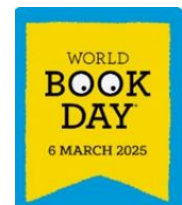


Book Week 2025 at Miers Court Primary



Wow! We had such a super time celebrating Book Week here at Miers Court. From start to finish there was a range of fun and engaging activities to ignite the children's passion for reading. We had special visitors, dances, class swaps, reading in extreme places and even book themed potatoes! Read on to find out more of what we got up to and be prepared, it makes for quite the story...!

Book themed dance workshops

Given their great expertise in all things dance, Mrs Ridley and Miss Ridley kindly ran a series of dance workshops on the Monday. Every year group participated in their own bespoke workshops which were linked to their book choice. We danced like no one was watching and everyone had big smiles on their faces!



Parent story time

After school on Monday we welcomed KS1 and KS2 parents into the hall to join us for another story session. There was hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits to accompany a really peaceful atmosphere which saw our families cosy up with their favourite books.



Now take a look at just some of the amazing activities which have been going on in each year group...

Reception

We started our book week off by unwrapping our book for the week 'Pigs might fly'. We had read the Three Little Pigs the week before so this followed on nicely to find out what happened next. In the story the wolf is up to his usual bad tricks, this time stealing fuel and destroying aeroplanes! We enjoyed learning new words linked to the book, describing what the wolf and the pigs are like and using the book as our influence for Drawing Club!

Our dance with Miss and Mrs Ridley was lots of fun and was linked to our stories, we were swirling and whirling and even wiggling!

We dressed up as our favourite book characters and enjoyed being able to tell each other what stories we were from, sharing why we liked those stories and the characters. We also shared books with Year 2 and Year 6 as part of Book Day.

We had a great Book Week, from potatoes that looked like caterpillars, to swapping our pre-loved books for something different, dancing, storytelling, DEAR (drop everything and read, even though the bell confused us and we were ready to practise for a fire evacuation!) and so much more!



Year 1

We kicked off the week with an incredible dance class with Mrs and Miss Ridley! We had SO much fun! We went on to read our book, "Superhero Hotel" all about a top-secret hotel where superheroes come to relax after a hard day saving the world! We decided to become superheroes ourselves and created a collage of the town we would be protecting. We then put our own superhero character in the sky to show us flying over the town. After this, we got even more creative and designed and wrote about our own superhero holiday island and superhero hotel, using lots of adjectives and describing special features. Our favourite day was World Book Day and we all got dressed up in a variety of character costumes. We loved meeting the author and rounded off the day with a book share with Year 3.

What a week!



Year 2

We had such a lovely week in Year 2 for Book Week. The atmosphere was fun but also peaceful throughout and the children really rose to all the challenges they were given. We had a fantastic time learning our dance with Mrs Ridley and Miss Ridley. They themed the dance on our book which is called 'Bloom.' The theme of the book is all about spreading kindness and showing care and compassion to others. In doing this then we are all able to feel our best and to 'bloom.' The children had some really insightful responses in their discussions around the book and completed some amazing book reviews once they had finished reading it.

We wrote beautiful poems all about the things which make us bloom and then we welcomed parents into school on Monday 10th to read our poems. The parents also got to see our Book Week art work where we had used clay to make flower sculptures inspired by Frida Kahlo and Yumiko Goto. The results were just beautiful! Some of us brought in old books from home to swap for a different book in the library and we had some superb entries for the extreme reader photo and potato reading buddies competitions.

On World Book Day itself we enjoyed book swaps to go and read with children in Year R and Year 6 and we had great fun taking part in 'Drop Everything and Read' when the bell rang! The children looked amazing in their costumes and showed tremendous enthusiasm and creativity all week - well done Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time during book week, they started the week by reading their chosen books Leonora Bolt, secret inventor and Charlie changes into a chicken.

They started their artwork, making a design to show off their chosen onomatopoeia word or deciding what animal they would change into drawing half their face and their chosen animal.

They really enjoyed their dance workshop with Mrs Ridley and Ms Ridley learning a routine to little Shop of Horrors.

