



JPCE's Reading Newsletter



Spring Term 2021

Author Spotlight:
A message to our school from
author Adam Baron

Bracknell Central Library
Opening Hours (when things
are a bit more normal)



My name is Adam Baron and after writing five novels for adults I turned to writing for children. This is because I have three children myself and they told me that I had to. They are very scary children and so I always do what they say.

Monday - 10am to 4pm
Tuesday - 10am to 4pm
Wednesday - Closed
Thursday - 10am to 4pm
Friday - 10am to 4pm
Saturday - 10am to 4pm
Sunday – Closed

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Bracknell Central
library, Town Square, RG12
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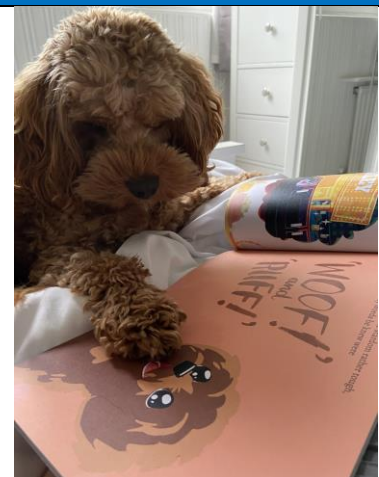


**Available from
January 7th 2021**

I wrote Boy Underwater and You Won't Believe This, which have been bestsellers and won prizes (blush). They are published by HarperCollins and feature a boy called Cymbeline Igloo, as does my next book, This Wonderful Thing, which is out in January 2020.

It's my best book yet, and certainly the funniest. As well as Cymbeline, another character tells the story alongside him, in chapters that go back and forth. She's called Jessica. I've included the first page, below, to give you a bit of a taste. I hope you enjoy it.

Pet Corner



Our star of pet Corner is Zack Carswell's Cavapoo Bailey, who is reading 'Bailey's adventures in Petlandia!' Keep sending your brilliant pics of your pets reading their favourite book! Yours could be next term's reading star!

Extract of *This Wonderful Thing*

We are lucky enough to have received an extract from Adam Baron's new book:

This Wonderful Thing

First page.

Chapter One

Jessica

Here's something that will make you LAUGH.

Yesterday we went to this place called Cuckmere Haven (Mum, Dad, Milly, Benji and me) and we played Pooh Sticks.

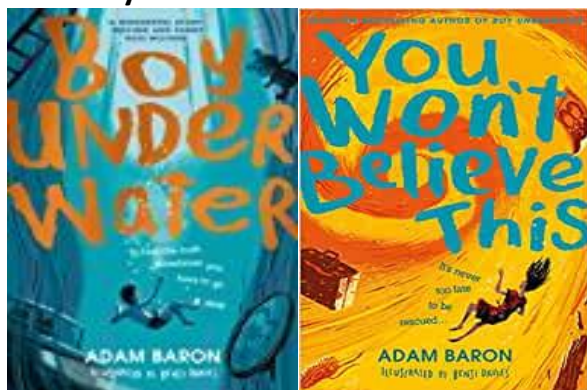
What, not clutching your sides? Not rolling on the floor in fits of giggles? Well get this.

We played Pooh Sticks with a REAL POO!

We did! Honest! The poo belonged to Benji, who suddenly needed one. Dad had left his potty in the car so Mum pulled his shorts down by this big stream. They were sort of on the bank and, once Benji had done it, the poo rolled down between his trainers, bounced, and jumped into the water. It sank, came up, and swirled round to the middle, which would have been quite funny on its own. But Milly had an idea, something I have to admit because she's bigger than me and if I take the credit, she'll hit me. She saw what had happened and bent down. She grabbed a stick from beneath a bush, me not knowing what she was up to until she'd lobbed it in.

-Pooh Sticks!- she bellowed. -Pooh Sticks! We're playing Pooh Sticks with poo!

Books by the same author:



Review of the term!

We have been monitoring the book reviews on the Padlet's over the last half term, and this fantastic review is our book review of the term!

