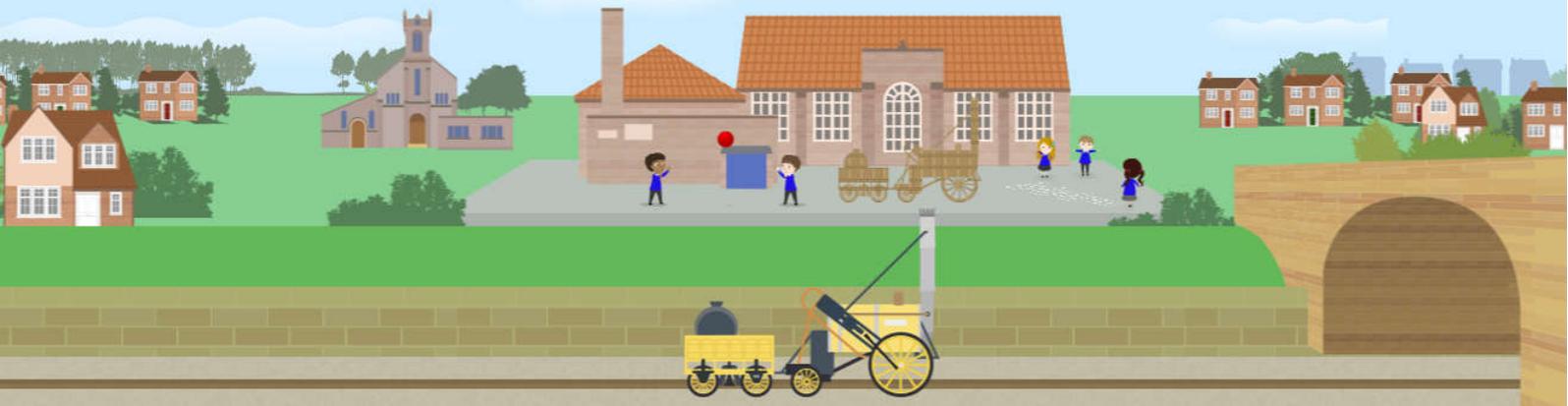




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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reading Round-up

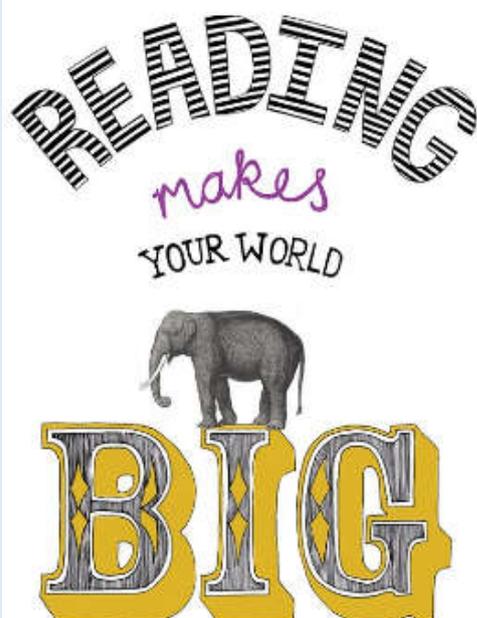
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Welcome to the final issue of St Ann's 'Reading Round-up' for this school year. The theme for this half term's newsletter is reading books that promote our wellbeing. Reading books which discuss wellbeing and mental health together can provide a great way to start conversations about emotions that children may be experiencing and struggling with. Research also shows that children who read with someone at home say it helps them to feel calmer and happier.

The importance of daily reading

At St Ann's Primary School, we believe that reading should be a fundamental part of childhood and a skill which should be developed to support lifelong learning.

Our aim is to develop and embed a strong, sustainable reading culture within the school community. Confident and competent readers will foster a love of reading through a rich and varied experience of texts in which they are empowered to exercise freedoms of choice and independence.



Inspiring children to read is their fundamental right. It underpins all learning and secures a good trajectory for personal development and an understanding of the world in which they live.

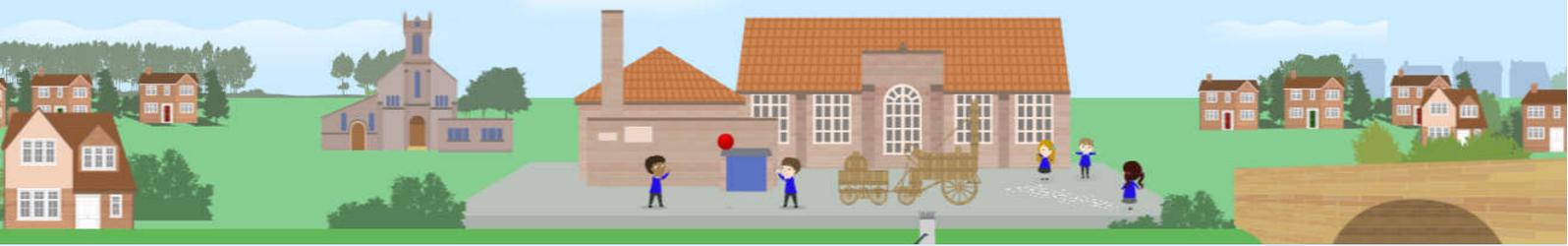
Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life.

