

Cottesmore Reading Newsletter



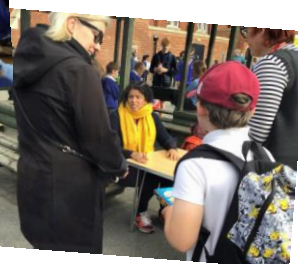
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Author Visit

We were visited by Nadia Shireen, who is the author of the Grimwood series. When she visited, she told us all about being an author and even shared a chapter of her book with us.

At the end, we were able to do a 'Draw-Along' where we could all try to create our own illustrations from the story. After school, Nadia was on the playground selling signed copies of her books.

'After her visit, I have bought her books and fallen in love with them.' –
Zoe (5 St Josephine)



Book Swap

On the 10th October, we held our first Book Swap of the new academic year. It was wonderful to see so many children enthused and excited about the opportunity to find new books of different genres and text types. Thank you to all of the parents and children who donated books from their homes to be swapped, and to the Year 6 children who helped set up and carry out this event. We will be hosting another book swap next term if you were unable to attend this time.

Roald Dahl Day

As a school, we celebrated Roald Dahl day. As we know and was discussed in class, Roald Dahl has had a phenomenal impact on children's literature and his stories are loved and adored by children of all ages. To mark this day, classes spent time learning more about Roald Dahl and delving deeper into some of his well-known stories. Stories such as the BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The Witches were shared across the school.

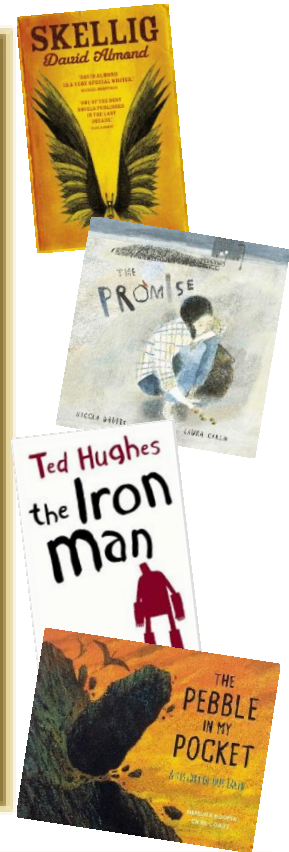
Guided Reading

Children in KS2 have been very busy in their Guided Reading lessons this term; many books have been explored and children have developed their reading comprehension skills.

In Year 6, children read 'Skellig' by David Almond. Violet said 'I enjoyed reading it because the mystery kept you guessing throughout the whole story.' Year 5 have explored 'The Promise'. Joe said that this story was about an old, grey city which had no hope or joy. The story follows a little girl who steals a bag of acorns from an old lady and promises to plant them around the city. Once the acorns are planted, the city comes to life and the message is spread amongst other cities and towns. It ends with a simple message that even one small act, can make a big difference to the world. 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes was read in Year 4.

Charlotte and Alex both really enjoyed the story and could retell the story in great detail. In Year 3, they focused on a text called 'The Pebble in my Pocket', which linked to their learning in Science all about rocks.

Isaac and Rose were able to explain the journey that the pebble took, using specific scientific knowledge in their explanation.



Cottesmore Reading Spine

At Cottesmore we will listen to...

	A range of Poetry...	A book providing curiosity (Non-Fiction)	A book that celebrates Diversity...	A book that promotes Well-Being	A book that explores Global Issues...	A book that celebrates Inclusion...	A book that celebrates Traditional Tales	A book that explores Equality
Reception								
Year 1								
Year 2								
Year 3								
Year 4								
Year 5								
Year 6								

End of Day Reading

At the end of the school day, each class participates in a teacher-led reading session, choosing texts from our school's reading spine, in order to experience reading for pleasure.

Some of the books that have been explored this term include Charlotte's Web, Tom's Midnight Garden, The Last Bear, A Bear called Paddington and Stig of the Dump.

The full reading spine can be found on the school website under the 'Reading' Section.

