

Author Spotlight

We will meet lots of new authors
along our journey!



AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Frank Cottrell-Boyce



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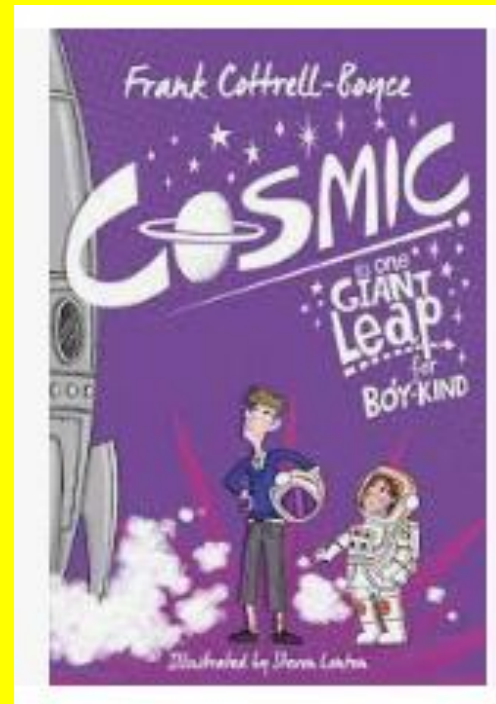
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Today we are going to share a short piece of text from 'COSMIC...One Giant Leap for Boy-Kind'.

Maybe someone from Year 5 would like to share the plot with us!



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Enjoy reading more books by Frank Cottrell-Boyce!



Author Spotlight 2

Lets meet our new author spotlight...



Sir Quentin Blake

Illustrator, Cartoonist and
Children's Writer.



Sir Quentin Blake

Sir Quentin Blake was born in London on 16th December 1932.

He has been drawing since he was very young.

As a child, he was evacuated to the countryside during the Second World War.

When he was 16 years old, his first published drawing was printed in Punch magazine.

He first studied English at Downing College before completing a diploma in teaching.



Sir Quentin Blake

He then studied at the Chelsea School of Art as well as the Camberwell College of Art.

He began his career as an illustrator working for magazines for many years as well as teaching at the Royal College of Art.

In 1960, he illustrated his first children's book.

He is best known for illustrating the stories of Roald Dahl between 1978 and 1990.

In 2013, he received a knighthood for services to illustration.



Writing

Quentin Blake is best known for his role as an illustrator, however, he has written his own books as well.

He wrote his first book 'Patrick' in 1968. This was the first book he illustrated in colour!

He has won many awards including the Kate Greenway Medal in 1980 for his book 'Mister Magnolia.'



Roald Dahl

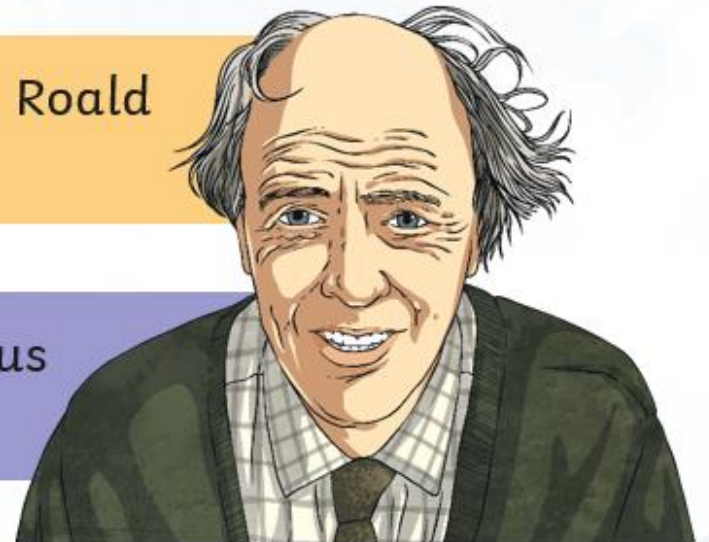
Roald Dahl's books are instantly recognisable by their illustrations.

The first Roald Dahl book illustrated by Quentin Blake was 'The Enormous Crocodile' in 1978.

He continued to work with Roald Dahl on books, such as 'The Twits', 'The BFG' and 'Matilda'.

Their partnership came to an end in 1990 when Roald Dahl passed away.

Quentin is President of the Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity.



Career

In 1993, he was asked by the Royal Mail to create a set of postage stamps based on the novel 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

In 2000, he began to support the 'campaign for drawing', and he still participates in their annual Big Draw events.

In 2002, he received 'The Hans Christian Anderson Award'. This is the most important award for children's literature in the world.