The impact of encouraging your child to read daily for just 15 or 20 minutes will make a significant difference to their learning in ALL subjects so please, please, please support your child in keeping it up.

How is your class doing?

This table shows how many children in each class have achieved Reading Awards this year. Remember, you get a sweet shop voucher with your Silver Award and a £5 book token with your Gold Award! Well done to all of our award winners so far!

CLASS	BRONZE (10 weeks)	SILVER (20 weeks)	GOLD (30 weeks)
EYA	26	23	17
EYR	30	20	20
1H	26	24	21
1R	27	25	18
2B	24	22	21
2T	27	25	17
3G	19	18	16
3H	28	26	19
4F	27	19	16
4P	27	24	21
5E	28	24	21
5H	25	22	20
6O	23	23	18
6P	30	30	30



Author spotlight

Jasbinder Bilan

Hello all of you!

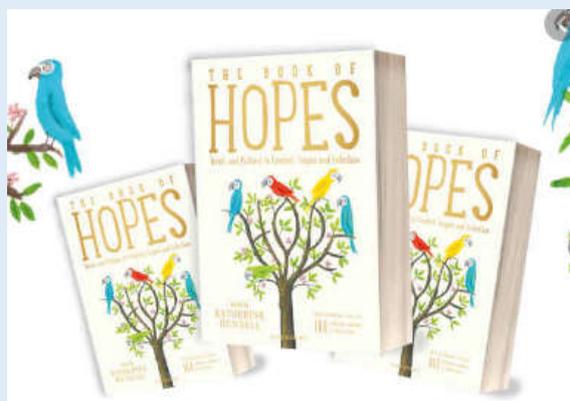
Reading and Writing were two of my very favourite things to do when I was little - I loved reading. One of my favourite books was *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*. I wanted to be a writer from the moment I could hold a pen - I used to continuously write little illustrated stories which I used to take to a very dear neighbour who kept them all in a stack whenever I went over for tea and cake. The inspiration for my story "Asha and the Spirit Bird" came from my grannie - my majee, as we call her in my family. She was very special to me and I really wanted to write a story set in India about a girl who could have been my majee. She believed in reincarnation and so I thought it would be a lovely idea to bring an animal into my story which could help my main character in times of need.

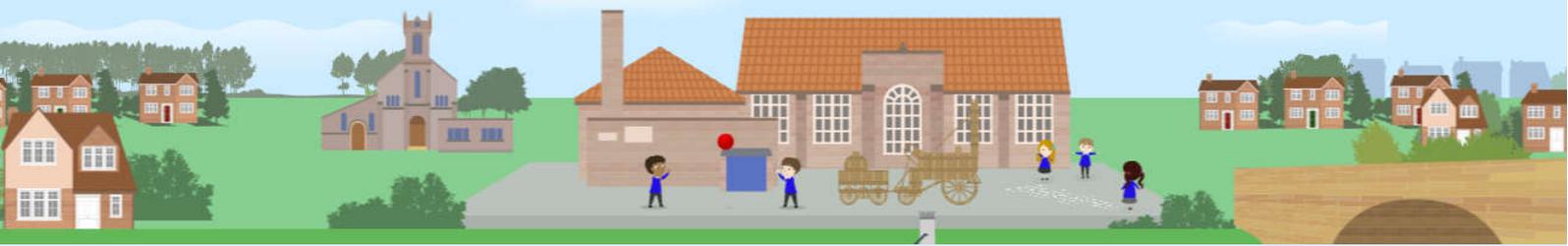


I think birds of prey are beautiful and the lamagaia is native to the Himalaya which is why I chose it to be Asha's spirit bird. I know things can be a bit worrying now and we might be missing our friends but when I was little I found that reading a story made me feel better. You can choose a comforting book that you enjoyed before or something new that will take you on an adventure - you can be sure that you'll meet some great new friends who will show you how to be brave and strong.



