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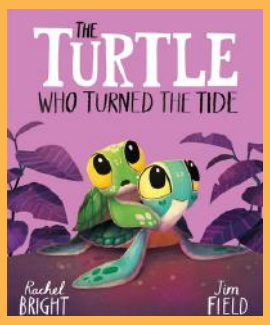
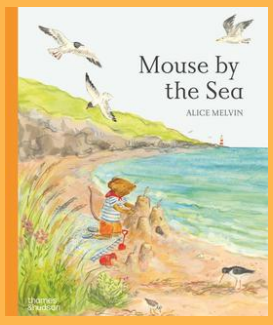
JULY 2026
SUMMER READING

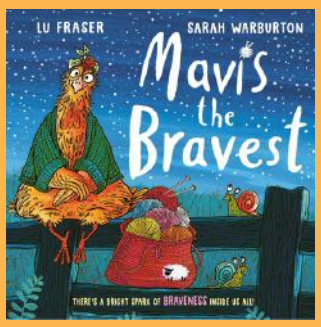
Picture Books



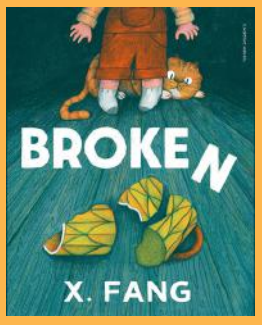
It's time for the hatching. A crowd of animal onlookers have gathered to see which baby turtle will win the great race.



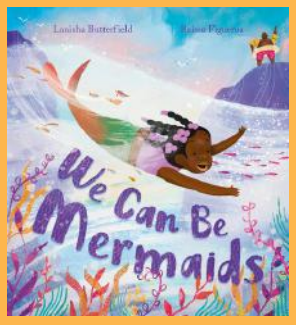
Join Mouse on his summer holiday by the seaside: sandcastles on the beach and finding treasure amongst the rock pools



Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary. Will she be able to find her bright spark of braveness and save her best best friend Sandra?.



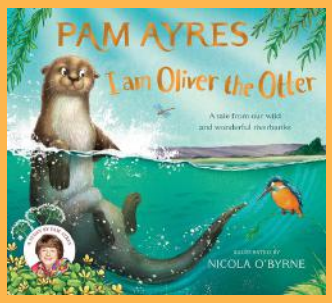
When Mei Mei accidentally breaks her ama's favourite cup, she's convinced it's the end of the world!



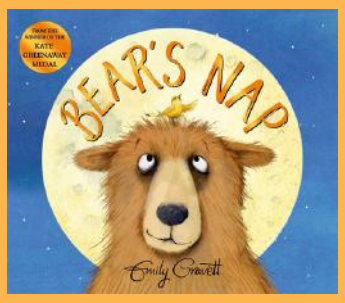
Silver has loved swimming since her first lesson and dreams of becoming... a MERMAID! There's just one problem: her dad can't swim.



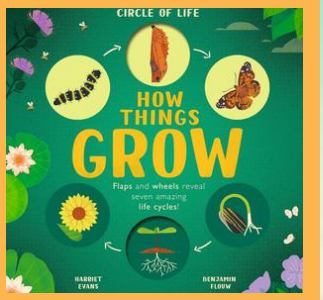
Bear has woken up hungry and finds a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? No! Out hatches Gozzle, a very sweet little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her daddy.



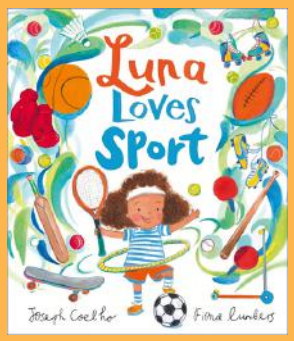
Oliver the otter is happy living alone, swimming or scampering along the waterways. Until one day he meets an otter called Ottilie – and his life changes forever.



