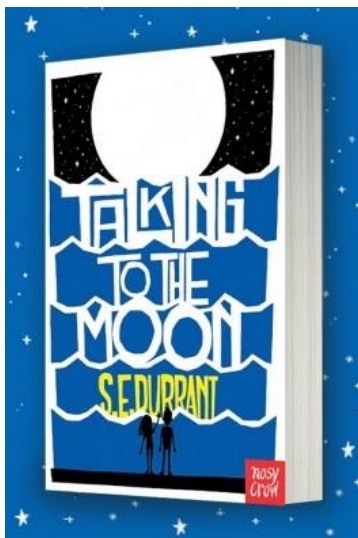


**A Warm Welcome !** Our sponsored reading event will finish on Wednesday. Thank you for all your support with this. Please continue to remind and encourage the children. A reminder letter for parents will be distributed this afternoon.

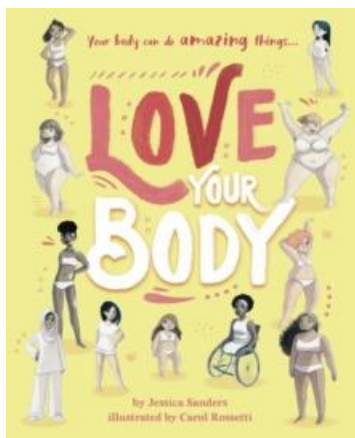
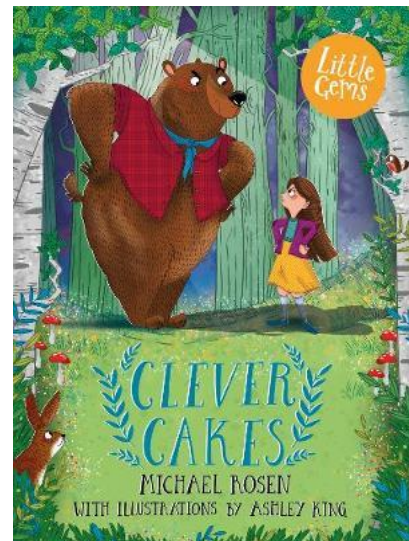
**Competition:** Please remind the children about the competition. Here's a recap: As part of our sponsored reading event, we are running a competition for all children to take part in. To enter, children are asked to produce a piece of work based on a book – this could be a poster, a poem, a review, a cover design, a biography of the author, a digital presentation, a piece of art work, a character's costume....the possibilities are endless. All entries should be handed in by the end of school on Wednesday 18th March. The winner from each class will be rewarded with a trip to Waterstone's in Liverpool One, a book voucher and a visit to Waterstone's cafe. Entries will be judged by Mr. James, school governors and members of school council.

**Book Fair:** Our spring term book fair will continue (in the library) until Wednesday. It will be open before and after school today and tomorrow – and before school on Wednesday. Thank you.



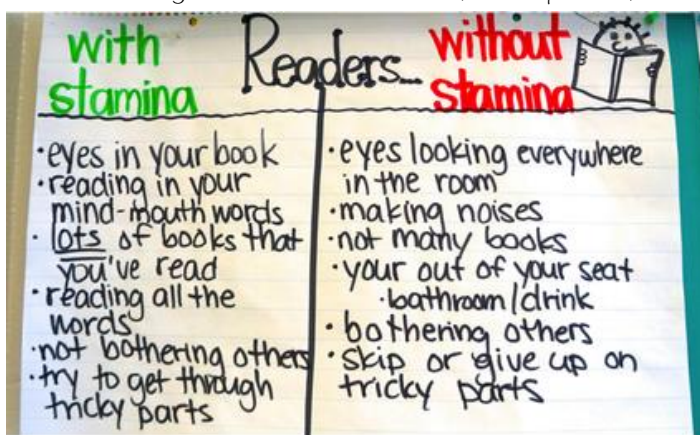
**'Talking to the Moon' by S.E. Durrant:** This is a March book of the month on [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) Iris takes refuge with her grandma, Mimi, to escape the chaos at home, caused by her two year old twin siblings and her dad's DIY repairs. There's a different kind of disorder in Mimi's house which is chock full of items collected over the years – chiefly boxes of photos she's taken and developed. It's one of these photos that sets Iris on a hunt to unravel an old mystery – even as Mimi's memories are fading. Published on 5/3/20 and for age 9+.

'Clever Cakes' by Michael Rosen: Another March book of the month from [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) and billed as: '...rousing, readable stories of young rebels...' Clever children who use their wits to get the better of much more powerful adversaries star in this duo of stories. Masha escapes a big and thoroughly bad bear in a particularly delicious way, while little Peggy outsmarts her (admittedly rather stupid) king to win big. Illustrated by Ashley King, this book was published yesterday and is for age 5+.



'Love Your Body' by Jessica Sanders: There's a video trailer for this book in the Kidszone of the Lovereading4kids website. 'My body is strong. My body can do amazing things. My body is my own.' That's the message for young girls to take from this comforting, uplifting and much-needed self-help guide. The book says that our bodies are unique and amazing – all of them – and there's no one size, shape or colour that's

perfect. The message is demonstrated via colour illustrations featuring a range of young women who are happy with the way they look and who they are. The book was published on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and is for age 7+. Please let me know if you think it would be a good idea to have a few copies of this in our school library.



Reading Stamina: I regularly talk to my class about expectations regarding reading stamina. Given that many children find it increasingly difficult to concentrate for more than a few minutes at a time, it's important that we provide and model silent,

focussed, daily times that allow children to build and develop their reading stamina.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (16/3/20)

(At home I'm reading **'Wakenhyrst'** by Michelle Paver. In class I'm reading **'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'** by Nizrana Farook. I'm reading **'Blitzed'** by Robert Swindells to 4PK.)