I have written a new scene for *The Book Of Hopes* (www.literacytrust.co.uk/bookofhopes) called *The Lamagaia Nest* that you could try. The book is wonderful and has lots of short stories and poems and illustrations from the best children's authors. I hope you all keep well, safe, happy and have lots of reading adven-





Recommended reads

Fiction

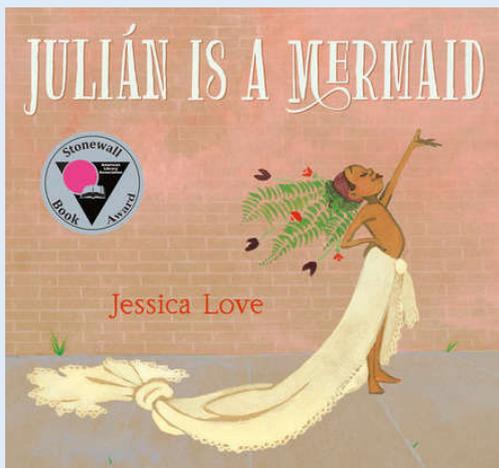
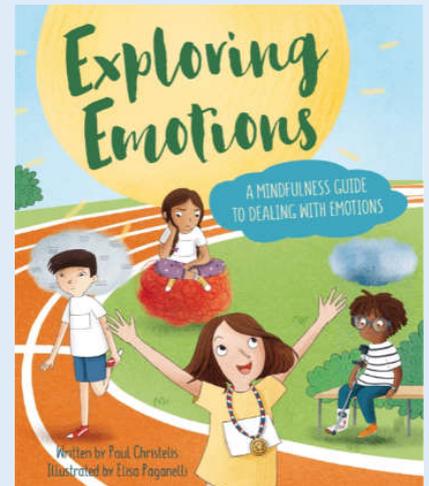


Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan **Appropriate for Year 5 and 6 readers**

Asha lives in the foothills of 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. And yet, Asha has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother - her nanijee - will be watching over her ..

Mindful Me: Exploring Emotions by Paul Christelis and Elisa Paganelli **Appropriate for Year 3, 4 and 5 readers**

This mindfulness story book for children includes simple mindfulness activities, which have been shown to help relieve stress and anxiety and improve health and mental well-being. This book shows children how to cope with different emotions, from anger and jealous, to sadness and disappointment. The children are gently guided into mindfulness exercises that encourage an exploration of emotions.



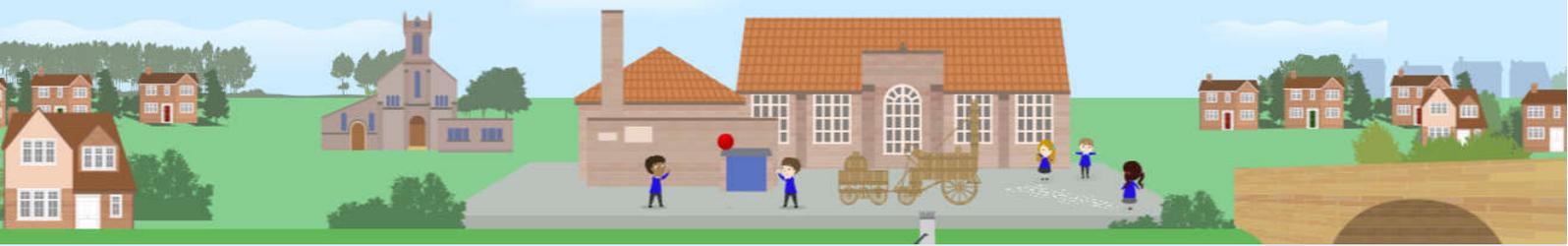
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love **Appropriate for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 readers**

While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes – what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

If All the World Were... by Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys **Appropriate for EYs, Year 1 and 2 readers**

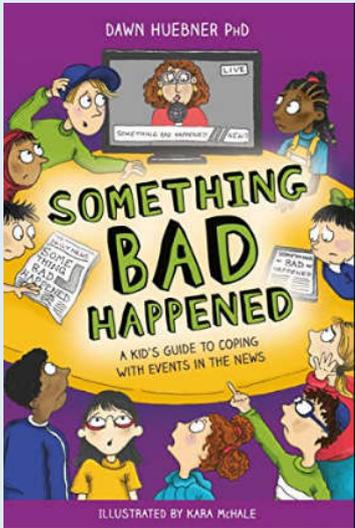
A moving, lyrical picture book about a young girl's love for her granddad and how she copes when he's gone, written by poet and playwright Joseph Coelho. This beautifully illustrated, powerful and ultimately uplifting text is the ideal way to introduce children to the concept of death and dying, particularly children who have lost a grandparent.