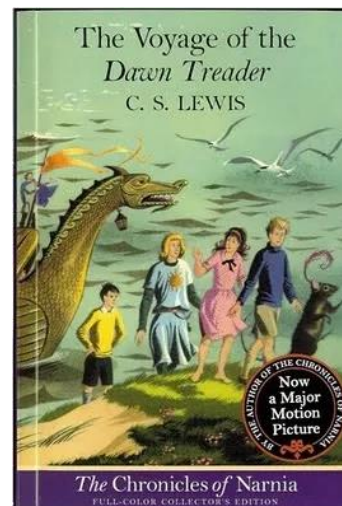
Created by.... Charlie in Year 6:

A chronicle of 'Narnia': 'Journey of the dawn treader,' By C.S Lewis

This book is my favourite of the classic and adventure genre.

It is the 5 and best of the chronicles of Narnia. It is about a boy named Eustace and two siblings named Lucy and Edmund who have been to Narnia three times before, but this time their cousin Eustace followed them there and end up on an adventure on a ship to explore the near border the kingdom of Narnia the captain of the ship Reepicheep a Chief mouse and the most valiant beast of Narnia and the leader of the voyage and a brave prince called prince Caspian.

Although they have many challenges and quests along the way, including Eustace transforming into a dragon, a magician with his invisible monsters



and pirates attacking the ship and its wealthy cargo, I love to read this book especially when I just want an exciting book.

It's an amazing book and amazing literature, but some of the words require an explanation / definition so other than it being a book to read with a dictionary, but if you love classics and the adventure genre, read the Narnia chronicles!

If you would like your review to be featured next, make sure you visit our Padlet sites:

Year 6: <https://padlet.com/amerrills/jpyear6reviews>

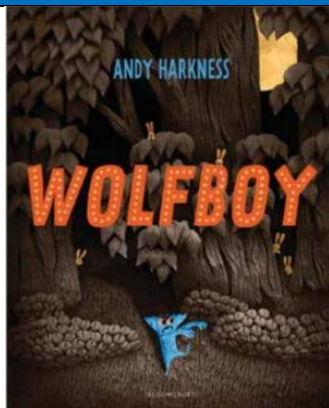
Year 5: <https://padlet.com/amerrills/jpyear5reviews>

Year 4: <https://padlet.com/amerrills/jpyear4reviews>

Year 3: <https://padlet.com/amerrills/jpyear3reviews>

The password for every child is: JP2020

EYFS and KS1 Fiction: What's New This Term...



Wolfboy

Andy Harkness

Wolfboy is hungry!

He's drooly and growly and fussy!

As he stomps through the forest looking for rabbits, he grows hungrier and growlier by the minute! What will happen if Wolfboy can't find those rabbits? And what will happen if he does?

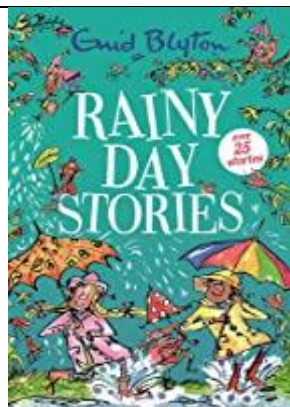
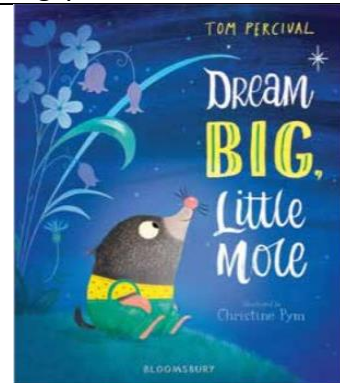
With bold illustrations and energetic storytelling, Wolfboy perfectly captures the big feelings that come with being very hungry!

Dream Big, Little Mole

Tom Percival

Join one little mole as she follows her dream of building the biggest hole ever, and learns along the way that everyone has something special to give the world - it just sometimes takes a little time (and a few mishaps!) to discover what that special something is.

A powerful celebration of embracing who you are and finding your own unique talent from Tom Percival, the creator of Ruby's Worry.



Rainy Day Stories

Enid Blyton

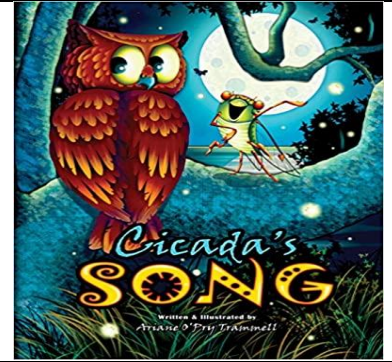
In this charming collection by Enid Blyton, children stumble upon secret rooms on rainy days and gnomes pretend they can forecast the weather. The rain may be pouring down in these stories, but there's plenty of mischief and adventure to be found.