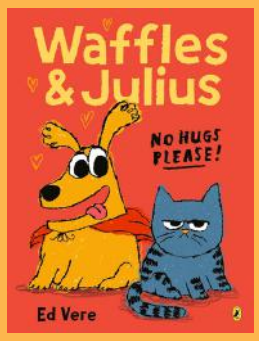
All Bear wants is a quiet nap . . . but he can't work out who is keeping him awake with their cheep cheeping. An increasingly frustrated bear leaves his cosy cave to ask the other animals.



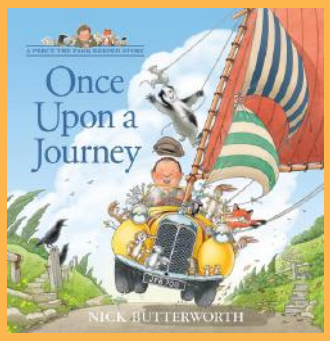
Discover the wonder of nature's diversity and ingenuity in this beautiful, immersive introduction to animal and plant life cycles, perfect for wildlife lovers.



Luna doesn't think she's very good at sports, but, with her lucky trainers, headband and water bottle, she decides to give everything a go.



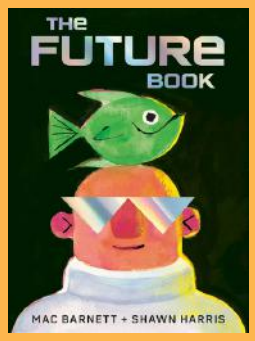
Waffles would like to hug his friend Julius. Julius prefers other things: most notably, cat-naps. But definitely not hugs.



Percy the park keeper has turned an old car into a "sailing car". To celebrate, he drives his animal friends away from the park to camp beneath the stars.

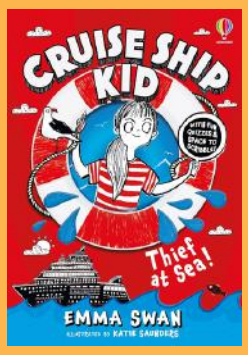


When a young girl is given a magic feather that transforms birds' songs into words, she discovers that they need her help!

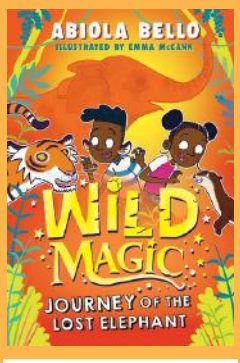


A silly, innovative picture book, full of surprising new words and phrases which are absolutely normal in the future.

Shorter Chapter Books



Come aboard and be definitely-not-a-detective to help Silver catch a dastardly jewel thief at sea.



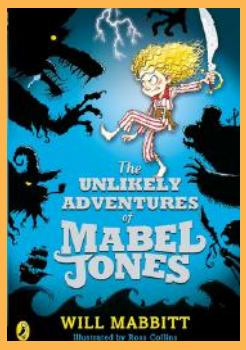
Misha and Ziggy are excited to be joining their father on a trip to India, where they can test their magical powers.



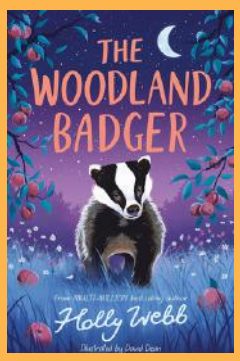
Wanzu and his friends will use all their magical skills to keep Sealand - their beloved island home - safe.



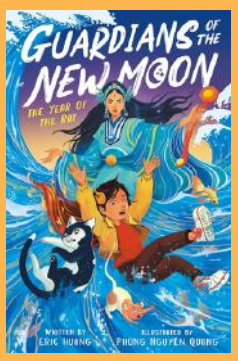
There's space for a new team of heroes. This is your chance to enter the leagues and fight your way to the top!



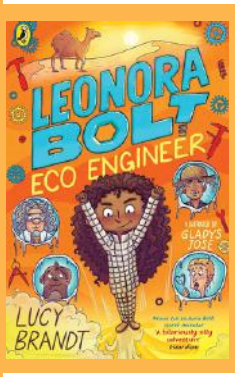
Kidnapped, Mabel is forced to serve aboard The Feroshus Maggot with the strangest crew you'll ever meet.



