

### Reading Cafés



We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our Spring term reading cafés. It is so fantastic to see so many of our children engaged in reading with an adult. Thank you for supporting these events. Please look out for the Summer term reading café dates coming soon!



### World Book Day

We had a fantastic day celebrating reading for pleasure on World Book Day. There was a range of wonderful costumes on display and the children enjoyed engaging in various activities to promote reading. Every child was given a £1 World Book Day book token and a £1 World Book Day book to keep. Lots of children have been spotted reading these in ERIC (Everyone Reads In Class) time in their classrooms over the last couple of weeks which has been lovely to see.



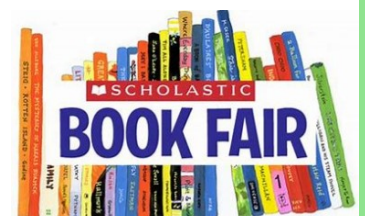
### Reading Volunteers

We have been thrilled to have our wonderful reading volunteers in school this term. Thank you so much to Pam, Hannah, Wendy and Jude. They have provided so many children with additional opportunities to further develop their reading fluency and enjoyment of books. If you would be interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please get in touch via email or complete the Google form: <https://forms.gle/Fmvx18YUzpBd8JKJ9>

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the book fair last week.

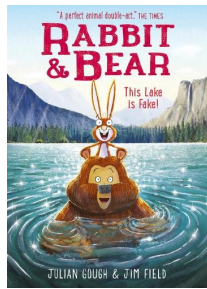
We raised £476 for the school to spend on new books!



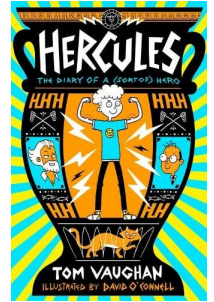
## New Book Recommendations

There are fantastic new children's books being released every month. Here are our picks of the March releases:

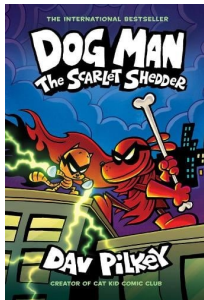
Year 3 loved reading Rabbit and Bear in the Autumn term. This month, the latest book in this classic series has been released. 'This Lake is Fake' is full of the humour and friendship we have come to expect from Rabbit and Bear.



Hercules: the Diary of a (sort of) Hero will appeal to fans of Louie Stowell's Loki, Maz Evans and Marvel's Thor films. Full of humour and brilliant illustrations, the trials faced by the main character are loosely based on the first three Labours of Hercules. A perfect link read for Year 5's up-coming Ancient Greece topic.



**Waterstones Children  
book of the month for  
March**



Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder is the suspenseful and hilarious twelfth graphic novel in the series by Dav Pilkey. Suitable for all ages, this book is perfect for children who love the graphic novel genre, humour and action.

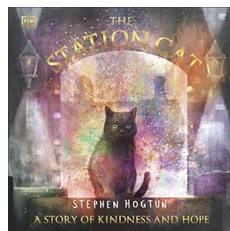


Black Hole Cinema Club is the latest release by 'The Jamie Drake Equation' author, Christopher Edge. With a similar feel to his last book, 'Escape Room', this book takes the reader on an edge-of-your-seat adventure. Perfect for age 9-12s who love adventure and have an interest in science fiction, movies and science.

## Hampshire Illustrated Book Award

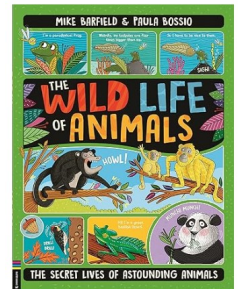
You may remember that Year 5 took part in the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award in the Autumn term.

They voted for The Station Cat by Stephen Hogtun as their winner.



## Hampshire Illustrated Information Book Award

This term, it was Year 4's turn to take part in a Hampshire book award. They read and evaluated a selection of illustrated information books. They voted for the Wild Life of Animals by Mike Barfield and Paula Bossio as their winner.



## Readathon

As part of our extended World Book Day celebrations, we held our first Readathon. Everyone who took part and recorded some 15 minute reads were rewarded with an effort mark and we were delighted with the number of children who fully completed their readathon cards. These children were entered into an extra reading raffle to win a book from our vending machine.

Google Classroom was flooded with challenge entries and there were many creative ideas on display. From reading in a suitcase, to reading with a hamster, we were so impressed with the children's efforts in engaging with this event.