These classic tales are ideal for younger children being read to and for newly confident readers to read alone. Each story stands alone and is the perfect length for reading at bedtime.

Cicada's Song

Ariane O'Pry Trammell

Two little boys in the bayou are tucked in for the night when they hear the strange noise outside of a cicada calling out for a mate. Their mother tells them the story of the cicada's life cycle and how he goes about finding his love.



The Last Garden

Rachel Ip

In a war-torn city, a little girl tends to the last garden. But everyone is leaving and soon the girl has to leave too. The garden is all alone now but soon the seeds scatter throughout the city and the roots take hold. Slowly people return to the city and the little girl returns to her garden. The city blooms again.

Grandpa's Gift

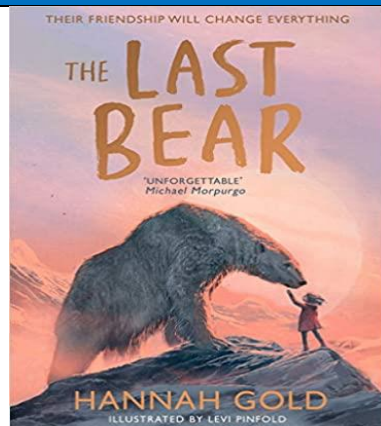
Fiona Lumbers

When a young boy finds himself thrown into a new city, his world suddenly feels very grey. But with the help of his Grandpa, he discovers that things aren't always what they first seem and that beauty can be hidden in even the most unexpected of places.

An uplifting tale of life's simple pleasures.



KS2 Fiction: What's New This Term...



The Last Bear

Hannah Gold

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference.

The Unadoptables

Hannah Tooke

In the autumn of 1886, Elinora Gassbeek, matron of the Little Tulip Orphanage discovers five new babies in most extraordinary circumstances: One in a tin toolbox.

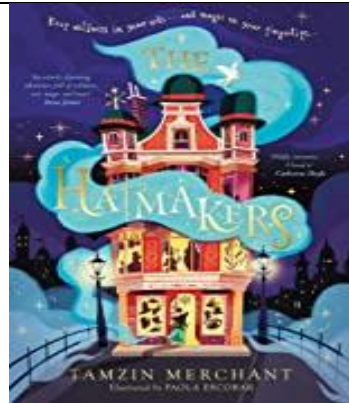
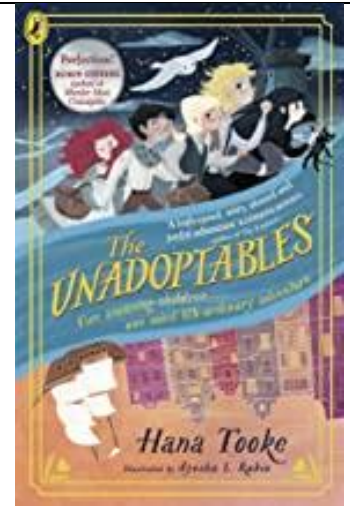
One in a coal bucket.

One in a picnic hamper.

One in a wheat sack.

And finally, one in a coffin-shaped basket.

Growing up together, these five children know their individuality is what makes them so special - and so determined to stay together- no matter the circumstances that they may face.



The Hatmakers

Tazmin Merchant

When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the Jolly Bonnet, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help the littlest Hatmaker, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war.

It's up to Cordelia to find out who, and why . . .

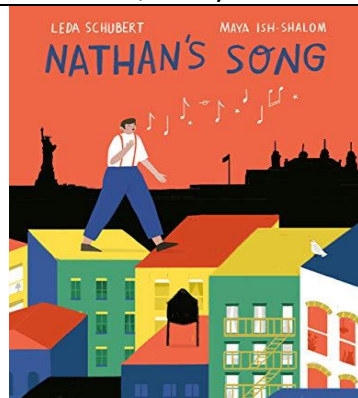
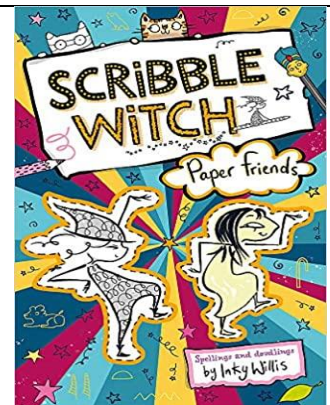
Scribble Witch: Paper Friends: Book 3

Inky Willis

A magical new series for fans of Amelia Fang and Tom Gates

Nine-year-old Molly and Notes, the secret scribble witch who lives in her pen pot discover all things ancient Egypt, including a mysterious new friend.