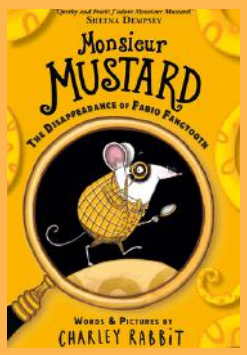
When Poppy spots a badger in the woods, she is entranced. How will she save his habitat from the builders?



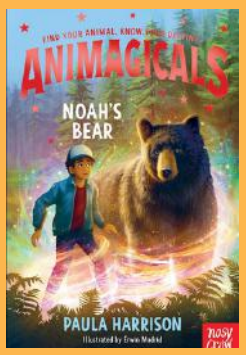
Ming and Miaow must face a furious sea goddess who is determined to teach them a lesson they won't forget.



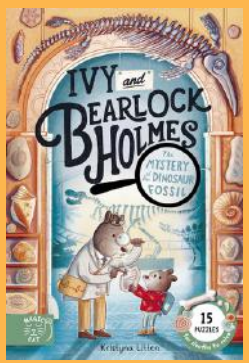
Can Leonora use her eco-engineering imagination to invent something to save her parents from meltdown?



Meet the number one, best dressed, and (possibly) smallest detective in the world, Monsieur Mustard.



Noah loves changing into a bear! So why do his friends at Wild Haven School say he should choose something else?



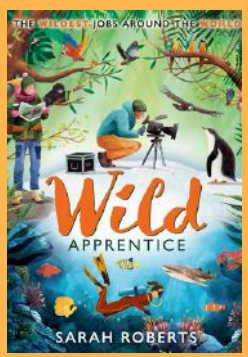
When a dinosaur fossil disappears from a local ridge, Ivy and Bearlock face their trickiest case yet.



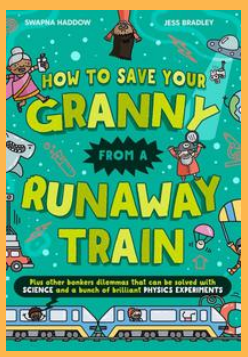
Choose your own adventure on this daring mission to a distant planet. Can you find the traitor in your midst?



Scarlet responds to an advert for the role of Defender of the Universe and is a little surprised to get the job.

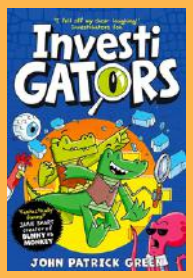


Are you undeterred by mud, swamps and creepy crawlies? Learn all about the WILDEST jobs in the WORLD!



Explore a bunch of ridiculous dilemmas, with solutions from the fascinating and astonishing world of physics.

Reading Ambassador Recommendations



I would like to recommend the *InvestiGATORS* graphic novel series by John Patrick Green. They are so good if you like spy stories. There are eight books in the series and something unexpected always happens. I could never put them down!

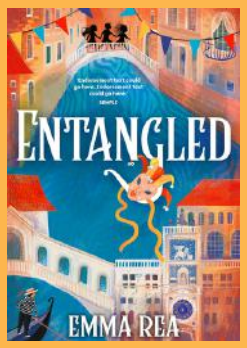
Lily, Year 6



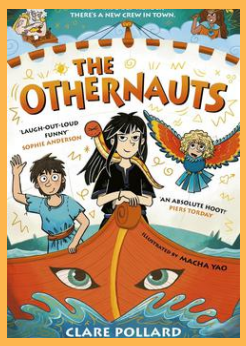
We would like to recommend the *Hotel Flamingo* series of books by Alex Milway. There are five books in total and they are so funny and often teach you important lessons like not to be bossy or how to be kind to new people. You have to challenge yourself to find all the animals in every book.

