

Hartlebury READS! Spring 2



Hello! And welcome to what we hope will be first of many reading newsletters to come. We're hoping this half-termly bulletin will help inspire you to widen your reading horizons, discover new authors and share your love of reading at home with your grown-ups, brothers, sisters, pets, cuddly toys...in fact anyone who will listen!

✧ Author Spotlight ✧

Hello there, Hartlebury C of E Primary School, This is Thomas Taylor here – author of 'Malamander' and 'Gargantis', the first two books in the 'Legends of Eerie-on-Sea' series. I really hope that if you find your way to Eerie-on-Sea and meet up with Herbie Lemon and Violet Parma you will enjoy exploring my magical little seaside town. The best fish and chips are at Seegol's Diner (I'll tell him to expect you), and don't forget to call in to the Eerie Book Dispensary, so the marvellous, mechanical Mermonkey can choose a you a book.



When I was your age I was just starting out as a reader, and I found it hard to find the right books to get my reading engines started. But once I had, I was away – zooming to Namia and Middle Earth, following Sherlock Holmes as he solved the case, or Rincewind the terrible wizard in Terry Pratchett's Discworld stories. That's the amazing thing about books – they can take you to amazing places, and all you need is a library card to climb aboard.



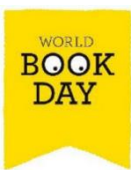
So eeriest best wishes from me, and don't forget that a book isn't just for World Book Day, it's forever!

Thomas Taylor

To get lost in Eerie-on-Sea, head to:
<https://eerie-on-sea.com/>

📖 Reading Events 📖

Virtual Book Fair! (running up to 5th March) Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hartlebury-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. **Please place your order online by March 5th, 2021.**



World Book Day! – 4th March: This year, World Book Day might look a little different with home learning but we want to make it as exciting as we can! Events will be taking place over the week and special activities in your Live Lessons, so keep your eyes peeled! As always, we'd love you to dress up as your favourite character – do make sure you send your pictures in too! More information

to follow...

Mrs Hall's Book Hunt! – 1st – 5th March: In EYFS, Mrs Hall is setting up a special book hunt for you around our wonderful village. Get outside and exploring to see if you can find all the covers to crack the code! 🐼🐼



Storytime with Mrs Unitt – Ongoing: BIG Hartlebury News here! On our website, we have launched story time with Mrs Unitt. Follow the link to listen to our first episode and keep an eye out for the next instalment <https://hartlebury.worcs.sch.uk/news/storytime-with-mrs-unitt/>



Shakespeare Week! 15th 21st March

Too pee, or not to pee? At least I think that's what he said... There will be lots going on about Shakespeare in your Lessons during this week and assemblies too!

Who's Line Is It Anyway? 🕵️

Let me take a Shelfie! 📷 😊

Can you guess which book this is, just from the first line? (Answers at the end!)

"If you are interested in stories with **HAPPY ENDINGS** you would be better off reading some other book."



Can you guess which Hartlebury member of staff is reading this book? (Answer at the end!)

"I love adventure stories, and after reading Harry Potter with my class, knew I had to give the Ickabog by J.K. Rowling a go. It's for anyone who loves fairy tales and mythical stories..."

🖨️ Online Resources 💬

- The Booktrust <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-andgames/> have fun ideas, crafty activities, and free booky resources you can all enjoy together, sharing stories and enjoying the magic of books. You'll find something for all ages from mini bookworms to older readers.
- Reading Realm www.readingzone.com Creative writing resources that can be used with a free app
- Topsta www.topsta.com hundreds of book reviews and activities for a variety of ages.
- Walkers books Picture Book Party <https://www.picturebookparty.co.uk/> fun activities for younger readers
- Author and former Blue Peter presenter, Konni Huq, has a selection of free resources on her website, including some fabulous science experiments <https://konnihuq.com/resources>

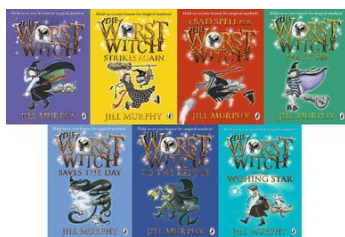
👁️ Watch or Read? 📺



NEW!

KS2: New to CBBC is 'My Mum, Tracy Beaker', which is based on a book of the same name by Jacqueline Wilson. but this isn't the first 'Tracy Beaker' story! There's

also 'The story of Tracy Beaker' which also had its own series (some of your teachers may even remember the theme tune!)



KS1: Long before Hogwarts, there was Miss Cackles Academy for Witches! The Worst Witch was written and illustrated by Jill Murphy 45 years Bella Ramsey, the actress who plays Mildred in the



CBBC/Netflix tv series had this message for us: *"I love reading! Its important because it lets you explore other words and understand people better!"*

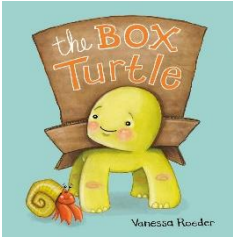
Have you read the books or watch the series? Which do you prefer and why?

Fiction Recommendations

The Box Turtle, Vanessa Roeder

Recommended for Pre-school, Reception

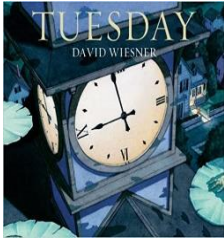
Terrance the turtle was born without a shell, so he uses a cardboard box instead. Terrance loves his box. It keeps him dry on soggy days, safe from snooping strangers, and is big enough to cozy up with a friend. But when another turtle points out that Terrance's shell is, well, weird, he begins to wonder whether there might be a better shell out there...



Tuesday, David Wiesner

Recommended for Year 1, 2, 3

In this ingenious and imaginative - nearly wordless - picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a woman's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe-clad citizen from his midnight snack. Who knows what will happen next Tuesday?



The Nothing-to-see-here Hotel, Steven Butler

Recommended for Year 3, 4

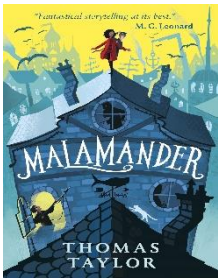
A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest.



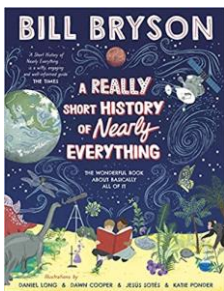
Malamander, Thomas Taylor

Recommended for Years 4, 5, 6

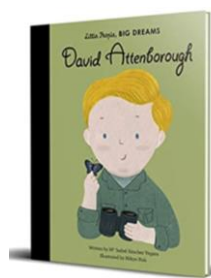
Could the monstrous Malamander be lurking midst the rocks and wrecks of Eerie-on-Sea? The briny world of Malamander may be inhabited by mechanical mermoneys and diabolical villains but Herbert Lemon and Violet Parma are on a mission to find Violet's missing parents and nothing is going to stand in their way.



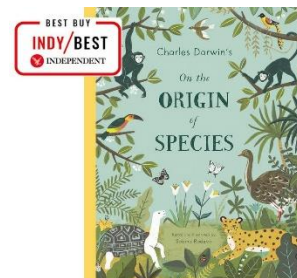
Recommended Non-fiction



A Really Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson



Little People, Big Dreams – David Attenborough, Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara



On the Origin of Species, Sabina Radeva

Who's line is it anyway: A Series of Unfortunate Events (Lemony Snickett)

Let me Take a Shellie: Miss Branagh