Recent Years

In 2006, he was asked to design artwork for an adults hospital. He has since created more than 250 pieces for hospitals across the UK and France.

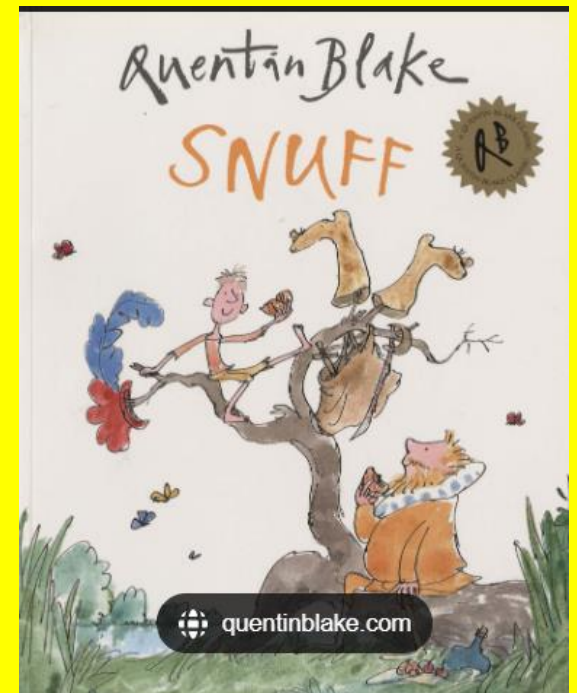
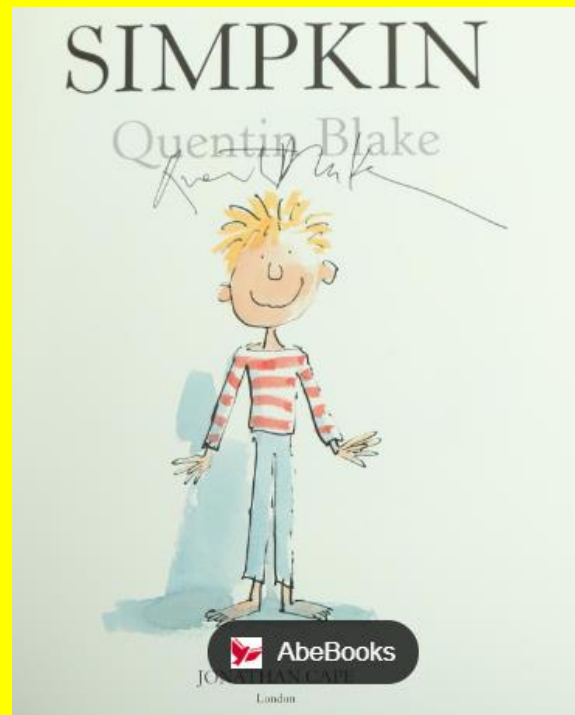
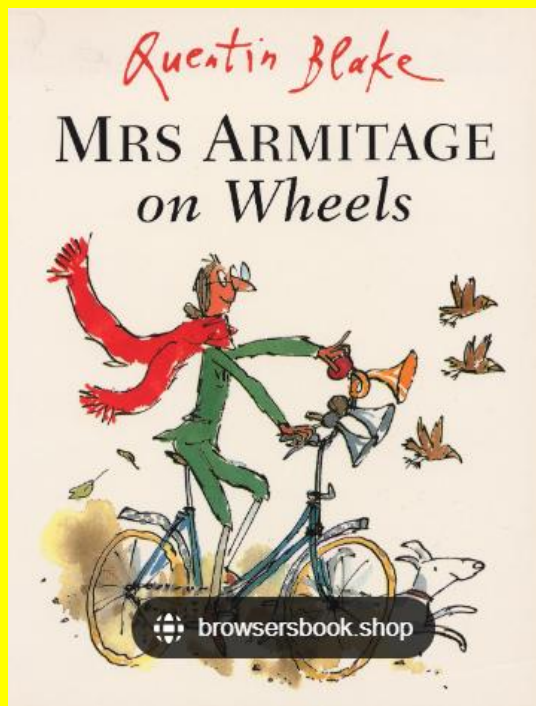
In 2010, he collaborated with David Walliams on 'Mr Stink'.

In 2016, he was chosen to illustrate 'The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots' by Beatrix Potter to mark her 150th anniversary. The book had never been published before.



Today we are going to share a
short piece of text from:

Enjoy reading more books by Quentin Blake!