Emily & Lucy, 2E

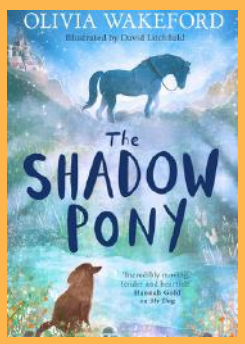
Longer Chapter Books



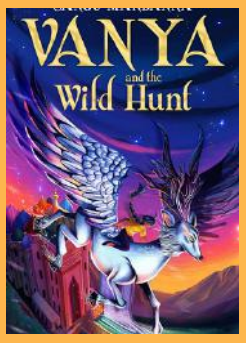
When his twin sister Tia disappears on a trip to Venice, Thomas sets out alone at night to find her.



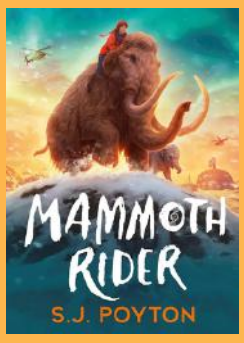
Phoebe meets the Argonauts - a motley crew of so-called heroes on a quest to grab the golden fleece.



When a school trip takes Evan to an old mine, he is desperate to find out more about the pit ponies that worked there.



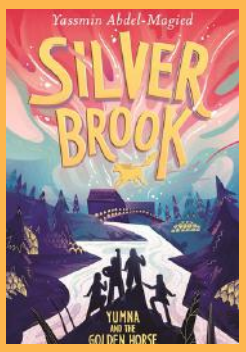
11 - year - old Vanya can talk to books. But more importantly, the books talk back, leading her on adventures.



Ash Grimes dreams of becoming a Mammoth Rider, just like her dad. But mammoths are wild animals.



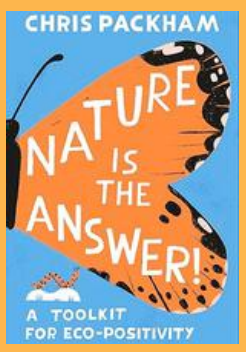
Kofi dreams of being a professional athlete - but he soon finds following your heart isn't an easy road.



When her friends start sneaking into the woods at night, curiosity gets the better of Yumna and she follows.



When Tassie is announced as the Chosen One, destined to save the day, she knows there's been a mistake.



Understand eco-anxiety, build resilience, and make sure your demands for the future are heard.



Step into the wild and explore the incredible journey of Jane Goodall, a woman who lived among chimpanzees.

Reading Ambassador Recommendations

I think *The Overthinkers' Club* is an amazing book to read. It has the style of Lottie Brooks and is just as funny, and the colours and word choices really make the book special.

Florrie, Year 5





We would like to recommend *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Four children are stranded in the Amazon rainforest. Towards the end, the smallest boy, Max, is nearly killed and they have to get him back to the city. We would recommend this to anyone who likes adventure stories.

Jemima & Tessa, Year 3

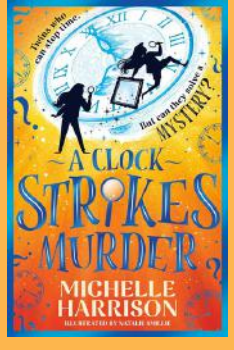


I would like to recommend *The Girl who Raced the World* by Nat Harrison. It is a retelling of *Around the World in 80 Days*. Maggie Appleton goes to deliver a letter from her dead mother to a mysterious stranger. She is whisked away to cross the world in 80 days. However, with a greedy detective on her tail, she soon finds that there is more to her travelling companion, Mr Phileas Fogg, than meets the eye.

Sophie, Year 6

I would recommend reading *A Clock Strikes Murder* by Michelle Harrison because it is an enjoyable book. Its plot is full of twists and turns, and the murder is solvable, but not too easy.
In this book, two identical twins are born on different days, years, and months. I find this interesting. I was even more interested when the twins (Meredith and Rose) tell the reader they can control time. I liked this, because it gave me a sense of security, and I thought of the twins as powerful. This is even more fun later in the book, when the murderer shatters that sense of power when they kidnap Rose.
The murder happens when the twins' mum (an artist) travels to Greece to restore an old, cursed painting. On the way, the sisters find out a secret...an auction is being held to sell the painting. But when one of the highest bidders is killed, it is up to Merry and Spike to solve the mystery.

