



Burford School Reading Review

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Author Visit: Mini Grey

On Friday 23rd September, the award-winning creator of Biscuit Bear, The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon and the Traction Man series came to Burford School to introduce her latest book, The Greatest Show on Earth.

Years 1-3 had the pleasure of a workshop with author and illustrator Mini Grey. Here's what the children had to say about this experience:

Renee and Rayan (Y2) "We liked learning lots of facts and learning how to draw an illustration"

Toby (Y2) "It was fun looking at the puppets and placing them on a timeline"

Lily (Y3) "I enjoyed learning about the timeline of the world and found it fascinating that human life was such a small part of this!"

Skye (Y3) "I loved learning about how long dinosaurs were alive for and how the animals we have now were created"

Tallulah, Simi and Lejla (Y3) "Mini made drawing the insects simple and fun! We can't wait to turn our drawings into stick puppets"

Esmée (Y3) "I enjoyed everything about it. We learnt about History, Geography and Art and looked at a great book"



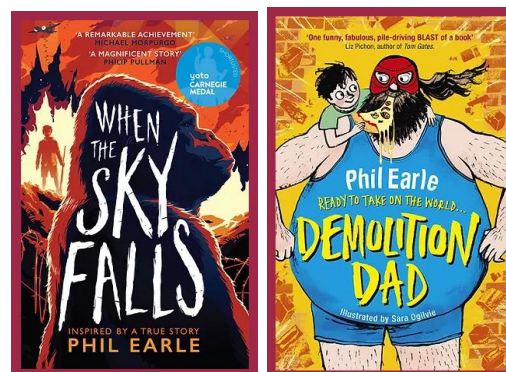
Every child is a reader at Burford School. Pupils talk confidently about their favourite authors and books, about what they are reading and what they want to read next. This love of reading is also shared by all members of staff.

Phil Earle's words of wisdom for budding readers and writers

Author of 'When the Sky Falls' and 'Demolition Dad'

Phil Earle dreamed of being a professional footballer for Hull City. At school he loved reading graphic novels and comics. When he took up a position in the children's section of a bookshop, he devoured the fiction books and decided he wanted to write one himself.

"To write is to play: it's the most brilliant reminder of waiting on the edge of my school chair at the age of eight, for the bell to ring for playtime. Because when I'm writing, regardless of my age, there's nowhere I can't go, no person I can't be, no world I can't create, no adventure I can't go on. I can go anywhere, be anyone and do anything. What more could I... or you, possibly ask for?"



"Read. Read the things that make you happy. They don't have to be super-long or be regarded as a 'classic'. Comics, graphic novels, papers, magazines - that's still reading. Listen to a story. Read for pleasure."

How do reading and writing make you feel?

Ella (Y6) recommends

In Darkling Wood

By Emma Carroll

This is a great book for people that love magic and mystery. As soon as you start reading, it pulls you in and takes you to a different world.

Cerys (Y6) recommends

Cloudburst

By Wilbur Smith

It's about three children who go into a rainforest and explore. It's an extremely exhilarating and amazingly funny novel.

Lekha (Y6) recommends

See You in the Cosmos

By Jack Cheng

I would like to recommend this book because it has very good messages. When you read it, it feels like you are inside the book.

2022 Children's Laureate: Joseph Coelho

Joseph has dedicated his career to making poetry accessible to all

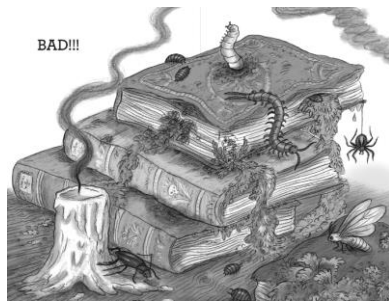
Joseph Coelho is our Children's Laureate for the next two years. He wants to champion reading and inspire others to pick up a book. He wants to break down the fear often associated with poetry and 'get the nation writing and performing' it.

Do you have a favourite poem?
How do you perform it aloud?
Does it start off slow, barely a whisper? Is a booming voice needed at galloping pace? What facial expressions and actions are involved?



Joseph always enjoyed fairytales but wanted more monsters - zombies, vampires and werewolves.

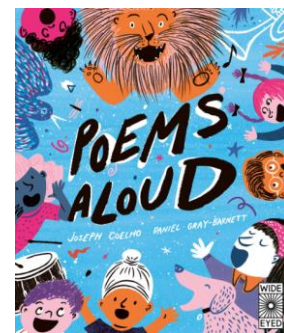
Reinventing some of our well-loved fairy tales with a monster element was, to him, the perfect way to give young people their desire for a little bit of horror. Read *Fairytales Gone Bad* if you dare...



Choose from:
Creeping Beauty
Frankenstiltskin
Zombierella

Here is one of Coelho's tongue twisters. Can you work it out?

Near You
I'm clear when I'm empty,
See-through when I'm full.
My insides taste of nothing,
Yet you want me.
Need me!
I'm full of leaks and gulps.
My brothers choke the oceans.

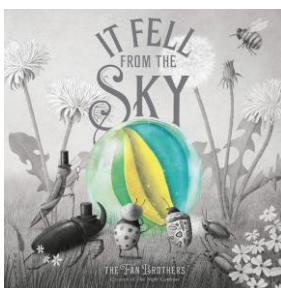


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Miss Hatvany recommends

It Fell From The Sky and Ocean Meets Sky by The Fan Brothers

Every class in Burford School read *The Barnabus Project* during the first week of term. I thought it was superb book so I decided to read more titles by the same authors. *It Fell From The Sky* is about the importance of giving back to the community. *Ocean Meets Sky* is about finding something that you don't know you are looking for. Next on my list is *The Night Gardener*: 'One day, William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into a wise owl. In the following days, more topiaries appear, and each one is more beautiful than the last. And though the mysterious night gardener disappears as suddenly as he appeared, William--and his town--are changed forever.'



Why read for (at least) twenty minutes a day?

You expose yourself to 1,800,000 words in a year.

- ✓ Exercises the brain
 - ✓ Form of entertainment
 - ✓ Improves concentration and the ability to focus
 - ✓ Grows your vocabulary, along with your ability to effectively communicate
 - ✓ Improves writing skills by understanding and learning different writing styles
 - ✓ Helps to de-stress and improve quality of sleep
 - ✓ Increases general knowledge
 - ✓ Builds empathy
 - ✓ Allows us to experience realities outside of our lives
 - ✓ Has the power to transport you to another world
 - ✓ Protagonists who have overcome challenges encourage us to do the same
 - ✓ Teaches us to relate to others by putting ourselves in their shoes
- Well, what are you waiting for?
Pick up that book!

Book Title Quiz

How many of these well-loved children's titles can you complete?

1. The Very ___ Caterpillar
2. ___ The Wild Things Are
3. Alice's Adventures in ___
4. The ___ Who Came to Tea
5. The Smartest ___ in Town
6. The Velveteen ___
7. George's ___ Medicine
8. Charlotte's ___
9. ___ Eggs and Ham
10. The ___ in the Willows
11. Diary of a Wimpy ___
12. ___ on the Broom

Can you come up with your own question?

- Answers**

 1. Hungry
 2. Where
 3. Wonderland
 4. Tiger
 5. Giant
 6. Rabbit
 7. Marvellous
 8. Web
 9. Green
 10. Wind
 11. Kid
 12. Room