

Wrocker's Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Wrockers' Reading Newsletter! We hope you enjoy some of our book suggestions, competitions and reading tips !



November 2023

We Love Reading at WWJS! Here at WWJS, we love it when families share our passion for reading. Our children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week and their reading record signed.

National Poetry Day 5th October 2023



It just takes one poem...

Across school, we celebrated National Poetry Day, a day that helped children come together because of their voices, words, and stories. It was a day that encouraged all children to express themselves through the making, experiencing, and sharing poetry. All year groups have been exposed to a wide variety of poetry and have had opportunities to write their own poems.

Here is fantastic poem written by one of our students, whose took inspiration from Lewis Carroll's 'The Crocodile'.

The Honey Bee

The honey bee leaves the hive to make Buttercup honey

The honey bee keeps it alive when the weather isn't sunny

His stain-glass wings buzz across the sweet scented breeze

Wafting his fuzz and chilling his knees.

Jay Jay (Year 5)

What happens at WWJS...

Library

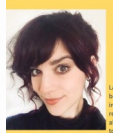
Mrs Edwards and the other librarians have been working hard to change the layout of the library. They have set the books out to be forward facing, which means books can be chosen a lot more easily.

Book Club

During Book Club, we explore a range of different authors that children may not have heard of. There will be copies of these particular books in the school for children to borrow if they would like.

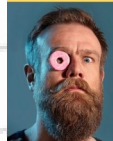
This month the authors and books will be:

E – Laura Ellen Anderson



Laura Ellen Anderson enchants young readers with her magical and whimsical stories. Her books are filled with fantastical worlds and enduring characters that captivate the imagination. Anderson's evocative storytelling and charming illustrations create an immersive reading experience. Through her delightful narratives, she imparts important life lessons about friendship, bravery, and embracing one's uniqueness. Her captivating stories continue to spark wonder and joy in young minds.

F – Olaf Falafel



Olaf Falafel tickles young readers' funny bones with his witty and quirky stories. His books are filled with laugh-out-loud moments and clever wordplay that children adore. Falafel's unique sense of humor and engaging storytelling keep readers entertained from start to finish. Through his humorous narratives, he encourages a love for reading and inspires creativity. Olaf Falafel's works are a delightful blend of silliness and wit.

E – Abi Elphinstone



Abi Elphinstone weaves enchanting tales for children. Her captivating storytelling transports young readers to magical worlds, brimming with adventure and wonder. Through her books, Elphinstone builds courage and perseverance in her characters, encouraging children to face challenges with determination. With imaginative plots and richly developed settings, her works ignite the imagination and nurture a love for reading. Abi Elphinstone's books are a gateway to extraordinary journeys that leave a lasting impact on young minds.

F – Stewart Foster



Stewart Foster creates touching and beautiful stories for young readers. His works delve into emotional themes with compassion and authenticity, making them deeply relatable to children and teenagers. Through his characters' struggles and triumphs, readers will learn valuable life lessons about resilience, friendship, and empathy. With a writing style that effortlessly captures hearts, his books are powerful tools for inspiring compassion and understanding. Stewart Foster's stories are a treasure trove of emotions that resonate long after the final page is turned.

Year 3
and 4

Year 5
and 6

Remember to try and read at home at least four times a week. This will really help your child to become fluent readers, which is so important!

Book Buddies

Every week, Mrs Platt and the book buddies meet and read. At the moment, they are reading the Firework Maker's daughter and are loving discussing the themes and language that Phillip Pullman has used!



Superhero Readers

Our amazing Superhero readers take children out every week to read with them. They ask some fantastic questions and are a credit to our school. Well done! If you see a 'Star Reader' stamp in a reading diary - you know where it's from!



Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
19/10/23	Villainous Victorians pg-7	Super reading! Struggled with some and predicted what would happen next.
		Star Reader

Newspaper club

From next week, newspaper club will be writing snippets for the Wrockers Newspaper. They will be writing about current events and things that are happening in school.

Our Librarians' top picks!

Here are some fantastic books that your fantastic readers might enjoy! They should be available in local book shops like Waterstones or to order from Amazon. Happy reading!

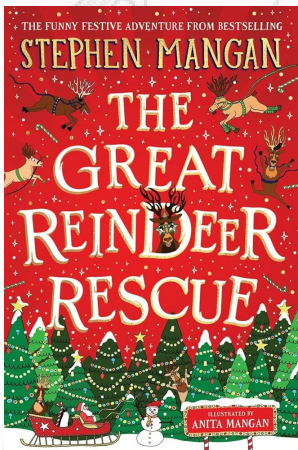


'Poetry Prompts' is Joseph Coelho's flagship project as the prestigious Waterstones Children's Laureate.

It's an epic celebration of the power of poetry in all its forms. Through the campaign, Joseph aims to break down the fear often associated with reading and writing and show why poems are for everyone, alongside the joy that writing, reading and performing poetry can bring to our lives.

"Poetry Prompts is my invitation to the nation, young and old, to become poets. We turn to poetry at weddings, funerals and births because it goes beyond mere words and translates the soul. But there is baggage associated with poetry that I want everyone to put down - to allow everyone to reclaim the birth right of poet. So often I've met children and adults scared to put pen to paper, terrified of 'getting it wrong' - this has repercussions in all aspects of life. I want to show everyone that poetry is for them, that we can enjoy the rules and break the rules."