Molly often experiences some magic to brighten up her school day - thanks to Notes, the tiny paper witch who lives in her pen pot! And when Notes decides to go with Molly on their school trip to the local ancient Egypt exhibition, Molly knows Notes is bound to get up to her usual tricks.



Nathan's Song

Leda Schubert

Growing up in a shtetl in Russia, Nathan is always singing, and when he hears a famous opera soloist perform in a nearby town one day, he realizes that music could be his future. But he'll need to travel far from his loved ones and poor village in order to pursue that cherished goal. With his family's support he eventually journeys all the way to New York City, where hard work and much excitement await him. His dream is coming true, but how can he be fully happy when his family is all the way across the ocean.

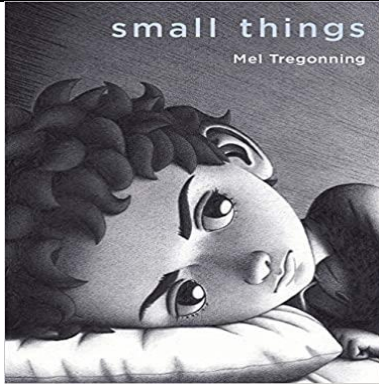
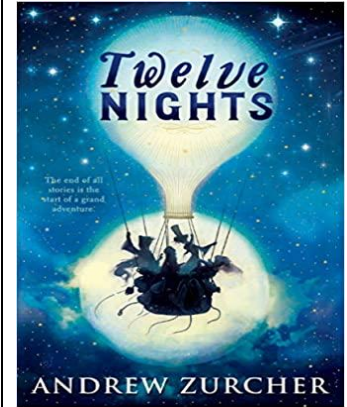
Twelve Nights

Andrew Zurcher

Kay's father is working late- as usual. Fed up, her mother bundles Kay and her sister into the car, and drives to his Cambridge college to collect him.

But, the staff say nobody by his name has ever worked there. When they return home, Kay discovers a card left on her pillow: Will O. de Wisp, Gent. F.H.S.P. and Phillip R. T. Gibbet, Gent. F.H.S.P. K.Bith. REMOVALS.

That night, Kay is woken by voices at her window: the voices of Will and Phillip, the Removers. But they are not human. And Kay shouldn't be able to see them. Except she can...



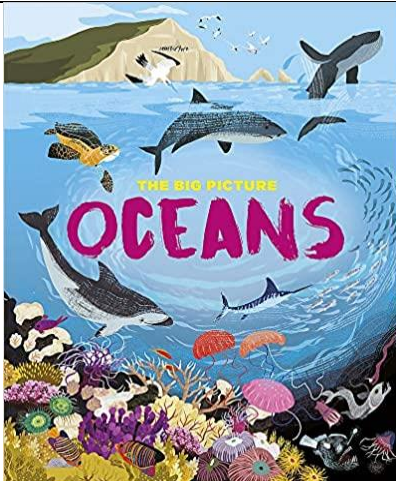
Small Things

Mel Tregonning

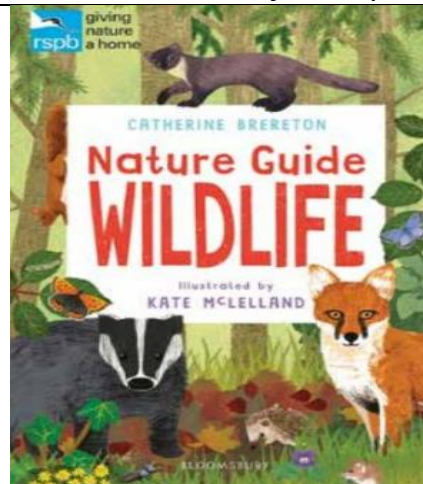
A stunning graphic novel. On the cusp of having everything slip from his grasp, a young boy has to find a way to rebuild his sense of self. With no words, only illustrations, Small Things tells the story of a boy who feels alone with his worries, but who learns that help is always close by. A universal story, told simply and with breathtaking beauty, about dealing with sadness, anxiety, depression, heartache or loss, and finding your way in the world.