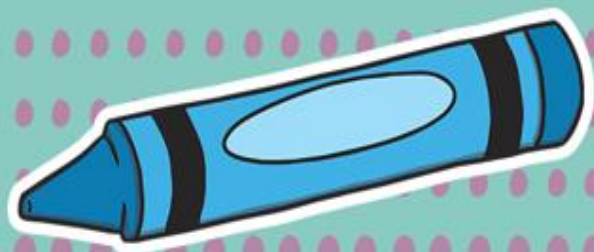
Author Spotlight 3

Lets meet our new author spotlight...



All About

Nadia Shireen



Who is Nadia Shireen?

Nadia Shireen is a British author and illustrator. She creates popular picture books for children.



Which of Nadia's books have you read or heard of?

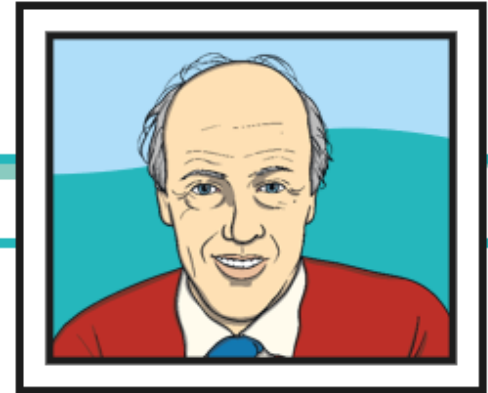
What was Nadia's childhood like?

Nadia grew up in a town called Wellington, in the west of England.

She enjoyed reading, drawing and creating her own magazines and comics.



Nadia was shy but liked to teach her school friends how to draw cartoons.



Her favourite author was Roald Dahl.

How did she become an author?

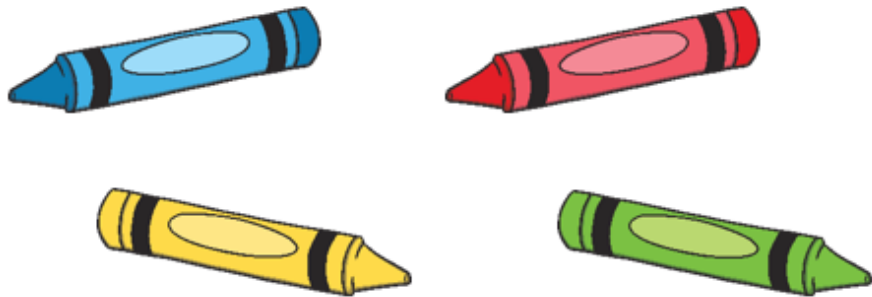
Nadia drew and doodled in her spare time. She dreamed of becoming an illustrator.



She studied law at university.



She decided to go back to university to study illustration.



How did she become an author?

She wrote and illustrated a story called 'Good Little Wolf' while she was at university.



A group of publishers saw her book and liked it. Nadia began writing books for their publishing company.

'Good Little Wolf' was Nadia's first published book.



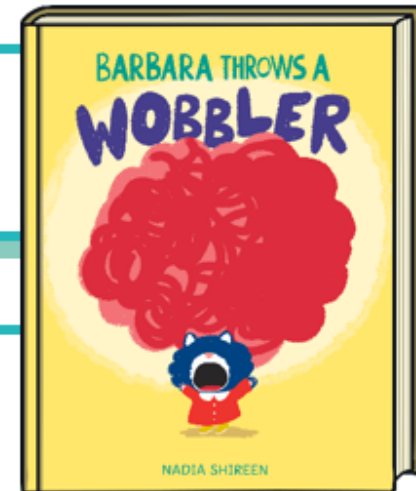
What are her books about?

Nadia writes funny stories.



They often carry a message about friendship, teamwork or accepting people for who they are.

Many of her characters are animals.

