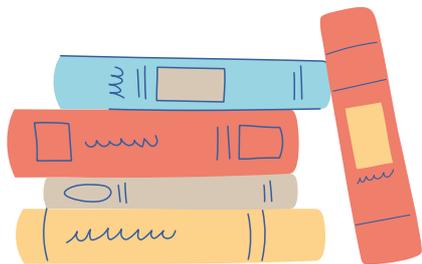


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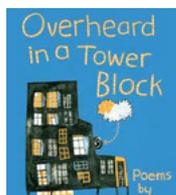


A warm welcome back readers! Congratulations to so many of our children who have achieved our reading target and are filling in lots of charts already since September.

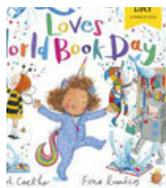
Joseph Coelho is the new Children's Laureate!

The poet, playwright and author has taken over from Cressida Cowell and will take up the post for the next two years. He wants to champion reading and inspire others to pick up a book.

Joseph says he wants to break down the fear often associated with poetry and "get the nation writing and performing" it.



HAVE YOU READ ANY OF JOSEPH COELHO'S BOOKS?
ENJOY A POEM OF HIS



Books Have Helped Me
by Joseph Coelho

Books have more images between their words than any smart phone could hold.

More flavours than a thousand jelly beans.

More lives for you to live than any computer game.

Books have helped me.

I've read about characters who have laughed, cried and sighed like me.

Characters who have battled monsters larger than any I could imagine.

Characters who have travelled distances longer than there are miles between me and the sun.

When I thumb through a book their pages whisper to me that I'll be all right.



Well done to Class 2, they are storming ahead and lots of children have already completed their red reading charts.

Parent Picks!

Our first parent recommendation.
Many thanks to Nick Boycott.

The Last Bear - Hannah Gold.
There are no polar bears on 'bear island' well that's what April is told when She moves to the Arctic circle, with her father, a researcher.

That all changes when She meets 'Bear' and begins her mission to get him home.

A heart warming adventure that will capture the hearts of children (and parents) about climate change, the love between humans and animals, and teach them that you're never too young to make a difference in the World.

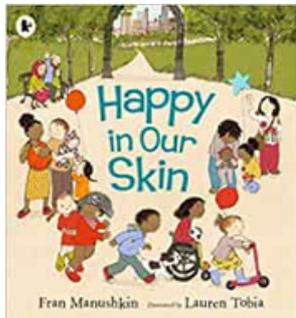
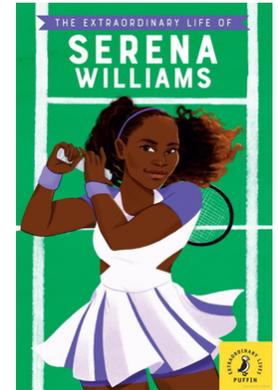




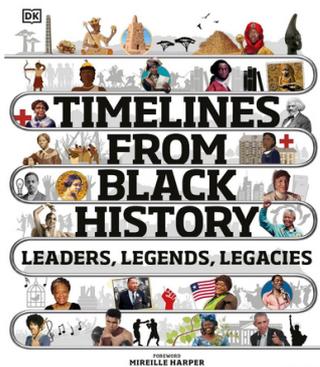
The book I'm recommending is *Coming to England* By Floella Benjamin. I have chosen this book because to me it is everything I would want our school to be: welcoming, warm and full of love. When Floella and her siblings follow her parents from Trinidad to Britain, they hope the Queen will be there to meet them – but their welcome is colder than expected. Gradually, they settle in, until one day Floella really does meet the Queen.
Mrs Carlin

The Incredible Life of Serena Williams

I have chosen this book because it is a book about an inspirational woman, who has endured racism and sexism to become one of the world's greatest sportspeople. It is an extraordinary story of a superb tennis player. Serena Williams began playing tennis when she was just a child, and is now an Olympic champion who's won more Grand Slam singles titles than anyone else.
Mr Chandley



Happy in Our Skin is a firm favourite in the Hunter house! A great way to discuss and celebrate our differences. A delightfully rhythmical read-aloud text is paired with bright, bustling art, in this joyful exploration of the new skin of babyhood. All children can see themselves, and open their eyes to the world around them, in this celebration of skin in all its many, many, wonderful forms.
Mrs Hunter



I've chosen this book because it takes children on a journey from prehistory to modern times. It is full of facts and is a visually vibrant, accessible hive of information about the people that have shaped Black history including challenges they have overcome.
Miss Doyle

My Skin Your Skin is a powerful book to help children and adults have meaningful discussions about race and anti-racism. Most importantly, the book empowers children to be the best versions of themselves; to have self-love, self-esteem and self-worth. I've chosen this book because I feel it is important for children to learn about different races and how having different skin doesn't define a person..

Mrs Horne

