



**ALEC REED
ACADEMY**
PROUD TO LEARN



READING BULLETIN

WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKES

With the World Cup coming to an end, a huge well done to Argentina for their amazing display! In Alec Reed Academy, we did a free raffle for the students in each class. Every child was able to pick a country in the raffle with the hopes of winning a prize! Another well done to those lucky winners who picked out Argentina!



100 READS CHAMPIONS!

We actively encourage all our students to read at every chance they get. Therefore, we have many students who have already achieved 100 and even 200 reads!

SPRING TERMS HIGHEST WORD COUNTS!

Congratulations to the following classes who had the highest word counts across the entire Spring Term!

Year 3 - Peacock 666,445

Year 4 - Octopus 250,280

Year 5 - Manatee 629,523

Year 6 - Dolphin 722,478

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our annual dress up for World Book Day was once again a great success! There were witches and wizards, crayons and dragons, lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Many classes planned some exciting activities, some of which included bookmark making, reviews of favourite books and more!



SHAKESPEARE WEEK WORKSHOPS YEARS

Years 2 to 6 welcomed Adrienne from Big Foot Productions during our annual Shakespeare Week celebrations. Students were encouraged to as Hamlet said, "Suit the action to the word, the word to the action". They were guided through the theatrical device, tableau, where they were asked to create a still scene based on a line from one of Shakespeare's plays. They then moved on to learn what iambic pentameter is and how it was used in many of Shakespeare's works such as Romeo and Juliet. Students learned to rap to scenes from MacBeth and had a fantastic time!



Polly Ho Yen Author visit workshops and book signing

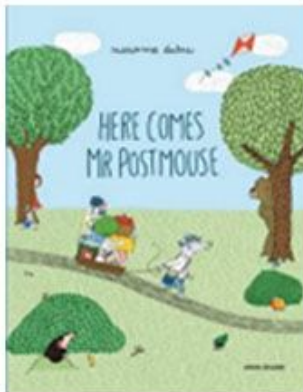
We were thrilled to have bestselling author Polly Ho Yen visit us this term. She brought along some of her books and stayed back after a long day of workshops with our Year 6 classes to sign copies of *The Boy in the Tower* and *The Day No One Woke Up*. Students were very excited to have a "real life published author" visit and meet with them. Many proudly bringing their signed books to school the following days!



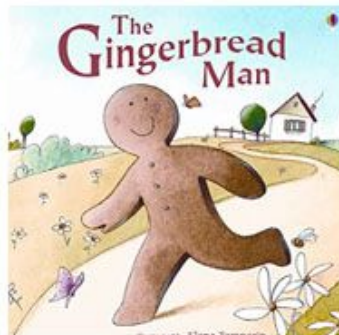
SUMMER TERM CORE TEXTS

Here is a sneak peek to some of the exciting texts we will be covering in Summer Term!

YEAR 1



**Here comes
Mr Postmouse**



**The Gingerbread
Man**

YEAR 2

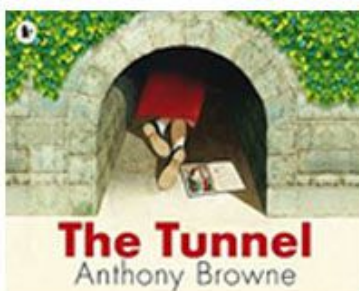


**The
Pirate-Cruncher**

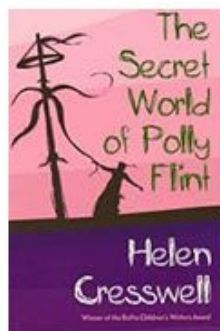


**The Disgusting
Sandwich**

YEAR 3



**The
Tunnel**



**The Secret World
of Polly Flint**

YEAR 4

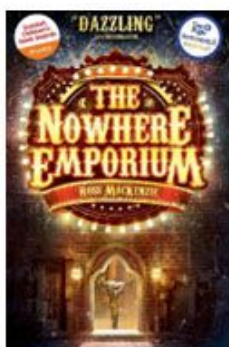


**Mr
Stink**

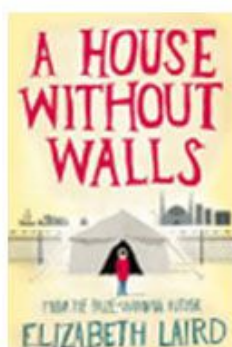


**The Morning I
Met A Whale**

YEAR 5



**The Nowhere
Emporium**



**A House
Without Walls**

YEAR 6



**Goodnight
Mister Tom**

SPRING 1: READING CELEBRATION TRIP CINEWORLD – THE BAD GUYS

30 students across the primary phase were invited to join Miss McNeill, Ms Rafe and Emmanuel on a special celebration trip to the cinema to see *The Bad Guys*, based on the best-selling graphic novel by the same name.