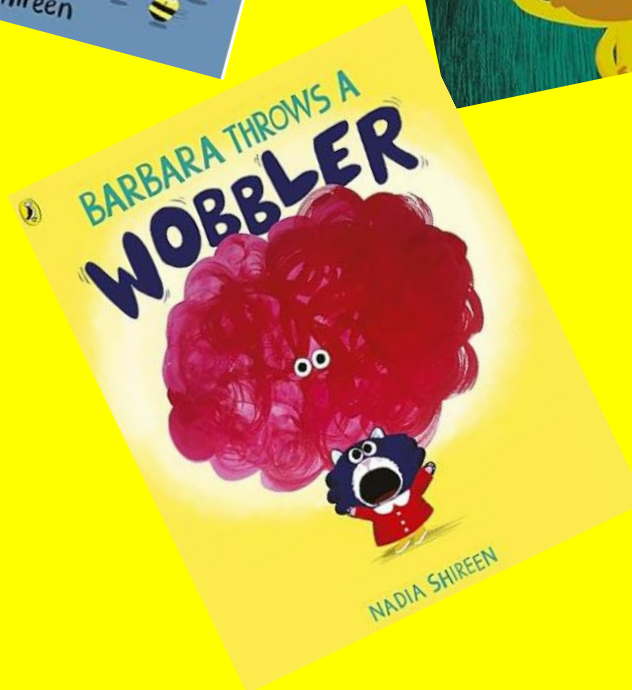
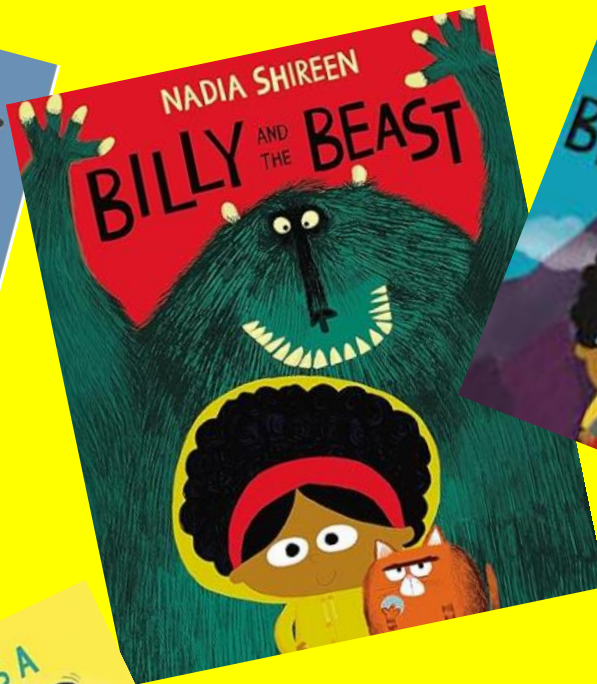


Her illustrations are bright and colourful.

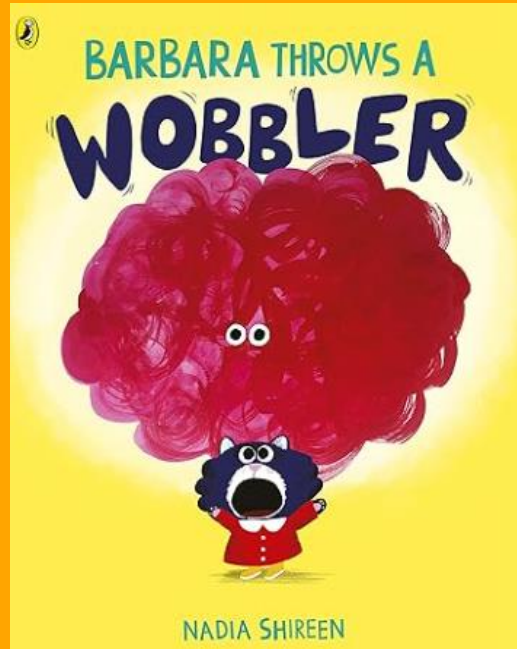
She won the UKLA Book Award for her first book called 'Good Little Wolf'.



You will find some brand new Nadia Shareen books in our school library for you to enjoy at home!



Today we are going to share:
'Barbara Throws a Wobbler'



Take one of our Nadia Shareen books back to your class
and ask your teacher to read it today!

Author Spotlight 4

Lets meet our new author spotlight...



An illustration of Benjamin Zephaniah, a Black man with long, dark dreadlocks, looking directly at the viewer. He is wearing a dark grey button-down shirt. The background is a stylized, colorful illustration of a London cityscape, featuring the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben on the left, a bridge with a Union Jack flag on the right, and various buildings and greenery in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds.

All About...

Benjamin Zephaniah



Poetry

- What do you know about poetry? Tell your partner what you know.
- Do you know the names of any poets?
- Do you know any poems? Can you recite them?
- Do you have a favourite poem? If so, why do you like it?
- Have you ever heard of these poets?



Benjamin Zephaniah

Benjamin Zephaniah was born in Birmingham on 15th April 1958.

Benjamin said he cannot remember a time when he wasn't creating poetry. He did his first public performance of his poetry when he was just ten years old. Benjamin said his childhood was full of poetry and he remembers hearing his mum turn recipes into poems as she was cooking.

Benjamin has dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that can make it difficult to read and write. When Benjamin was young, less was known about dyslexia and Benjamin left school at the age of 13, unable to read or write.