Non-Fiction: What's New...

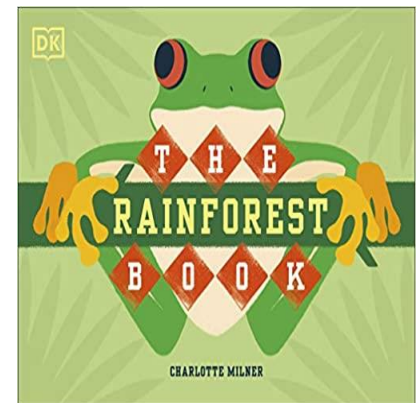
Soon spring will be upon us, and our environment will start to change. Let's not forget about how incredible our Earth is, and all those creatures, flora and fauna that make it so incredible, and that it is our job to protect them all.



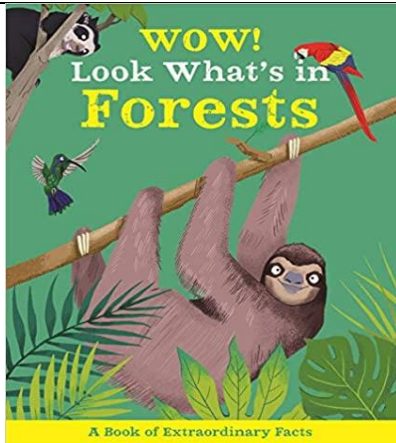
Oceans (The Big Picture)
Jon Richards



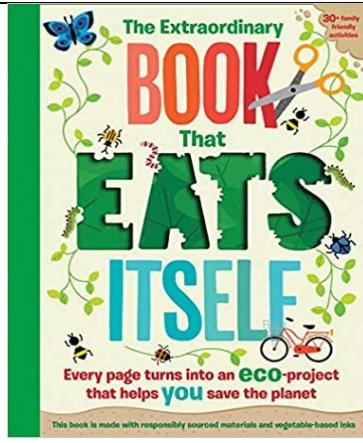
**RSPB Nature Guide:
Wildlife**
Catherine Brereton



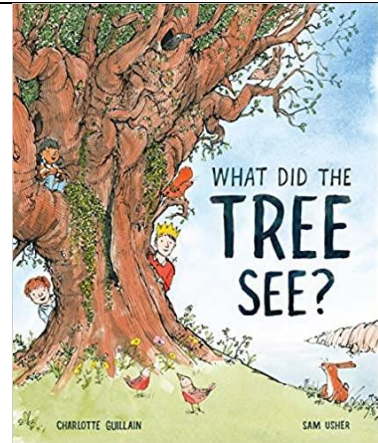
The Rainforest Book
Charlotte Milner



Wow! Look What's in the Forests
Camilla De La Bedoyere



The Extraordinary Book That Eats Itself
Susan Hayes & Penny Arlon



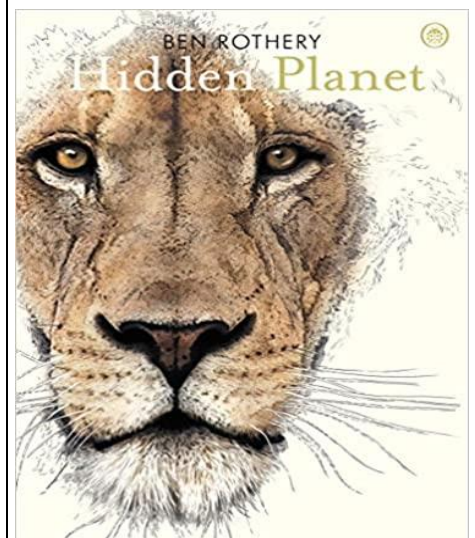
What Did the Tree See?
Charlotte Guillain

Have you tried...?

Mrs Savage recommends:

Hidden Planet: An Illustrator's Love Letter to Planet Earth
Ben Rothery

As a child I wanted to be David Attenborough. Not personally but someone like him. Someone who worked with and studied animals. Hidden Planet is a rare and stunningly beautiful book filled with page after page of gorgeous and vivid pictures. You can either read in one of two ways devour it in one or nibble and dip to different sections. Regardless you will be captivated by the animals, the stories and the facts. Recommended for all ages and all enthusiasts.



