



Seaford Primary school

Reading Newsletter

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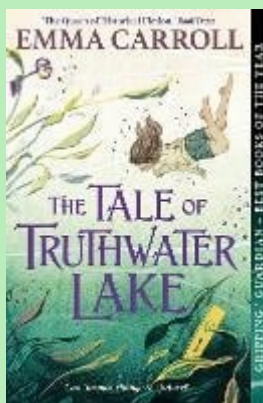
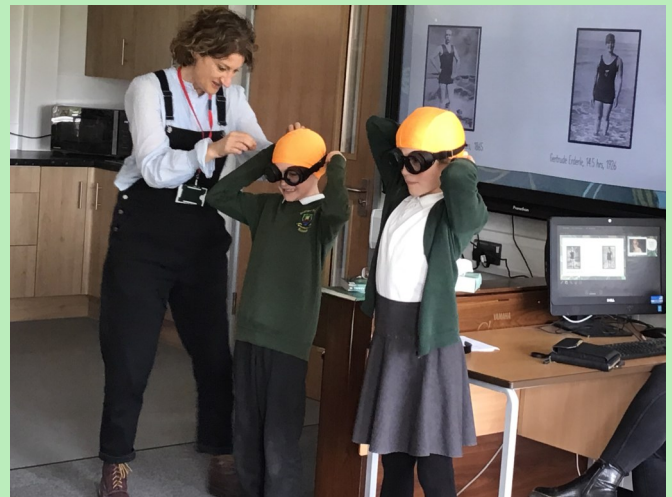
Welcome to our fifth newsletter this school year.

The positive news recently that England's nine and 10-year-olds have taken fourth place in a major international literacy study is clearly evidence that Reading for Pleasure has had a major impact. Children who read for pleasure do better at school and become happier people as adults. Keep reading everybody!

Years 5 and 6 have been extremely lucky to have two authors visiting our school recently.

Emma Carroll, who has written many books of which two are used in guided reading in years 5 and 6, spent an hour with the pupils just before the Easter holidays.

She told us about her latest book 'The Tale of Truthwater Lake' and answered some very interesting questions posed by the children.

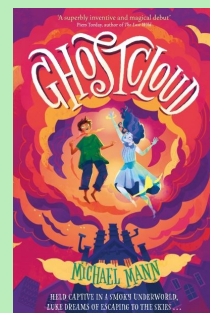
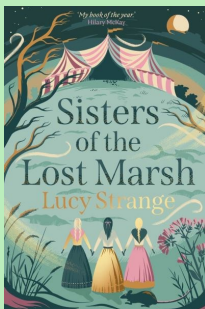


Our second visitor was one of the authors whose book is part of the East Sussex Children's Book Award that 13 children from years 5 and 6 have been reading and discussing. We have all voted for our favourite book and will find out who the overall winner is at the awards ceremony in June.

Helenka Stachera entertained our pupils and students from 3 other schools one Friday afternoon in April. She explained how she has used her own background in her book *The Ice Whisperers* and very kindly gave us two copies of her latest book *Fin and the Memory Curse*.



These are the books that the East Sussex Children's Book Award book club, have read. The book club is open to children in years 5 and 6 and takes place in terms 3 and 4.



The Sisters of the Lost Marsh by Lucy Strange is based around six sisters: Grace, Freya, Willa, Dolly, Dee-Dee and Darcy. It is quite a dark tale involving illnesses, curses and worse... When Da-Da drives Willa's older sister Grace away, she is prepared to take drastic actions to bring her back home although it doesn't prove as easy as it may seem. Amongst all of that, their Grammy gets taken away accused of the impossible, leaving the remaining girls without the closest person to a Ma they would ever remember.
By Hope and Jemima 5C

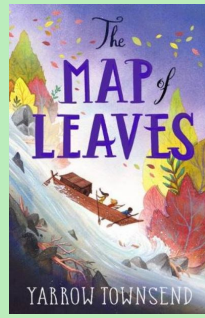
Bella lives with her aunt in Poland when she's sent to Siberia because her mother had died there. Bella's uncle is a strange scientist and while she's living with him she discovers a magical necklace. It allows her to transport to an icy realm where she uncovers hidden secrets of her family and rescues the land. With help from a long lost sister, Ren-Ya, born forty thousand years before... We recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure, danger and magic. This book was fabulous!
By Alanis and Lara 6R

Ghostcloud by Michael Mann
Ghostcloud is about a kidnapped boy who would like to escape. He is sent to work but when he meets a ghostcloud he has a slight chance to escape. I like this book because it's a real page turner and it has a lot of adventure and mysteries. I would recommend this book to whoever likes mystery or adventure. I would recommend it to both children and parents.
By Noah 5M



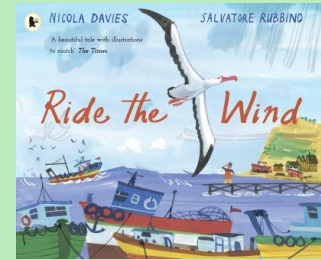
I really like *Looking for Emily* by Fiona Longmuir because of the mystery. The book makes you think of the clues and what will happen next. It's a great story!

By Raph 6TR



The *Map of Leaves* by Yarrow Townsend is very interesting and I like the idea of solving a mystery. My favourite part was when they threw the bad guy into the river. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure stories.

By Teddy 6TR



This book is about a very caring boy who helps an albatross find his way home. The pictures are beautiful and everything put together is breath-taking. A well deserved well done to the author Nicola Davies and the illustrator Salvatore Rubbino. It's a great book!

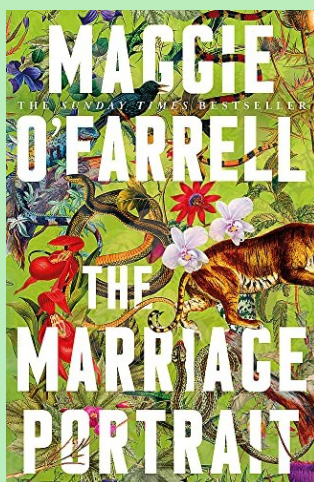
By Ami 5C

"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while." -

Malorie Blackman



Our second hand bookshop will be in the playground every Thursday after school in term 6, weather permitting. All books cost £1 and the profit goes towards both Word Millionaire book tokens and new books. We currently have more books than we can fit in the trolley so please come along and support our little shop.



The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

This latest book by Maggie O'Farrell will not disappoint any fan of the author. It tells the story of Lucrezia, third daughter of Cosimo de' Medici. When her older sister dies on the eve of her wedding, Lucrezia has to take her place. As she is still a child, she has to wait a few years before she weds Alfonso d'Este. Barely out of childhood, she's taken away from her home, the people she loves and a life of artistic freedom to become the wife of a man whose household is very different to hers. Alfonso himself is perhaps not either what he seems at first. O'Farrell's way of telling a story draws you in from the beginning and the ending is somewhat unexpected.

Mrs McMullen