Sophia, Year 5



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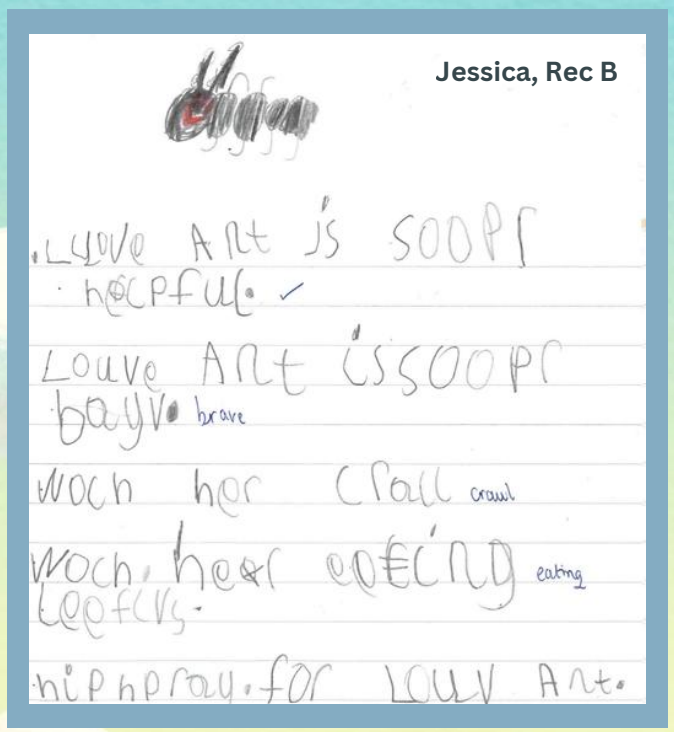
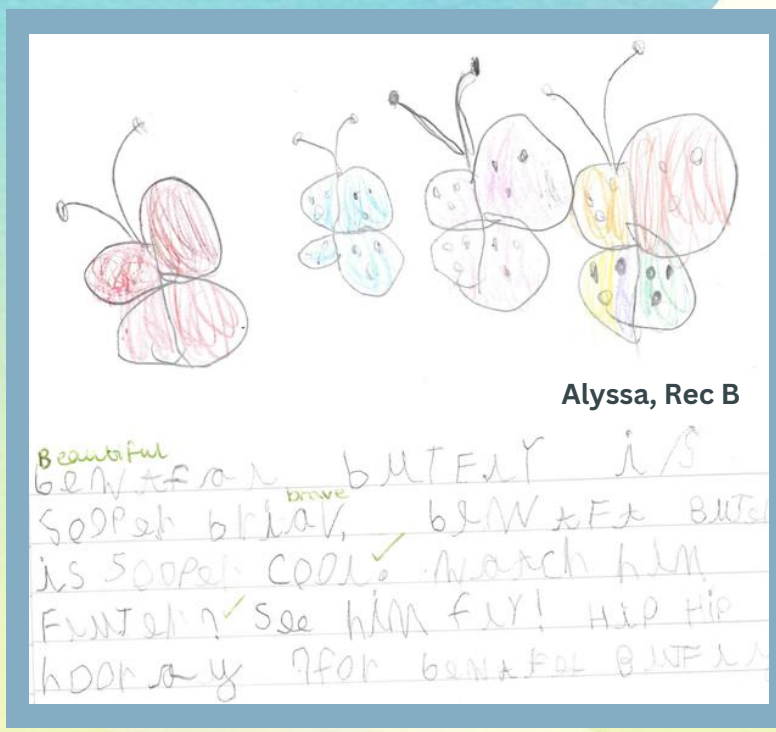
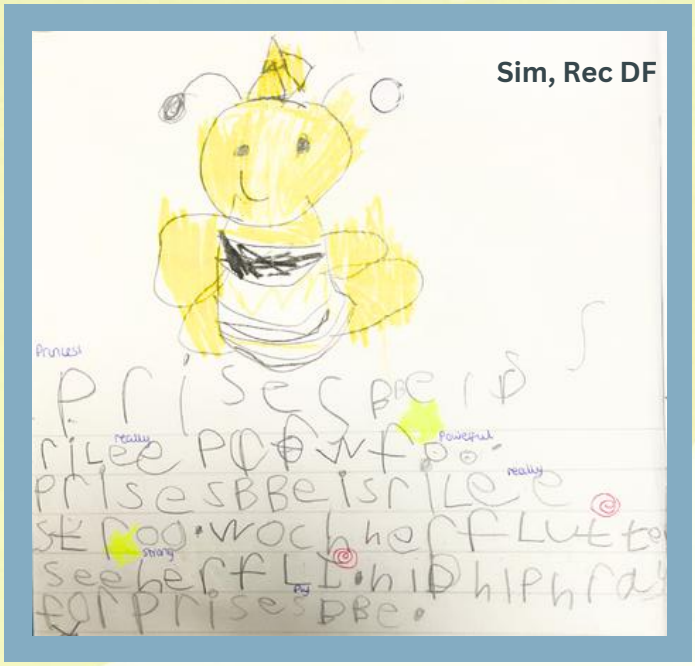