Music

In the 1980s, Benjamin released an album called Rasta. The album was full of **reggae music** with Benjamin singing and playing the **bass guitar**. Rasta had a song on it which Benjamin recorded with The Wailers. The Wailers were a group who played with Bob Marley, one of the world's most famous reggae singers. The album also had a tribute to Nelson Mandela who, at that time, was still in prison in South Africa for fighting against racism. Mandela heard the song while he was in prison and liked it. The two men would later get to know each other and when Nelson Mandela became president of South Africa, he asked Benjamin to host a special music concert.



bass guitar - a guitar with four or five strings. It plays very low notes and, along with the drums, provides the rhythm of music.

reggae music - a style of music that started in Jamaica. It is known for its strong rhythm and includes music from drums and a bass guitar.



Talking Turkeys

In 1994, Benjamin wrote his first children's poetry book, 'Talking Turkeys'. It included poems such as, 'A Day in the Life of Danny the Cat' and 'Drivosaurus Rex'. The book is a mixture of funny and serious poems and was such a success that all copies were completely sold out within six weeks. He has since gone on to write several poetry books for children including one called 'We Are Britain', which is a celebration of diversity in Britain.

Benjamin has also written several novels, including one for teenagers called 'Face'. This novel was then turned into a play.



Other Work

Benjamin is an honorary patron (supporter) of The Vegan Society. He is an animal rights campaigner, a patron of vegan charity, Viva! (Vegetarians' International Voice for Animals) and has also done work for PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

Benjamin is a member of Amnesty International, an international organisation protecting human rights. He speaks out against all forms of prejudice.

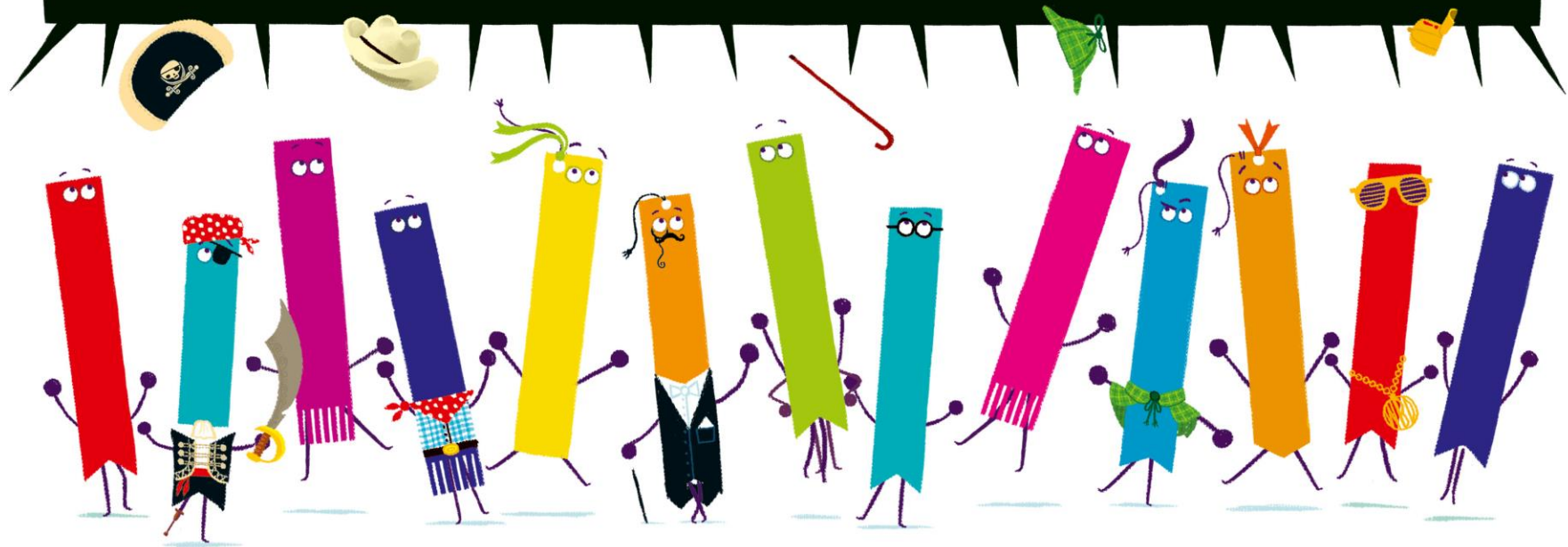
Benjamin has also presented many radio documentaries, including ones about poetry and art.

Did You Know...?

Benjamin supports Aston Villa Football Club.



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

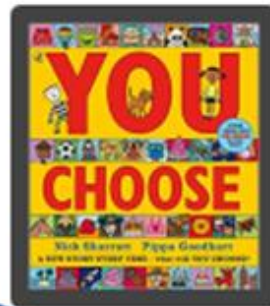
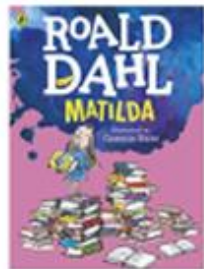


Reading River



World Book Day
homework
Out this Friday!

