

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our latest Scholastic Book Fair took place in November and was another successful event in our Love for Reading calendar. Families were able to browse over 200 books, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Research shows that children are five times more likely to finish a book if they have chosen it themselves, making the Book Fair the perfect opportunity to get our children excited about reading! Combining the Book Fair with our parent/teacher consultations, enabled parents from all year groups to visit the Fair, whilst remaining safe and social distanced. What's more - for every book that was bought at the fair you have helped us earn free books for the Primary Phase! Our Reading Ambassadors will help select these books. Thank you so much for the support and we look forward to having the Scholastic book Fair return to ARA soon.

## Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors have introduced themselves to the school through a virtual assembly. During this introduction, they have also explained the role of the Reading Ambassador and what they hope to achieve across the year. The Reading Ambassadors regularly meet with our Love for Reading Lead Miss McNeil and thoroughly enjoyed choosing the winning Book Box book reviews! Congratulations to Taylor in Manatee Class and Vivienne in Lynx Class.

Have a look at their recommendations below:

The Book Box

The book I am reading is called: Silly Mr Wolf

author is: Tony Ross

I like it because: it is about friendship

I don't like it because: the wolf is silly

Name: Vivienne Class: Lynx Year 4

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The Book Box

The book I am reading is called: Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets

author is: J.K. Rowling

I like it because: I love the characters and all the fantastic adventures they go on and I have all the books

I don't like it because: Malfoy mean and is a bully as well as his family

Name: Taylor Class: Manatee and

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## What are we reading in School this half term?

Pupils are read to at the end of each day by their teacher from their class read. This session happens every day to develop our pupils' Love for Reading and also ensure that they can become fully immersed in a high-quality text. Our teachers model how to read with prosody (adapting the pace, emphasis, phrasing and intonation) during these sessions, to support the pupils to develop their own reading fluency, as well as develop their understanding of the text.

This is what our children will be listening to this half term.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
 <p>Little Cloud by Anne Booth &amp; Sarah Massini Everyone adores the little cloud as he grows and grows, making all manner of interesting shapes to impress people. But when little cloud becomes heavier and pours down raindrops, nobody seems quite so delighted. But little cloud soon realises that people appreciate his important work more than he thinks. Children will enjoy spotting the fun. This is a Fiction books and links with our science topic (seasons)</p>	 <p>My first poetry book – Pie Corbett This is topic-based collection of poetry and links with a range of our learning, transport, families, seasons, school, people who help us, pirates, the senses, space, feelings, holidays and festivals, minibests, food, where we live, nature, friends and the past.</p>	 <p>Cut-throat Celts Terry Deary and Martin Brown (Illustrator) Horrible Histories Light-hearted look at life in the time of the Celts... This is a non-fiction text and links with History (Celts)</p>	 <p>King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. This links with our history topic (Anglo-Saxons)</p>	 <p>Shang Dynasty China (great Civilisations) Tracey Kelly. A non-fiction text that links with History topic (Shang Dynasty)</p>	 <p>Bubble boy. Stewart Foster. Joe is an eleven-year-old boy who lives his life stuck in a hospital room. Joe has a medical condition that means he is not allowed leave the hospital or encounter germs from the outside world. This story is great for developing empathy with different viewpoints and experiences. It is a fiction book that links with science and PSHE.</p>

**World Book Day**

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March this year. Further details of this very special event will be shared later in the term but we wanted to let you know well in advance so that you can start planning your outfit. The theme this year will be **You Are a Reader**, which means that you have the chance to showcase your heritage! Bring in a book from your culture, any language, and dress as the main character or the author. So, get those thinking caps on and be as creative as possible.

### Spooky Story Competition

During the October half term, we challenged our young aspiring authors and illustrators to write a Spooky Story of 500 words or less. Our winners have been announced and they have received their prizes. Please join us in congratulating the following children who were the talented authors of our winning stories! Below are the winning entries, read them if you dare!



Kameron  
Reception  
Dormouse  
Class



By Kameron  
Kameron

Kameron  
Dormouse class

Sofia  
Year 2  
Koala  
Class

 Never believe your eyes 

There was a boy whose name was Charlie. One day he went for a visit together with his parents. While the adults were talking, he went to walk around the house. Unexpectedly the light shined out. The boy was frightened. Suddenly he heard terrible sounds. He saw some kind of dim people. He thought he was in a haunted house. But then suddenly the light turned on and he saw that he was on the set where the movie was filmed. And he understood everything. You don't always have to believe your eyes until you know the truth.

HAPPY

Halloween!   

Karlie-  
Rose  
Year 4  
Lynx  
Class

## The case of the Mirror Maze

By Karlie-Rose

Yr4 Lynx

Meet Lizzy: A girl who is 13 and thinks looking good is the most important thing in life. Lizzy has straight, short brown hair. Also, she has dark brown eyes and never EVER wears the same outfit twice. Lizzy was getting ready to go to the special halloween funfair with her friends. Lizzy was so excited because it was the first time that she got to go by herself. Suddenly, her parents called her down stairs. "Come Lizzy, we have a surprise for you!" Lizzy rushed down the stairs as fast as she could thinking it was a new outfit for the funfair. When she got to the bottom of the stairs she couldn't believe her eyes... She saw the most ugliest black cat ever! The cat had patches in its fur and had different colored eyes. When her parents weren't around she told the cat that it was ugly. The cat gave her an evil glare. On her way to her friends house she felt like something or someone was following her but every time she turned around nothing was to be seen. Once she got to her friends she forgot about the weird feeling, and was ready to have some fun! When they got to the funfair Lizzy really wanted to go in the mirror maze but none of her friends wanted to go in because they thought it was for babies. So Lizzy went in and in every mirror she looked in she was ugly. But then in the last mirror she was beautiful. So she admired

herself. But, then she looked near the bottom of the mirror and saw the cats reflection behind her. Lizzy quickly spun around, but nothing was there. Standing where the cat was meant to be was the most ugliest witch that she had ever seen! The witch had scraggy black and grey hair, with green skin, a crooked nose and a big, hairy wart on her chin. The witch cackled and said to Lizzy "since you think mirrors are so important I am going to trap you in this one for eternity!" Lizzy turned to run but, it was too late she was already trapped in the mirror. Next time you go to the fountain you should go in the mirror, make it your best! Just hope you will see Lizzy trapped in one of the mirrors!

Maryam  
Year 5  
Eagle  
Class

\*\* I could not get a copy that was clear enough to read as her writing was so faint!