Jessica, Rec B


Alyssa, Rec B


Ellie, Rec DF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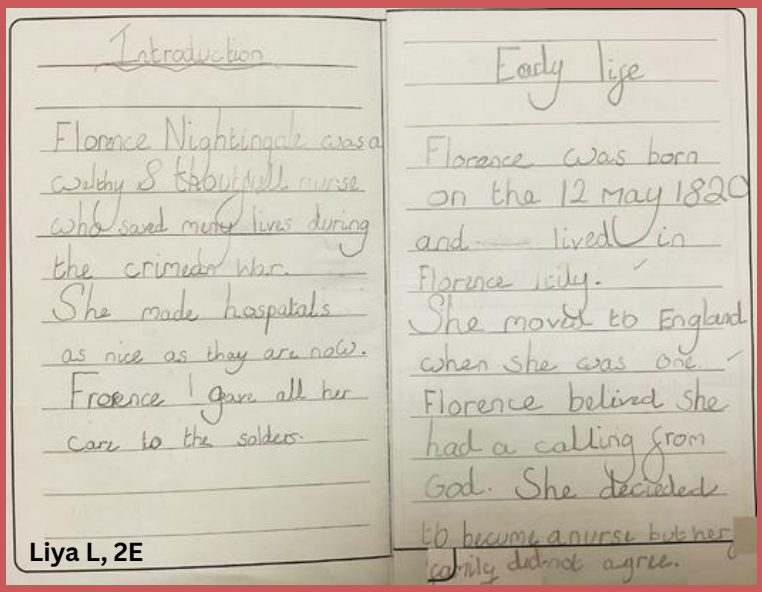
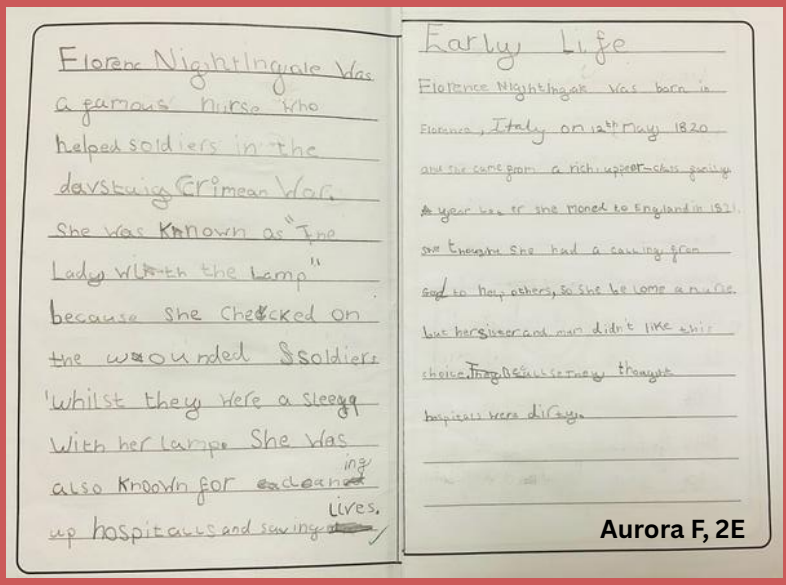
Florence Nightingale



