

Dear Parents / Carers,

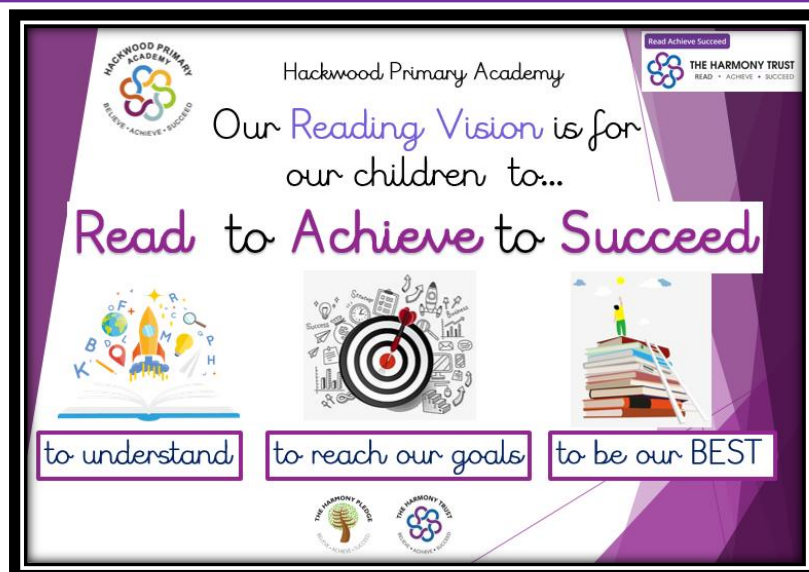
Welcome to Hackwood's reading newsletter, Spring 2024. What a year it has been for reading so far! There is so much to acknowledge and celebrate, from Author visits, book fairs, to our new Reading Ambassadors and much much more!

Reading is a key priority at Hackwood and The Harmony Trust. Reading quality texts is interwoven throughout our INSPIRE curriculum and within our classroom libraries and whole school library.

Thank you for your ongoing support with raising the profile and attainment of reading and supporting us in developing a love of reading for ALL our children.

Miss Morley

Deputy Principal



Reading Ambassadors!

Hackwood's new Reading Ambassadors 2024 are:



Our ambassadors are role models for reading across the school. They have already made a huge impact and been involved in promoting a love of reading and supporting in key national reading events.

The ambassadors have organised our library, distributed books from the Book Fair and helped with assemblies. During National Story Telling week – the ambassadors went into every EYFS and KS1 class across the week to read with the younger children – whole class, small groups or 1:1. The younger children LOVED this experience. And of course our World Book Day! Watch this space... they have lots more exciting ideas up their sleeves!

One of the best days in our Hackwood calendar – World Book Day! This year didn't disappoint! The Reading Ambassadors started off the event with a whole school assembly informing everyone of the power of reading and our whole school theme this year, 'READ YOUR WAY THROUGH... Traditional Tales'! Each class chose a different Traditional Tale to focus on for the day and EVERYONE was invited to dress up or wear comfy reading clothes. The day was full of books, reading, story telling, writing and FUN!



This years Scholastic book fair was another a great opportunity for everyone to buy current, new and up and coming books to build up their home library. Through doing this we also raise money to develop our school libraries.

Each class had nearly £100 to spend on books for their classroom library areas. Books from diverse authors, new authors and current trending books were chosen.



Author visits



Year 3 went to Lakeside Primary Academy and Year 2 joined in virtually, to take part in a Harmony Trust led author visit from Bethan Woollvin. Bethan introduced and read her new book and the children all joined in with activities based around the book, including how the illustrator drew the dragon!



Our Year 5's took part on a virtual author experience with the one and only Lenny Henry!



EYFS Dream Reads



Every year in EYFS we invite parents/carers in to introduce our 'Dream Reads'. This is modelling and setting good routines for bedtime reading right from the start of school!

All the parents/carers were fantastic in reading with their children and also inviting others along to listen to their stories!

If you would like to be a reading volunteer in school, please speak to Mr Miah or Mrs Trickey who will happily support you to do this



Nursery DREAM READS

Use this book as part of your bed time routine to help relax, settle and enjoy before nodding off to sleep. These are books for grown ups to read to their child every night. The selection is from a range of recommended books every Nursery child should read!



Reception DREAM READS

Use this book as part of your bed-time routine to help relax, settle and enjoy before nodding off to sleep.

These books for grown-ups to read to their child every night. The selection is from a range of recommended books every Reception child should read!