My Reading River

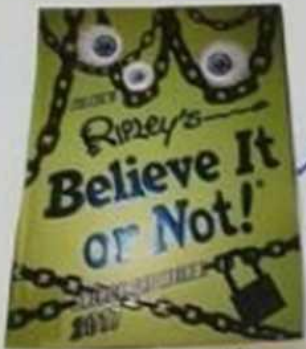


The Selfish Giant, Oscar Wilde, Michael Foreman, Freire Wright Puffin
Matilda, Roald Dahl, Quentin Blake, Puffin
El Deafo, Cece Bell, Abrams Books
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou, Virago
48 You Choose, Nick Sharratt, Pippa Goodhart, Penguin

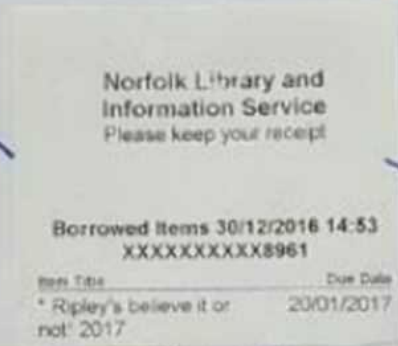
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Reading Rivers, first explored
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Nico's Reading River...



Library book



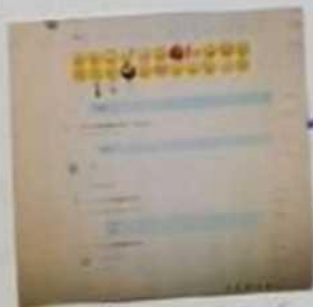
Library receipt



Lunch menu



signs on the way to school



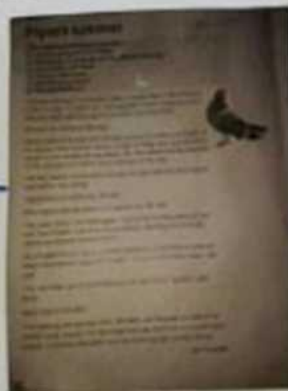
Skype messages



Match Attax



Reading book



Homework



Toiletries



Book before bed!

READING River

the back of a ^{Cereal} Street box.