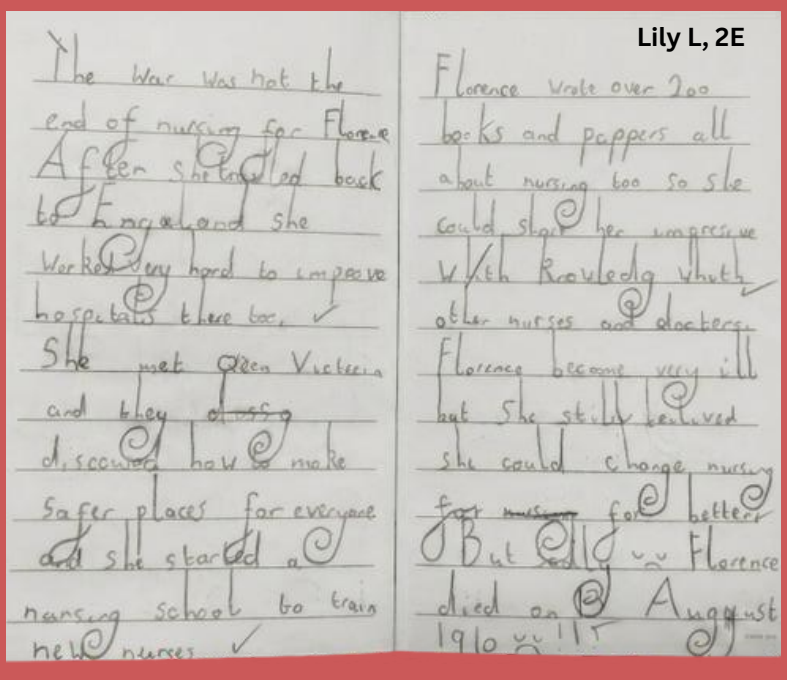
Liya L, 2E

Whilst studying their 'Inspirational Women' project, Year 2 researched the life of Florence Nightingale.

They learnt about the challenges she faced when training to be a nurse, and the resilience and independence she had to show in the Crimean War.



Aurora F, 2E



Lily L, 2E


Aurora F, 2E



Breeze whispered, What are you?
I am Barn Owl!
I hunt as fast as a tiger.
I am as brave as a lion.
When I feel hunger,
I am determinedly deadly.

Alligator mumbled, What are you?
I am Barn Owl!
I am an angry-fighter, a prey-pouncer, a tree-percher.
I am curious and agile.

Rabbit-muncher, mischief-mover.
I have wings as large as night,
As long as a tiger's tail.

No animals get past my tree.
I confidently kill my prey,
Eating it alive.



Owl asked, What are you?
I am Barn Owl!
I have beady eyes.
I can fly extremely fast.

Whale asked, What are you?
I am Barn Owl!
I can hunt my prey
As fast as you can blink!

Light shuddered, What are you?
I am Barn Owl!
I can hunt whenever I want!
I never get tired.

Sophia M, 3W

As part of their exploration of Macbeth, Year 5 wrote their own witches' spells in trochaic tetrameter.

Double, double toil and trouble,
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Smoke of fire, black of night,
Keep the potion out of sight.
Skin from snake and blood from foe,
Staring eyes from dead Banquo.
Tangled fur from filthy cat,
Black wing from a moonlit bat.