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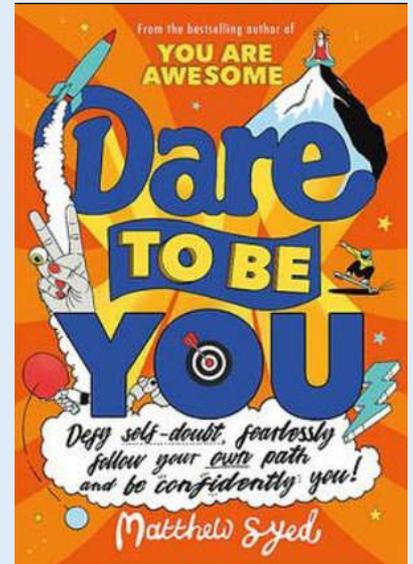
Non-fiction



Feelings

by Pat-a-Cake and Louise Forshaw

Find Out About: Feelings helps curious KS1 children get to grips with their feelings and emotions - a key topic for both them and their parents. Featuring friendly child characters and familiar situations, they will find answers and reassurance when they are feeling happy, sad, frightened, brave and everything in between. With fun flaps to lift and a memory game at the end, this is an excellent book for children and parents to share together.



Dare to Be You

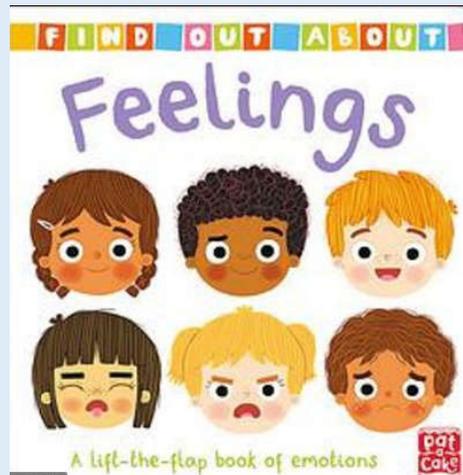
by Matthew Syed

If you're the kind of person who thinks: *I don't like standing out from the crowd... I wish I could be more like the cool kids... There's no point trying to change things...* then this book is for you. Because guess what? There's no such thing as normal. Drawing examples from sport, science and even business, Dare to Be You empowers young readers to follow their own path, love what makes them different and question the world around them.

Something Bad Happened: A Kid's Guide to Coping With Events in the News

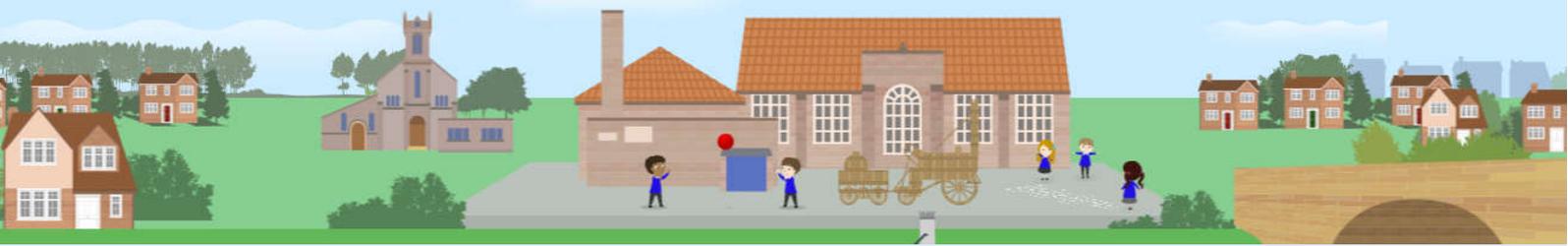
by Dawn Huebner PhD and Kara McHale

When children learn about something big and bad - even when they hear only bits and pieces - their brains get busy trying to make sense of it. Where did it happen? Why did it happen? And especially, will it happen again? Something Bad Happened guides children ages 6 to 12 and the adults who care about them through tough conversations about national and international tragedies.



*"We read to know that we are not alone."
- C.S. Lewis*





Summer Reading Challenge

GET READY TO GO ON A JOURNEY WITH WILD WORLD HEROES

This summer, Rainhill Library are inviting young people to explore Wilderville, an exciting town which is suffering some serious environmental problems. But with the help of the *Wild World Heroes*, there's plenty of ways to make the town better for the people and animals that live there. *Wild World Heroes* will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment. You can download the free activity packs for students as well as register for the challenge by visiting the library or using the link below:

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/summer-reading-challenge>

Rainhill Library have also produced two videos promoting the Summer Reading Challenge - one for KS1 children and one for KS2. Take a look:



KS1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dQMqasFKrs>

KS2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUI6oTrE4Fg>

Coming up...

In the Autumn term we will be reading lots more wonderful books carefully selected by our class teachers. Here is a sneak preview showing some what each year group can expect:

	Author Focus	Inspirational text(s)
Early Years	Nick Sharratt	My mum and dad make me laugh by Nick Sharratt
Year 1	Jill Murphy	Whatever next by Jill Murphy
Year 2	Roald Dahl	The Twits by Roald Dahl and Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
Year 3	David Walliams	The World's Worst Children by David Walliams
Year 4	Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	Great Women series by Kate Pankhurst
Year 5	Neil Gaiman	The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
Year 6	Morris Gleitzman	Skellig by David Almond