Coney Hill COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reading Rocks NEWSLETTER

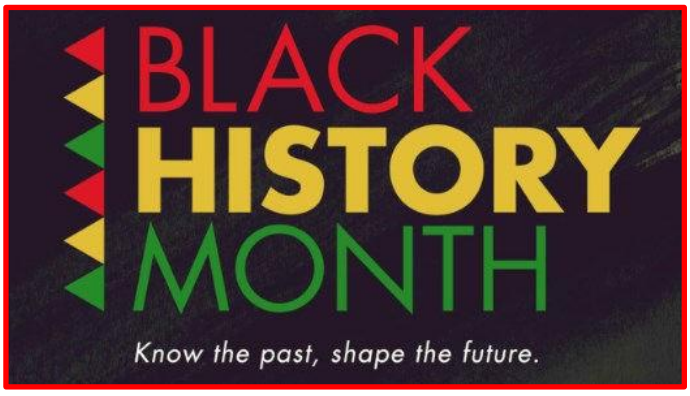
Autumn Term 1—October 2026

Wow, what an amazing first term we have had; reading books flying off the library shelves, children becoming reading champions and two new authors of the term: Caryl Hart and Cressida Cowell! Read on, to find out more!

Reading Champions 25-26

We have been overwhelmed with children applying to be Reading Champions once again, this year! Responsibilities will include: giving reading recommendations during Reading Rocks assemblies each week; promoting a love of reading across the school and taking pride in the school li- brary and class libraries - ensuring they are tidy, organised and appealing for all children. So far, we have already had Reading Champions reading and reviewing brand new releas- es before they are put in the library AND sharing what they are reading, during Reading Rocks assemblies! #ProudtobeaHiller #WeLoveReading

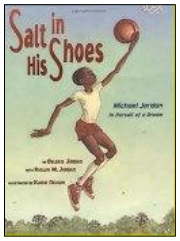
"The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" - Dr Suess

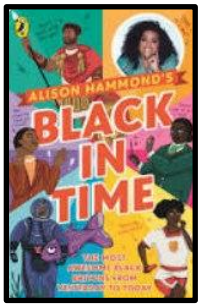


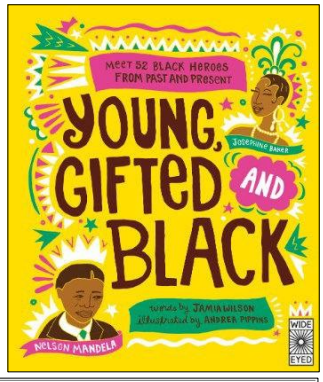
Black history can, and should, be recognised and celebrated all year round; in the UK, Black History Month falls in October each year, and is a great time to learn about and celebrate Black history and heritage. "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" is this year's theme and is a tribute to the strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to progress of Black communities, recognising their power, leadership, and cultural pride. It encourages celebrations of Black excellence and contributions throughout history and into the future.

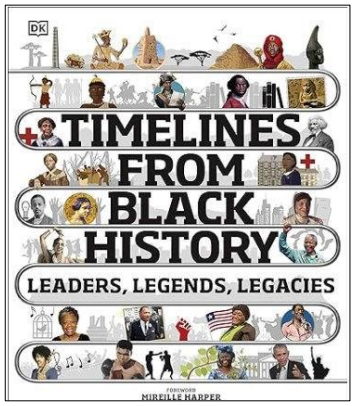
Recommended Reads for this month - many of these can be found in our library, classrooms and bought online. We've been reading some of these in KS2 this week!