In Puffin class they created comic strips using the characters from Leonora Bolt, and invented a whole new adventure for Leonora. In Kingfisher class they wrote diary entries, imagining they were Charlie, and what happened to him on the day he first turned into a chicken.

On World Book Day, the children looked amazing in their book character costumes and had a wonderful time reading with their new Year 1 buddies.

What a fantastic week and it was great to share the work with so many of you on Monday.



Year 4

Flamingo Class

Flamingo Class chose to focus on the book, Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

"It's a very funny book, from the second I picked it up I couldn't put it down. I just wanted to read it again and again. Jeff Kinney really knows how to crack someone up! If you want a book that makes you laugh, I would highly recommend this series."

By Jake

"I love Diary of a Wimpy Kid because it so funny. I have loved our book week and all the Diary of the Wimpy kid activites but the journal and art work were my favourite."

By Maddie

"I like the book because it is funny and has short paragraphs so it's not too much information to take in. It is so entertaining."

By Esmee

"I really like the book and the short stories in months. The drawings are clever and the jokes are really funny. I would recommend it to Year 3, 4 and 5 and I would rate it 10/10 because its brilliant and entertaining."

By Florence

Our writing was inspired by the book as we created our own journals, reflecting on our time so far in year Year 4. From poo experiments to crazy Vikings and a fun-filled day in London, we each channelled our inner Greg and made it fun and silly!

In Art we retold the story of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', inspired by Kinney's illustrations throughout the book. We had lots of fun bringing the story to life!



Macaw class

Macaw class had a very busy Book Week! We enjoyed reading and learning about Andy Warhol (did you know he started pop art?). As a result, we all wrote a biography about him. During the week we also really enjoyed sharing books with Falcon class and had a great time dancing with Miss and Mrs Ridley and even learnt a World Book Day rap! On World Book Day we all came dressed up and admired each other's costumes. Some of us also swapped books at the book swap and even made fantastic potato buddies- have you seen them?

During the week we also learnt about pop art and made pop art hats. We had to think carefully about the use of colour, placement and the material we chose.

We also made 'stained glass' pieces inspired by pop art and Warhol's use of colour and repetition. They look great in our classroom when the sun shines!

One of our favourite parts of World Book Day was meeting an inspiring author - it was great fun meeting a real author and we learnt a lot about how to write a great story. She talked about the importance of the first line of a good story so we have decided to write and collect our own! We have decided to start a display in our classroom if you want to come and have a look!

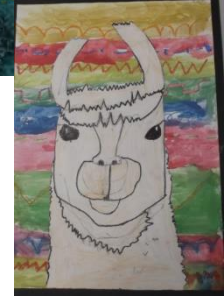


Year 5

Falcon Class

In Falcon Class, we read 'Paddington in Peru' to celebrate Book Week - it was a popular choice!

We used the text to inspire our artwork. We used our sketching skills to draw a llama and we used a range of media to colour it and to create a background: oil pastels, watercolour paints, colouring pencils and chalk pastels. We think they look fantastic!



We used our research skills to find out about Peru and we presented the information in a fact-file. Peru is an amazing country and we found out some interesting and surprising facts about it!

A traditional dish is roasted guinea pig (cuy), which is served whole on the plate!
Daniella

The Andean condor is a national symbol of Peru. It is an important part of Andean mythology and traditions.
Micah

There is a drink called 'pisco sour' (a cocktail), which even has its own holiday!
Luca

Traditional Peruvian ponchos have been worn for more than two thousand years.
Keira

The Uros people on the western side of Lake Titicaca live on floating islands made of grass!
Khaleed

Over 70% of the world's alpacas and its relations live in Peru.
Kit

Kestrel Class

Kestrel Class read "Simply The Quest" by Maz Evans (they haven't finished it yet though). This story is the second in a series, the first they read in Year 4.

As the book is based around Greek gods and goddesses, for English, Kestrels researched a god or goddess of their choice from the book and created a factfile showing key information. The children had the freedom to present it however they liked - they were fantastic!