Double, double boil and bubble,
Macbeth will die in deadly trouble.

Oh, King Duncan, now beware,
Murderers, though foul, seem fair.

Now the charm is firm and good,
Soon the realm will weep with blood.

Jessie & Dalisha, 5S



Kira, 5S

Hubble, bubble foil and trouble
Eye of newt and cauldron bubble.

Fresh blood from a howlet's wing,
In the cauldron they shall sing.
Tiger's tooth and lion's mane,
Frog's poison and lizard's brain,
Dog's short tail and rabbit's eye,
In the potion, they shall die.

Banquo's spirit, it draws near;
In the palace, he'll appear.
For a spell of cruel ambition,
Rise Macbeth to new condition.

Hubble, bubble, foil and trouble,
Eye of newt and cauldron bubble.
Double it and add a charm,
Finally stir with wizened arm.

Ruby, 5S



Livia, 5F

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble,
Let these dark words boil and double.

Python's fork and fenny snake,
In the cauldron, boil and bake.
Eye of newt and blind-worm's sting,
Golden jewels from human king.
Brain of beetle, legs of cat,
Claw of hawk and ear of rat.
Lord Macbeth, who seeks great power,
Falls to darkness, hour by hour.
Banquo's guesses cause his death,
No one hears his final breath.
Fire burn and crackling laughter,
Death and doom will follow after.

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble,
Let these dark words boil and double.
Cool it with a human's blood,
Then the word stays firm and good.

Millie, 5S

Year 6 Sonnets

After studying the poem, 'High Flight', written by WWII pilot, John Gillespie Magee Jr., Year 6 wrote their own sonnets.

The ancient oak stands tall against the sky,
The silent water fills the mountain lake,
The birds' wings flap as they begin to fly,
Far away the sun begins to wake.

The silent forest waits for night to flee,
Behold the woods in morning's early light.
The mountain stands in silent majesty,
The swans now hover as they glide in flight.

Through the trees, I see a flock of birds,
The ancient mountains stand against the sky.
The meadow stirs with all its grazing herds
Above the frosted ridges, soaring high.

The gentle breeze will shake the oaken leaves
Until the spring a blossoming web now weaves.

Holly, 6M

I've finally found a place where I can go
To free my voice and feelings that are caught.
My words escape from places down below,
My wondrous wings of joy, so fiercely fought.

The spotlight brings out something great in me,
I've found the key that opens heaven's gate.
My worries have come out and been set free,
Something marvellous is now awake.

I shine most brightly when I'm on the stage;
The curtains lift and then reveal my heart.
I read the script and turn a brand new page,
Every day, I'm playing a new part.

With every note and every single line,
I've found something that's deeply, truely mine.

Phoebe, 6M

I step out on the vastness of the stage.
My echoed footsteps fill the silent room.
I dance and dart, expelling all my rage,
As joy within my heart begins to bloom.

I leap and twirl; I'm soaring through the air.
I glide and sway and move my hips and feet.
I feel the music and forget my cares,
I lift my feet to tread with each soft beat.

A second passes and I spin and crouch,
Inhale, exhale, I gather energy.
Up, down, I switch heights and begin to slouch,
And to the end, I'm lost in reverie.

I dance my heart out, like I'm in a dream.
To dance is all my joy, dance is for me.

Aarohi, 6H

Upon the hush of dawn, deep woods awake,
A gentle breeze now whispers through the sky.
I sit beside the silent, peaceful lake,
The birds begin to lift as they fly high.

The golden sun now wakes the sleeping hills,
The ancient mountain stands in silent pride.
I lie down slowly, seeing all these thrills,
The swans lift wings, then calmly start to glide.

But dull and gloomy darkness takes the woods,
The violent clouds now hide the shining sun.
Beneath a falling sky, where dark pines stood,
Loud thunder strikes, as now I start to run.

The sun begins to rise and shine once more,
This green world thrives and binds us to its core.

Mya, 6M