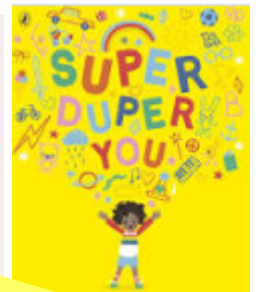
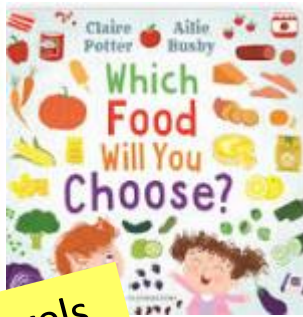
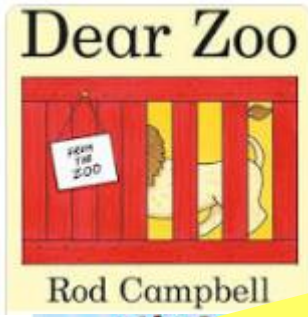
Discuss

What makes you super?
What are you good at?
Talk about what makes you special?
What are you proud of?

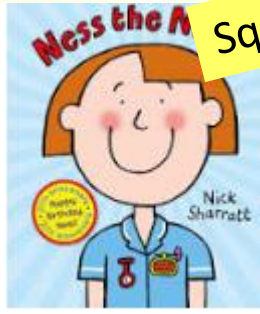
Super Duper you.
By Sophie Henn



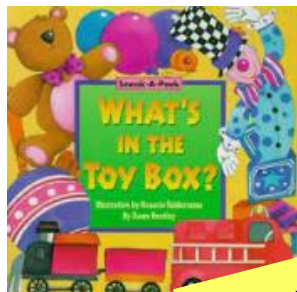
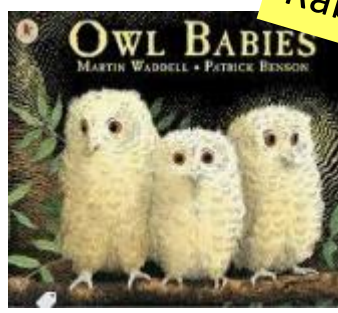
A selection of books we have read so far this year!



Squirrels



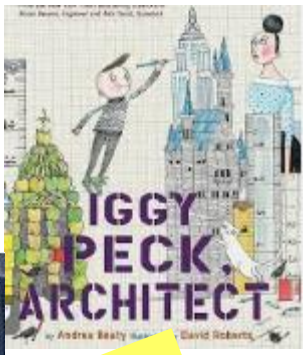
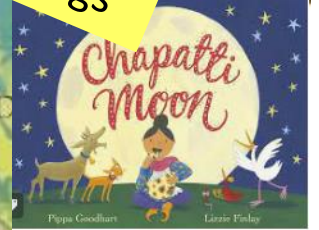
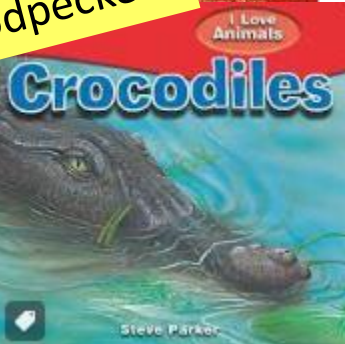
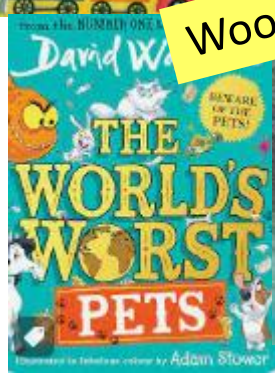
Rabbits



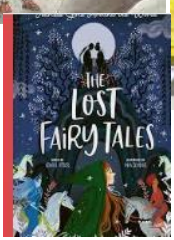
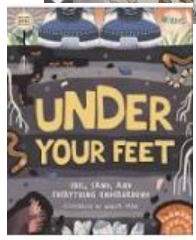
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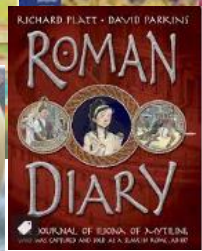
Hedgehogs



Owls



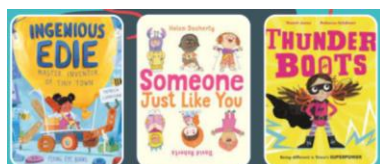
Foxes





Keep a look out on our year group newsletters for the books and texts we will be reading throughout the rest of the year!

Derby Book Festival



Our Hedgehogs and Owls (Yr2&3) are taking part in Derby's children book awards. Over three weeks they have to read the short listed books and vote which is their favourite and why. Results from across the city are collected. The winning author will visit school through a virtual event in the summer term.

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To find out more visit:

<https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/community/derby-childrens-picture-book-award>



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