In one part of the book, one of the main characters (Virgo) goes up against a panel of star constellations to see whether she will get her immortality and powers restored, after making some bad choices in the first book. In Art, the children chose a star constellation and created it using star stickers. They then used watercolours to create a night sky over the stickers. Once dry, they peeled the stickers off and drew lines to show the constellations. The results were really effective.



Year 6

Phoenix class

In Phoenix class, the children have been reading 'The book that no one wanted to read' by Richard Ayode. It is a fascinating story about a young child who finds a book who can communicate with them telepathically! No one has ever read this book, and the potential for the stories it holds are endless.

We used this to inspire ourselves with writing, taking on a challenge: to write the story that is inside the book, but using only a maximum of 100 words!

It was a lot more challenging than we first thought, as we had to really carefully think about our vocabulary choices and sentence structures. It turns out, 100 words is not a lot of space! We were able to come up with some really creative stories though.

We also used this idea of books having the potential to be anything to create our artwork. We all chose a book that we liked, and then extended the book covers to create an artistic scene. We then took on the challenge of fusing all of our book scenes together to create one gigantic tapestry of all our work!

We decided to call it 'reading is more than words.'

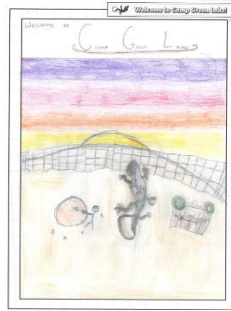
On World Book Day, we all dressed up as our favourite book characters, and had a lovely time listening to Gianna Pollero speak about what it is like to be an author and the process of creating her books! We also spent some time with Robins class reading books and sharing some of our favourite stories.



Pegasus Class

Pegasus Class voted to focus on 'Holes' by Louis Sachar for this year's book week. It tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, a 14-year-old boy, accused of stealing a pair of shoes. Since a curse had been put on to the family, Stanley and his family have been dealt with an impressive amount of bad luck! He goes to a juvenile detention centre - Camp Green Lake.

Throughout the week, the children had the opportunity to engage in a range of activities linked to the text. They analysed chapter one and two, making inferences, predictions and evaluating the author's use of vocabulary. Camp Green Lake's setting was described and the children drew what comes to mind - only by looking at the text! See Ivy's example below!



The children used the front cover of the text to inspire them to create their own lizard artwork using watercolour paints.

They also put themselves into Stanley's shoes, writing a letter home to his Mum. However, he didn't want to worry her whilst he was away so this was not the most truthful of letters.. The children had to think of ways to reassure his mum. See Avani's example below!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the text and finding out more about each of the characters. We are going to continue to read this throughout the term as part of our end of the day story.

On World Book Day itself, Pegasus Class arrived into school as a variety of known book characters - some more known than others! They spent time getting to know children from Bumblebee Class, reading their books together - we were so impressed with their calm and supportive natures when working with the younger children. Lots of our children said they'd love to do more of this!

They then, with the rest of Year 6 and Year 5, had the opportunity to meet a real author - Gianna Pollero, followed by a live lesson run by the BBC.

Overall, a great week had by all with a fantastic level of engagement!

Well done Pegasus Class!



Camp Green Lake

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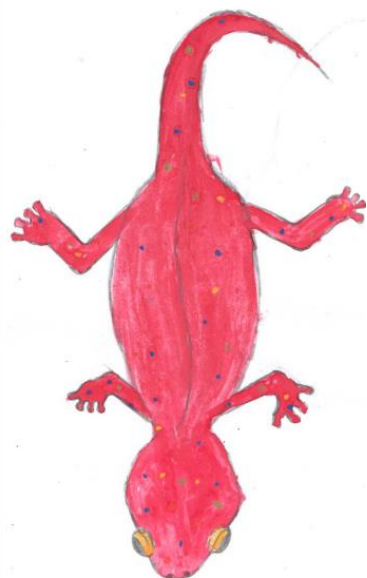
Dear Mom.

