named Budi, who lives in Indonesia. Budi really likes football and wants to play for Real Madrid, but when he accidentally kicks a football and it breaks the window of the biggest gangster in Jakarta, his whole life is in danger. This book is about Budi's bravery and how he has to take risks and do bad things to keep himself alive.

I would recommend this book because it is intriguing from start to finish, with some thrilling plot twists.



Year 6 want your recommendations and reviews! If you've read something great, write us a review and drop it into 6R (Mr Hyde) - you could be included in the next issue!