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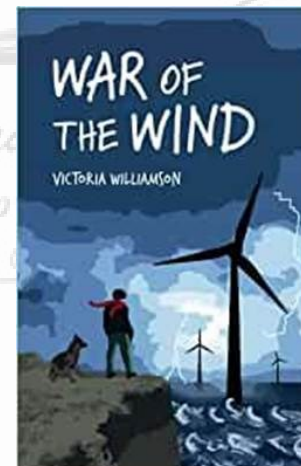


One of Santa's reindeers, Dave, is FED UP.

He's seething about having to spend Christmas stuck behind Rudolph, who is forever droning on about his role as the Star of the Show. Most of Santa's OG Reindeer Crew (Blitzen, Prancer et al) have retired or been fired in disgrace, leaving some rookie reindeers to take the sleigh reins.

This Christmas Eve, Dave is behind Rudolph in the procession flying ahead of Santa's sleigh, and is the recipient of a fart-in-the-face that is the LAST STRAW. He unclips Rudolph's harness, and Rudolph blithely flies off, monologuing away to himself.

Can Holly and Dave work together to return the reindeers to Santa and SAVE CHRISTMAS?

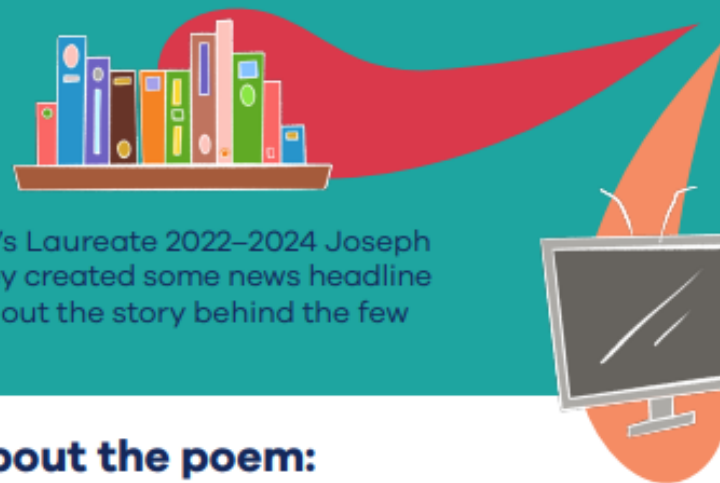


Fourteen-year-old Max is struggling. Two years ago an accident left him deaf and it's tough trying to adjust. Learning sign language takes time and the frustration is compounded by having to spend much of his time in his school's additional support unit, instead of with his former 'gang'. Meanwhile at home, his dad is uncommunicative and his irritating baby sister Sally gets all the attention. Max is permanently on the brink of letting his anger and bitterness boil over. So when members of the local community start discussing a controversial new wind turbine project coming to their remote Scottish island, he's initially far too distracted by his own problems to take any interest. But then some odd things start. Local wildlife is dying and people are behaving increasingly strangely. Could the sinister goings-on be connected to the spooky-looking turbines?

Poetry Prompts: Week 43

News headline

This sheet is to accompany Poetry Prompt 43 that features Waterstones Children's Laureate 2022–2024 Joseph Coelho. In this week's poetry prompt, Joseph Coelho was joined by Chris Smith. They created some news headline poems together. In this poem by Joseph Coelho, we're going to see if we can work out the story behind the few words we are given in the poem that report the action...



Read the poem:

Read the poem aloud. You might do this yourself, with a friend or someone else could read it to you:

Caught
Our guilty knees shake.
Footsteps down the corridor.
"But it wasn't me."

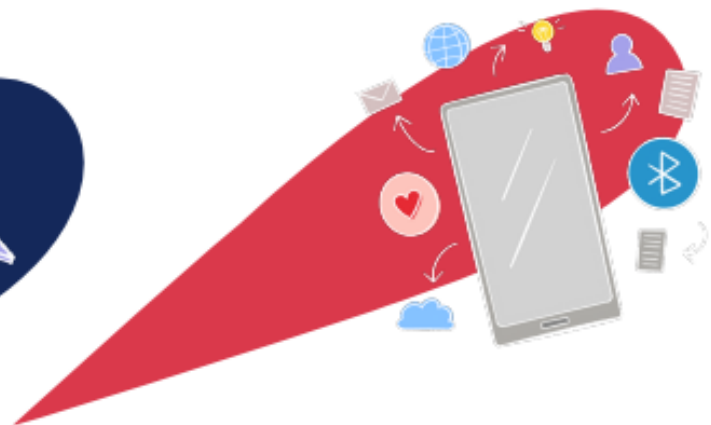
From *Overheard in a Tower Block* by Joseph Coelho (Otter-Barry Books, 2017)



Think about the poem:

Consider the poem you just read. What sense of the story do you get from the words you read or heard? What do you think happened? Who do you think might have been involved?

Think about the one-word title of this poem. What image or thoughts does this place in your mind? What does it make you think about the characters involved? What do you think they were **'caught'** doing? Who do you think **'caught'** them?



Think about the poem from your own perspective. Have you ever been caught doing something you shouldn't have been? Or have you ever caught someone doing something they shouldn't have? What happened? How did it feel? How did you resolve it?