I hope you are doing well back home. Camp Green Lake is beautiful! The lake is huge; it goes on for miles. The weather is so lovely and warm too, also there are flowers and huge colourful plants everywhere. The warm sea is so amazing when it sparkles in the light. All of the songs members here are all so kind and helpful. Plus, I have made lots of friends. In our own time my friends and I like to play soccer, go to the break room and before bed Cutich is at tent we read stories around a campfire. Zero - one of my friends - is quiet but he also plays guitar and he is going to teach me!

I'm learning a lot here Mom. It's not all just fun and games. In the day, we all have four lessons, Maths, English, PE and the history of Camp Green Lake. The staff help us develop into polite, young people by using discipline, team work and independence.

Anyway, I hope you are doing good. Has dad figured out his invention yet? How is nan? Don't forget to tell them how amazing it is here

See you soon,
Sammy



Author visit

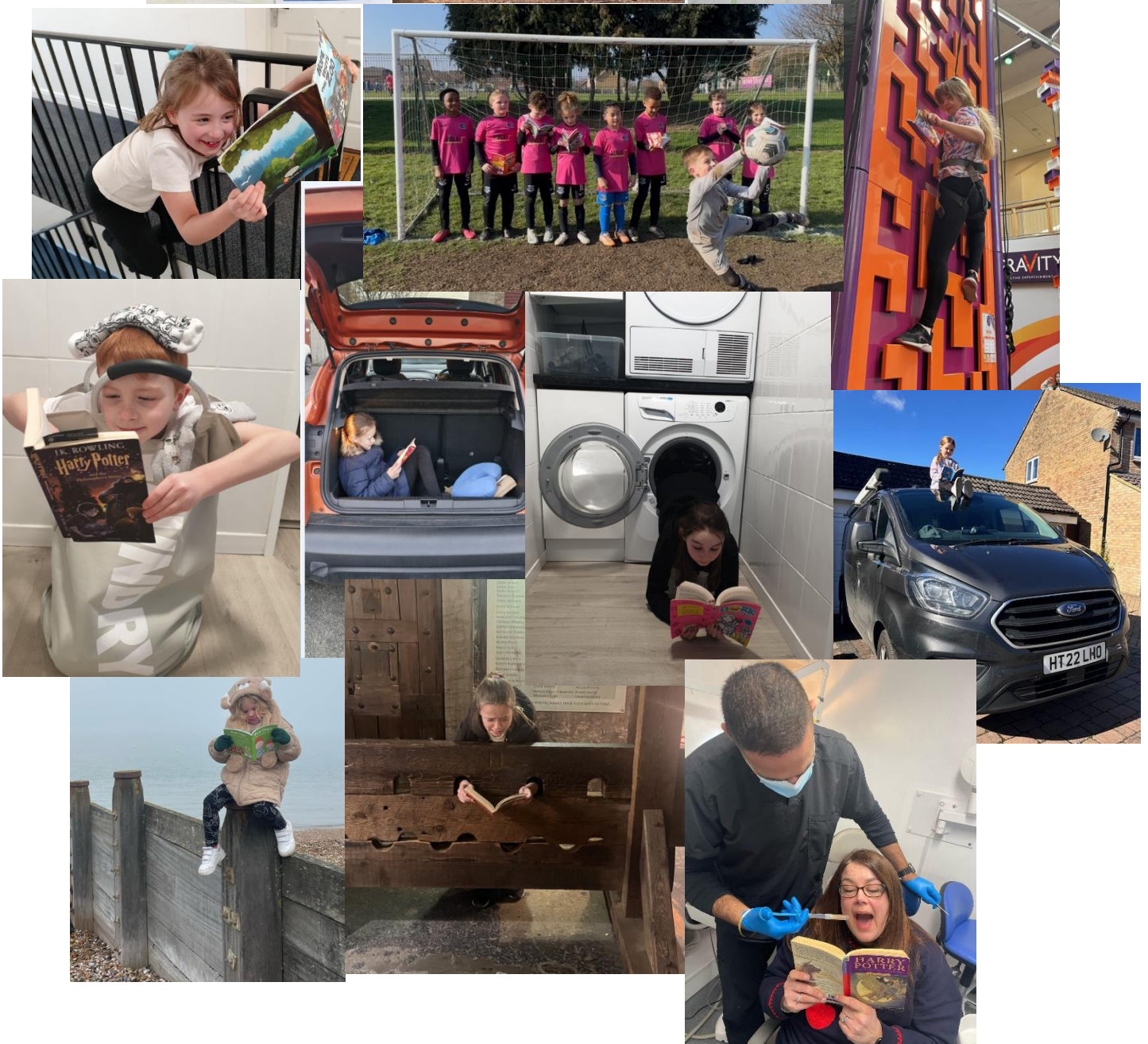
On World Book Day we welcomed the author Gianna Pollero into school. Gianna did workshops with different year groups to tell them all about her journey towards becoming an author and some of the inspiration behind her characters. She hooked the children in further by engaging them in the process of coming up with some new characters for her book 'Monster Doughnuts' and made sure that she gave time to answer the questions of all of our budding authors. Gianna was engaging and inspiring from start to finish and we feel so lucky to have had her visit.