Poetry

Poet's corner

In Year 5, Milly Capes has written a lovely poem, based on The Witch by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge:

The Alien

My journey has been long,
Everyone heard my song,
I have met my worst nightmare.
I have been everywhere
My feet are sore and more
I have not heard a sound.
Oh, let me through your atmosphere, pull me to the ground.

I am lonely and tired,
And still as stone

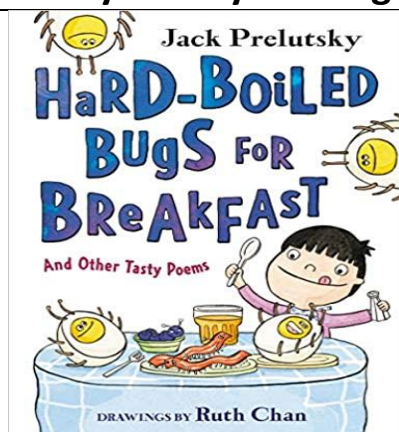
I need a place to sleep
 I am cold as ice.
 I am not strong or straight,
 And now I am found
 Oh, let me through your atmosphere, pull me to the ground.

It's ship was large and bright,
 And it gave me a fright.
 It flew – it flew – and dived down
 And came to a town.
 I never got my way again,
 Since I found my way around.
 Oh, I let it through the atmosphere, and pulled it to the ground.

Why not try reading...



Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet
 Joyce Sidman
 Recommended for 5-9 Years



Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems
 Jack Prelutsky
 Recommended for 8-12 Years



A Poem for Every Spring Day
 Allie Esiri
 Recommended for 9+ Years

Important Dates, Events & Competitions

January

Jan 2021	Pink Lady Apples Write It Competition	A chance to be crowned Young Food Writer of the Year. The competition opens in January and closes at the end of April, with the winners announced in May. https://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it
30/01/2021	National Storytelling Week	Stories belong to everyone...what's your story? What will you be telling and where will you be telling it? National Storytelling week is a celebration of storytelling for all, which will run from 30th January to the 6th February. https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week

February

07/02/2021	Harry Potter Book Night	It's the night Bloomsbury are holding their annual Harry Potter Book Night, launching a host of literary events across the world, all centred on a theme. https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-book-night/
14/02/2021	International Book Giving Day	Give the gift of books on BookGivingDay. https://bookgivingday.com/

All entries must be submitted by 26 February 2021	The writing wizardry competition	All you have to do is send in a poem or story of fewer than 500 words. Your story or poem can be about ANYTHING you like, so let your imagination run wild! If you are shortlisted, your work could be published in the Writing Wizardry anthology AND you might go on to win £150 worth of books. https://www.fresherpublishing.co.uk/writing-wizardry-competition/
All entries must be submitted by 28 February 2021	The Canterbury Tales writing competition 2020/21: be careful what you wish for!	The Chaucer Heritage is hosting its fourth annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to be the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet. Choose ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A poem or story about wishes coming true • A poem or story about wishes going wrong • A description of a character who grants wishes http://chaucer.org.uk/the-canterbury-tales-writing-competition-2020-21-be-careful-what-you-wish-for/

March

04/03/2021	World Book Day	World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. https://www.worldbookday.com/
15/03/2021	Shakespeare Week	Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration for enriching and enjoyable early experiences of Shakespeare. It is one of the pathways to Shakespeare provided by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/
20/03/2021	World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day (WSD) is a project to promote oral storytelling. The goal is to have as many people tell and listen to stories at as many places and in as many languages as possible. Each year there is a theme. http://www.globalstorytellingday.org
21/03/2021	World Poetry Day	World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March, and was declared by UNESCO in 1999. Its purpose is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/

April

02/04/2021	International Children's Book Day	International Children's Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organization. The day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2. https://www.ibby.org/%20index.php?id=269
23/04/2021	World Book Night	Events up and down the country are run by individuals and organisations celebrate the difference that reading makes to people's lives, and everyone from publishers to librarians, and local businesses to the general public can get involved. https://worldbooknight.org
23/04/2021	Shakespeare Day	Many fans and enthusiasts across the world celebrate Shakespeare Day on April 23 every year to honour the birth of Shakespeare. https://www.shakespeare.org.uk