School work



the Price of things in a Shop



posters



Some magazines



messages or letters



the back of a video Game



Credits on a Movie



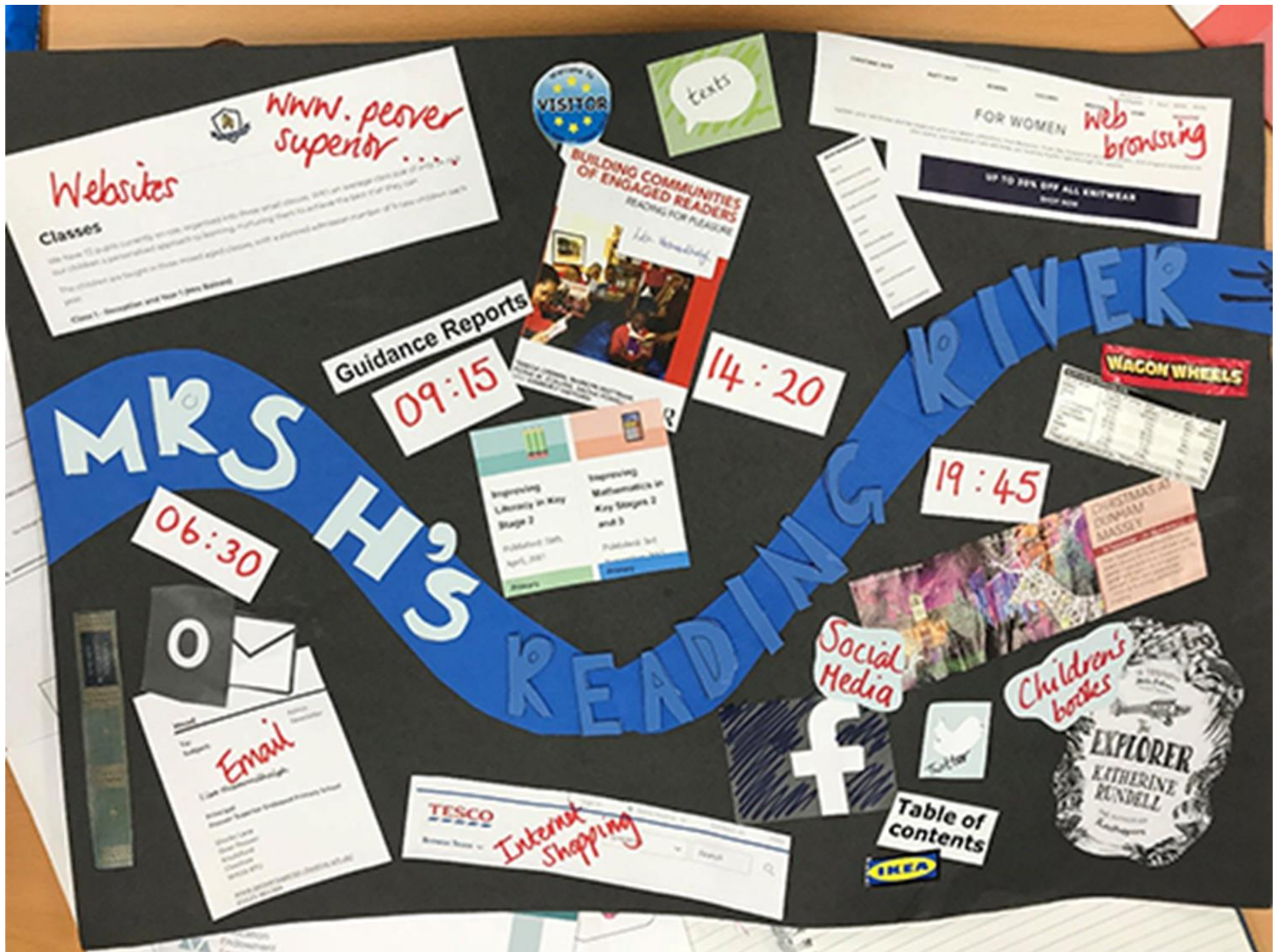
My Reading book



Sorry the river ends here

by Liam

Deeds class
year 6

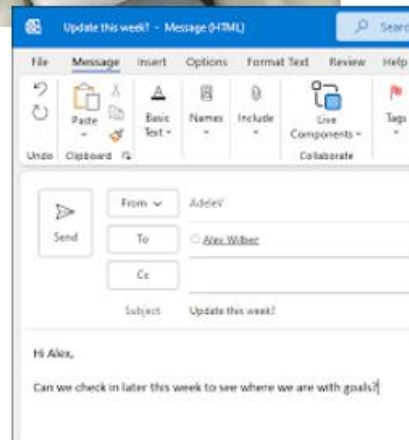
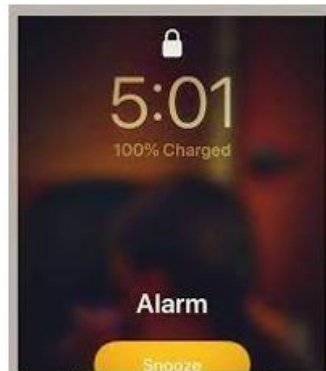