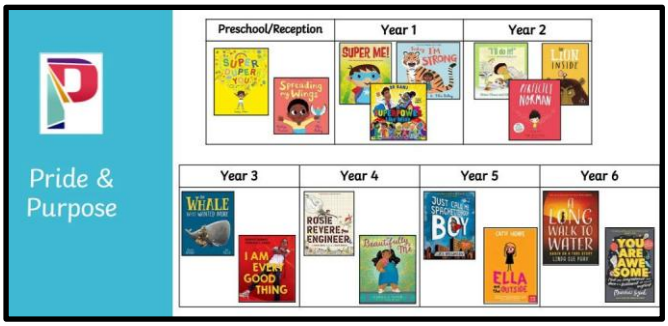


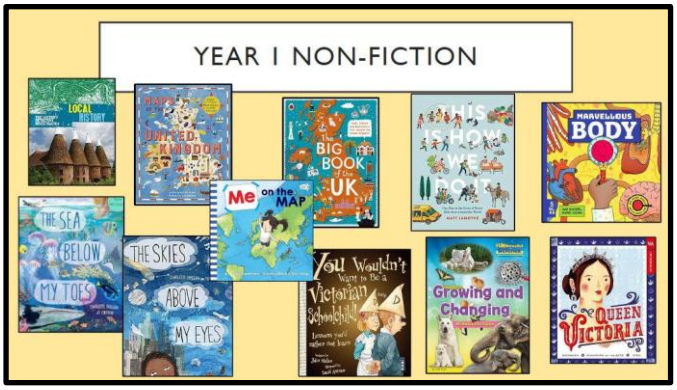


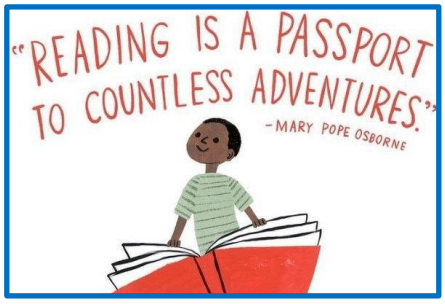


THE GOLDEN THREAD OF READING

The Golden Thread of Reading is the way we constantly develop our children through high quality texts. Reading high quality texts provides children with a wealth of wider knowledge and understanding of the world; it develops vocabulary and improves writing. We want to enable all children to find authors they love and provide children with the life-long skills they need to ensure they can read confidently, fluently and with a secure understanding. We have devised reading spines for fiction, non-fiction, British Values and our PREACH values, using a range of fantastic books for our children to enjoy. Take a look on our website to see our reading spines for 25-26









How wonderful to see so many parents and carers in school for our Reading Café events! It's such a special time for the children to share a book with their loved ones, in their classrooms.



Having a clear out over half term?

Good quality books for our community book cupboard and borrowing shelf in the office. Please bring in any donations to the school office. Thank you!

What are we reading this term?

Reception: Supertato by Sue Hendra, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper & Funny Bones by Alan Ahlberg,

Year 1: Fabulous Frankie by Simon James Green. The Three Little Pigs & The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

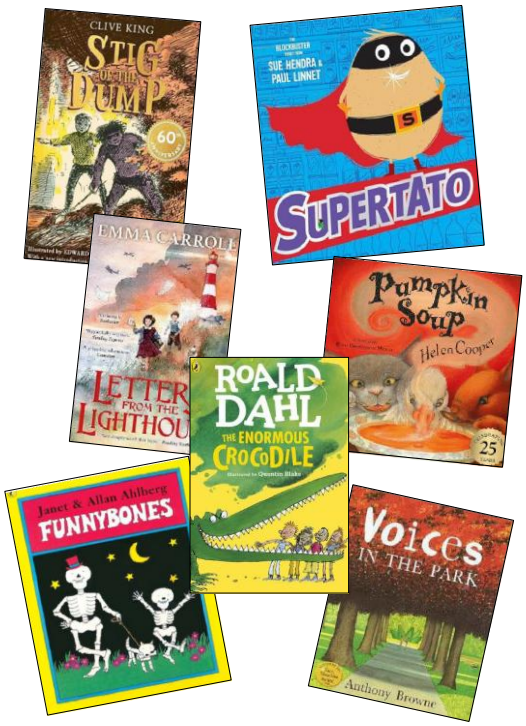
Year 2: The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo, The Invisible by Tom Percival & Not Now, Bernard by David McKee

