

Reading Buzz

Summer 2 Newsletter July 2023



Here is our final edition of this school year.

Meet the Author!

This half term we were visited by the author, Banji Alexander! Banji came to talk to us about his new book, *Lockdown Looms*, written and set during the Covid lockdown in 2020. Banji, who is also a teacher, told us that he wrote the book specifically to help children conceptualise everything they experienced during the pandemic, a world we had never seen before or been exposed to.

The Blurb:

With his 8th birthday just around the corner, the very thought of having to celebrate his special day during lockdown, sends poor Reggie in to a meltdown.



Of course, homeschooling during the Covid-19 pandemic will come with its highs and lows.

Bzzzzzaappp! An unexpected radio announcement, might just change everything.

Some of you may have spotted Banji earlier in the year on Britain's Got Talent!



If you have any unwanted children's comics or magazines, please donate them to our school library, The Enchanted Woods.

Rachel's Roarers

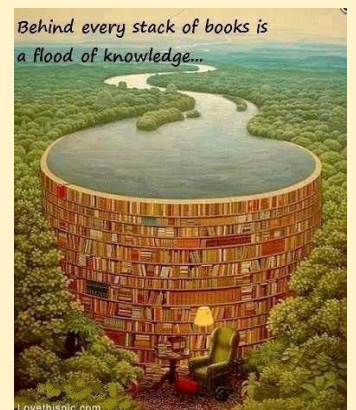
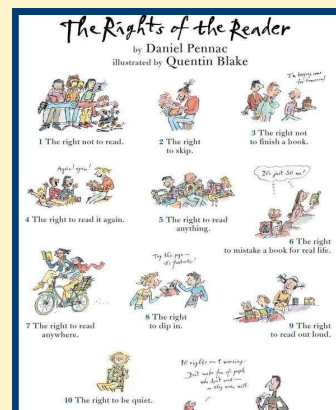
Why were the plants singing
Humpty Dumpty?

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Why was the bicycle on the floor?

The Enchanted Woods Update!

Classes have been busy visiting the library this term and taking part in some exciting lessons based on *The Rights of the Reader*. We can't wait to reveal our 5 golden rules for the library taken from each classes entries. Will yours be one of the rules



chosen? Watch this space to find out!

Don't forget!

Read the book recommendations and chat to friends to find books to read next.

Use the titles on the genre shelves to help

Staff Picks

All our staff love to read! Every newsletter we recommend books we have read to help inspire you!

Mrs Herrera, our pupil premium teacher, recommends, 'The Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell.

This is the first in a series of four books and is truly terrific. It is set in a fantasia of ancient Britain, a land of dark, mysterious forests and powerful magic. Full of suspense, surprise and humour, it is a must read for this Summer Holiday!



Swap Shed

The Swap Shed will now be open before and after school every Tuesday!



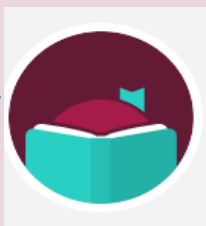
If you have a book at home that you no longer read, simply come and swap it for another book from our shed.

Havering Libraries

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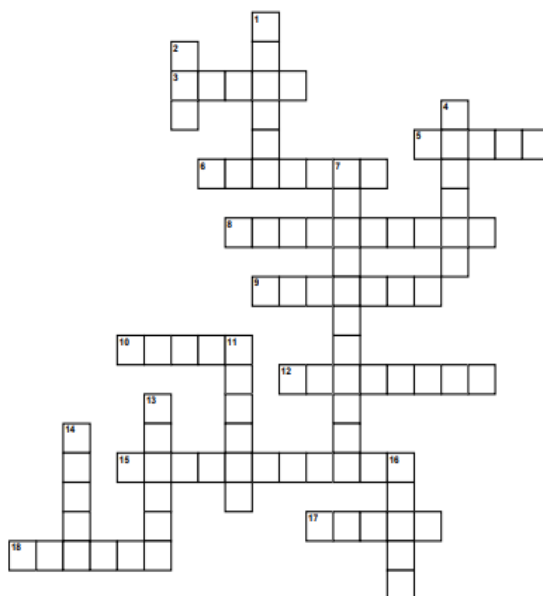
Ready... set... read! The Summer Reading Challenge will launch on the 24th of June so keep your eye out for exciting announcements. In the meantime, why don't you check out our Books page and start making a summer reading list!



Summer
Reading
Challenge
2023



Word search



Across

- [3] what was the first fruit the hungry caterpillar ate?
- [5] first name of Harry Potter's school enemy
- [6] Main character of the 'Hunger Games' series
- [8] who wanted to eat the three little pigs?
- [9] a short novel
- [10] we're going on a bear hunt! what sound did the family go through first?
- [12] First name of 'Holmes', the detective of Baker Street
- [15] you can't catch me, I'm the _____ man!
- [17] What animal was Shere Khan in the Jungle Book?
- [18] famous wizard who attends Hogwarts', 'Harry_____'

Down

- [1] tragic love of Romeo
- [2] famous book by Dr. Seuss, 'The Cat in the _____'
- [4] author of 1984 and Animal Farm
- [7] the most famous play writer of all time
- [11] 'The Maze _____', popular fiction series
- [13] what sort of creature is Charlotte in 'Charlotte's Web'?
- [14] who was at the top of the beanstalk?
- [16] Shakespeare play, 'A Midsummer Night's _____'

Joke Answers: They were in the nursery! He was outstanding in his field!