We still have some signed copies of her book available to purchase in school priced £6. Please come to the office if you would like to purchase one.



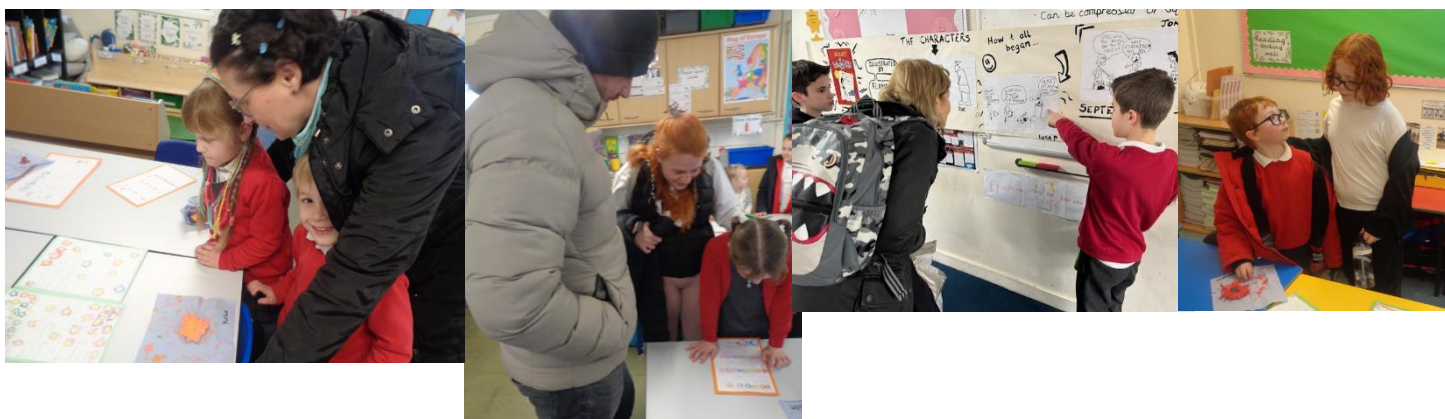
Competitions

If you have been keeping an eye on our social media pages then you will have seen that we were flooded with a range of amazing entries in our extreme reader competition and also for our potato reading buddies competition. Thank you so much to everyone who took part! The children have loved walking past and seeing the entries, they have proved a great talking point! We really appreciate your efforts. A special mention to Mrs Kavanagh - this was certainly a brave choice to enjoy a spot of reading!



Parent and Carer displays

On Monday 10th March we then welcomed our parents and carers into school to come and see the fantastic English and artwork that the children created during Book Week. It was lovely to share and celebrate the children's efforts in this way. The school is now awash with writing and artwork all over! Thank you very much if you were able to come along and join us.



...and finally a huge



We began all of the festivities by welcoming the travelling book fair. Over the week we were visited by several of our children and their families. Thank you so much to everyone who came to browse or purchase a book. Your support has helped us to reach a total of **£941.37** and raise a whopping **£470.69** in commission which we will use to purchase more shiny, new books for the library. Thank you!