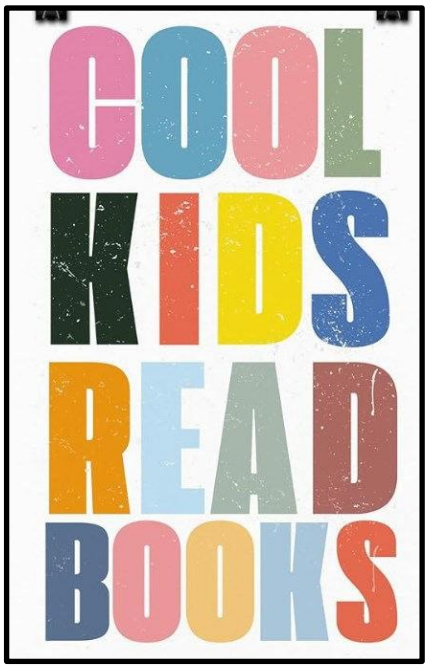
Year 3: Stone Age Boy Satoshi Kitamura, Stig of the Dump by Clive King, And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson

Year 4: Revolt Against the Romans by Tony Bradman & Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne.

Year 5: The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry & The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millweed Hargrave

Year 6: Once by Morris Gleitzman & Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll





This week sees the first of our Starbooks reading celebration afternoons!

Each term, class teams will nominate children who have truly impressed staff with their reading—whether through consistent reading at home, enthusiastic participation in class, or a growing love for books.

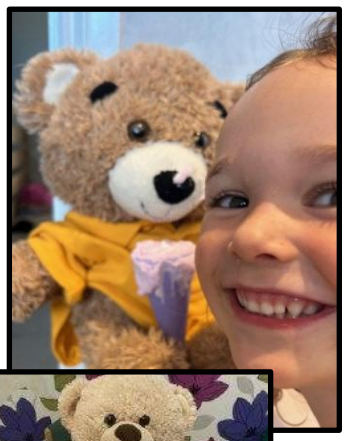
Those chosen will be invited to a special StarBOOKs celebration in school, where they'll enjoy hot chocolate, a relaxed book chat, and a cosy book club-style treat with staff and friends. It's our way of saying "well done" and encouraging even more reading joy!

Hiller Bedtime Bears



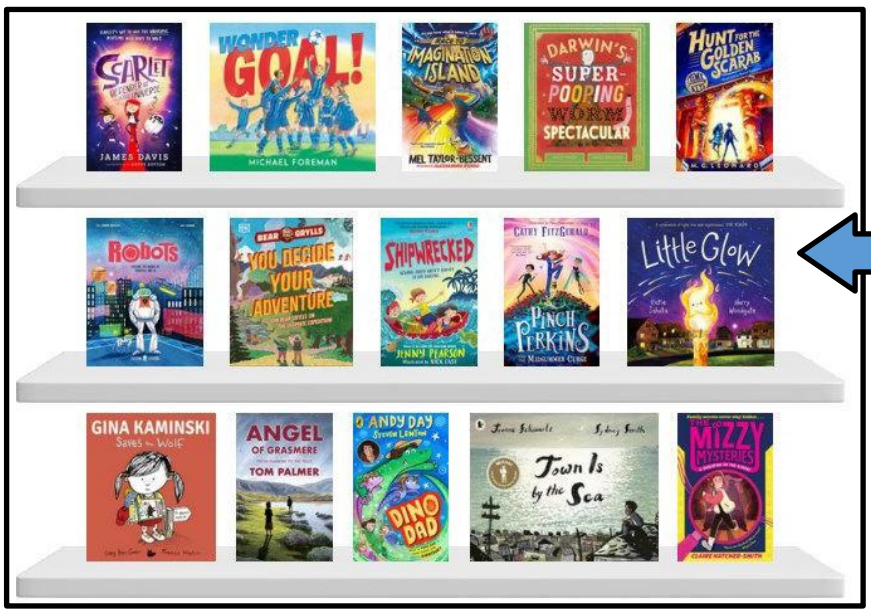
Our lovely Hiller bears have been going home each week, to snuggle, enjoy hot chocolates and read, read, read, with their friends from preschool, reception, year 1 and year 2. It has been so fun to see photos of what they have been up to; such happy smiling faces and well-loved reading bears! If you have the bedtime bears to stay, please feel free to email in pictures of the fun reading they are enjoying!











Half Term

Why not visit your local library, find a new book and snuggle down over the holidays to enjoy a good read?!