SPRING 2 CELEBRATION TRIP AIRPORT BOWL

We are looking forward to our upcoming trip to Airport Bowl – Heathrow, to celebrate students who have been actively engaging with our Reading Competition. These books can be found in our school library or at the local library. Just have a look at the back of your reading records for the list!

BOOM READER!

We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a new digital reading record, Boom Reader! There will be more information shared about this during our upcoming Parents Evening! Here are some positive points:

- You child's Reading diary will never be left at home on the busy school run!
- No damaged or ruined reading diaries - and of course the valuable information is never lost!
- Every parent or carer can access the diary at any time.

WOLF ON TRIAL – YEAR 1 AND 2 WORKSHOP

Found guilty: One Monday 6th March 2023 at 10.30 am Mr Wolf was found guilty. Year 1 and 2 had an amazing experience of being a part of the jury for the trial of Mr Wolf. The pupils listened attentively to all the evidence that was found by the police including first hand witness reports from the pigs. After listening to all the evidence, a judgment was made, Mr Wolf was found guilty of deliberately blowing down the houses of the pigs. It was thought that he was rude, sneaky and greedy and deserved the sentence.

Here are some of the views of our pupils:

'Going through the evidence to decide if Mr Wolf was guilty or not was so interesting!'

Filip

'Having the characters in real life made the experience amazing and fun!'

Stefan

'I was excited because I have the job of keeping one of the evidences safe and then presenting it to the judge when asked.'

Krishna



STORY TREE WORKSHOP – EYFS

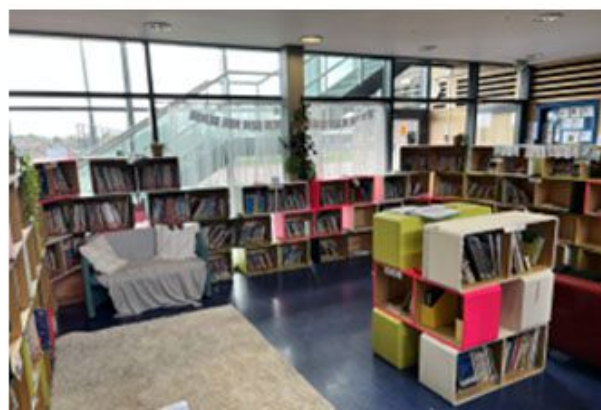
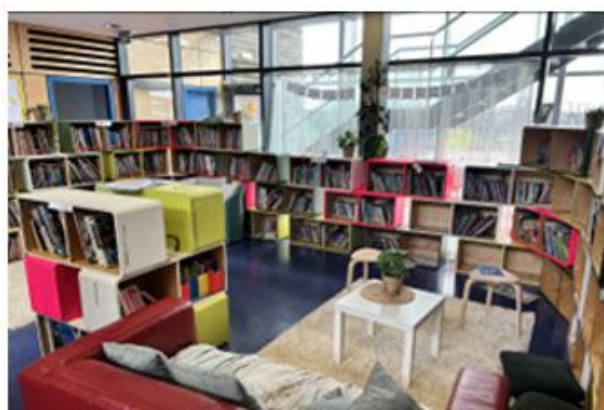
On Wednesday 1st March, EYFS were very lucky to have Bigfoot Theatre come in and perform a 'Story Tree' workshop with our Nursery & Reception children. The workshop allowed all of our children to think about their favourite stories whilst going on an adventure and meeting some very special friends along the way. The children enjoyed getting their very own story leaf from the story tree and putting it onto the story tree forever!



PRIMARY LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

From Drab to FAB!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported our several Book and Bake sales over the last term. With your incredible contributions we have been able to completely re-furbish our primary library. From lush new carpets, cosy blankets, floor cushions to zen artificial plants, you have helped us create a cosy reading environment for all!



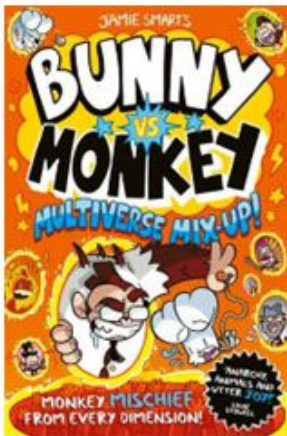
RECOMMENDED READS

EYFS



When Evie brings her beloved bugs inside the house, chaos ensues in this warm-hearted and inclusive picture book with a great message about engaging with nature and following your dreams.

Year 1 and 2



The madness is magnified when portals to parallel dimensions unleash multiple versions of our crazy heroes in this gloriously anarchic addition to Jamie Smart's beloved comic book series.

Year 3 and 4



A rip-roaring fantasy novel about a boy who wakes with no memory in an enchanted elf world, Leeds' captivating debut is packed with magical incident and unforgettable characters.

Year 5 and 6



A moving, courageous and ultimately uplifting novel about mental health and the bonds of family, this engaging story from the author of *The Hunt for the Nightingale* revolves around young Nora and the rainbow-shimmering ghost animals that help to guide her through difficult times.