Crew Pearson



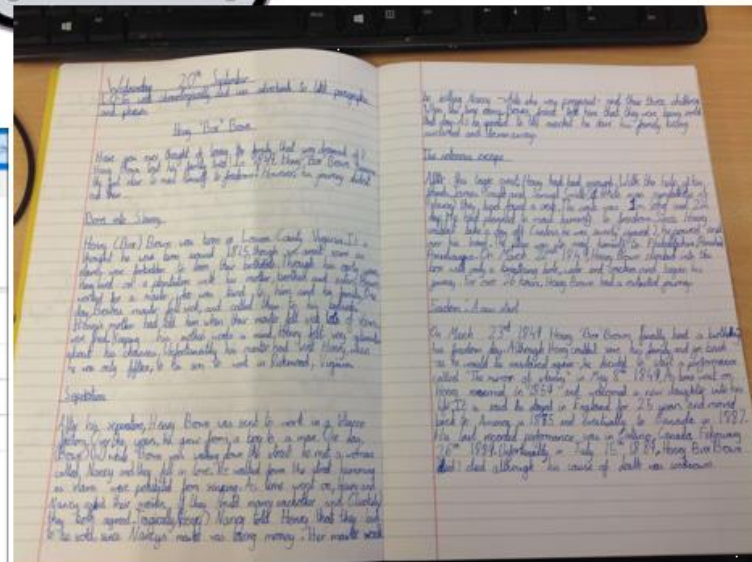


HOW TO CLEAR A MISFEED



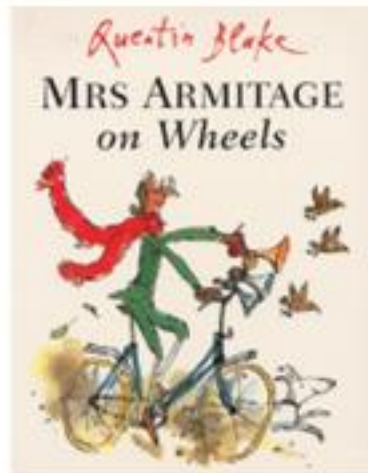
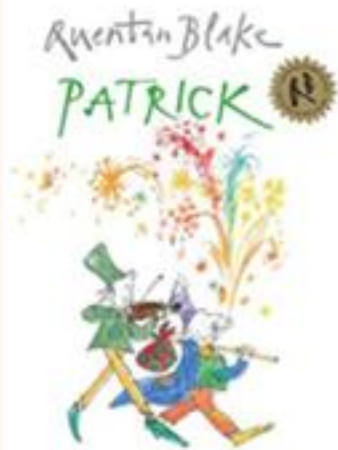
- Alarm clock
- Text message
- Social media
- Work emails
- Social emails
- Sell by dates
- Photocopier manuals
- Diary dates and entries
- Pupil work
- Planning sheets
- IWB information
- LOs

- Children text for reading
- Car number plates – was it my friend?
- TV – credits
- Puzzles
- TRF – re-read
- Web research



24 hour reading log
 To show that reading can be for pleasure, real-life and for work.
 Huge part of our daily routine.

Sir Quentin Blake



You could dress up as:

Frog—Dancing Frog

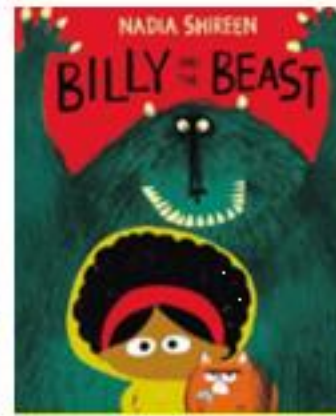
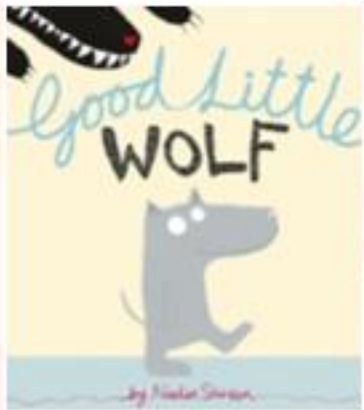
Simkin

Mrs Armitage

Monkey—Three Little

Monkeys

Nadia Shireen



You could dress up as:

Wolf—Good Little Wolf

Dragon—Billy & the Dragon

Ted or Nancy (fox cubs) in Grimwood



Frank Cottrell-Boyce

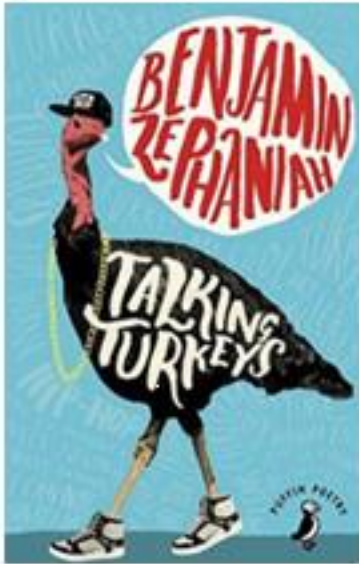
You could dress up as:

An astronaut—Cosmic

A robot—Runaway Robot

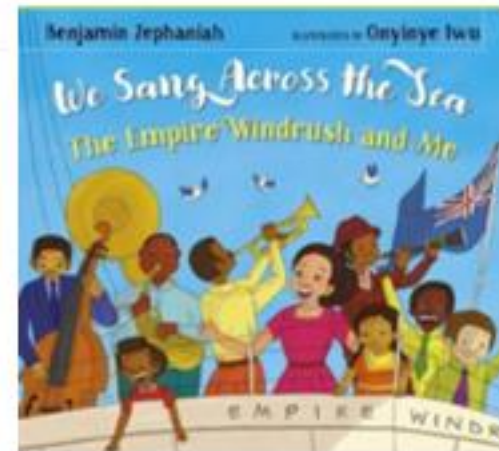
Broccoli Boy—Astounding Broccoli Boy

Benjamin Zephaniah



Benjamin Zephaniah's poems have a range of characters, you could dress up as:

A chicken, a turkey, a pencil, a lottery ticket, sewage in the sea, a cat etc!



World Book Day Competition

A winner will be chosen from each class across school for the 'Best Costume'! Each winner will receive a prize. Good luck!

