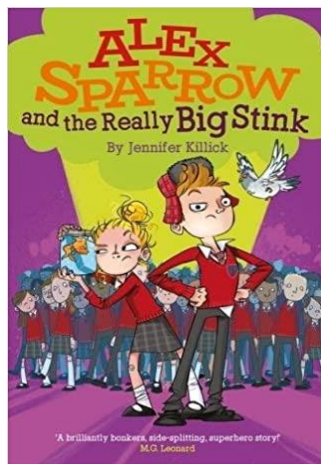
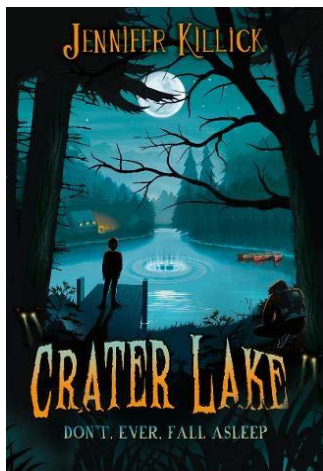
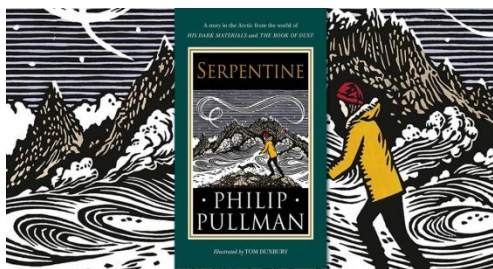


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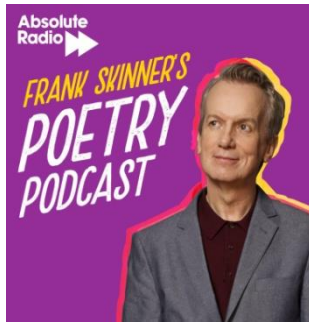
Hello! Welcome to this edition of our weekly reading for pleasure newsletter. Children's author Jennifer Killick will be joining our Year Six children (via Zoom) on Wednesday morning for an interactive conversation about her books and writing and much more besides. Jennifer is the author of the **Alex Sparrow** series of books (...goldfish bubbling, zumba record-breaking, ear-shatteringly funny...), 'Mo, Lottie and the Junkers' (...ice-cream truck siren-ringing...) and 'Crater Lake' (...don't dare nod off and here's your soup...)



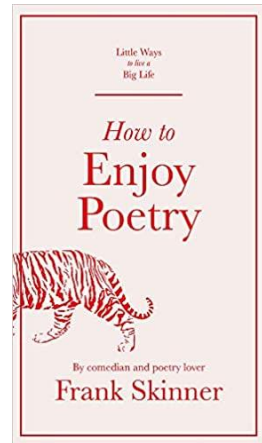
A big thank you to Mr. Bulmer for organising this virtual visit. I'm sure Y6 children will tell us about the visit in next week's edition.



'Serpentine' by Philip Pullman: This is a brand new short story set in the world of **His Dark Materials**. Lyra and her daemon, Pantalaimon, have left the events of **His Dark Materials** far behind. In this snapshot of their forever-changed lives, they return to the North to visit an old friend....where we will learn that things are not exactly as they seem. 'Serpentine' is illustrated by Tom Duxbury and it will be published in hardback on Thursday of this week. 'The Secret Commonwealth: The Book of Dust Volume Two' is now out in paperback. Philip Pullman is working on volume three.



Frank Skinner: The comedian and poetry fan has just started his second series of Absolute Radio poetry podcasts. These are fantastic and well worth a listen. The first series included Stevie Smith, William Carlos Williams, Philip Larkin,

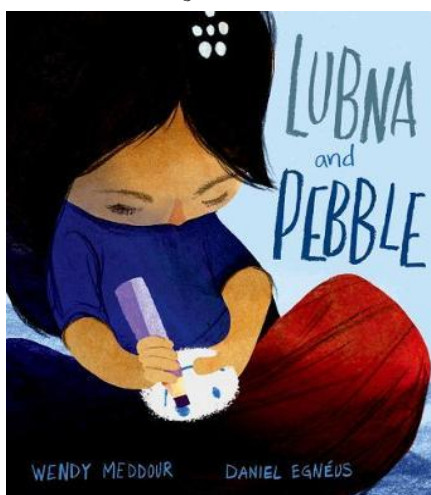


Donna Stonecipher, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Caroline Knox and the 'Beat' poets. This new series gets under way with Liz Berry and Cathy Park Hong. Frank Skinner has recently published a book called 'How to Enjoy Poetry'. I love poetry – but I've ordered it anyway. Please let me know if you'd like to have a look. Always happy to share!

'Child of Galaxies' by Blake Nuto: I found out about this book on the LoveReading4Kids website. Blake Nuto is a debut author and a teacher in Tasmania. Here's what LR4K says about it: 'This book takes a poetic look at what it means to be alive (and) asks some of the big



questions about who we all are, about friendships and our place in the universe. It's the sort of book that will be a bouncing off point for lots of discussions – but is presented in an accessible and colourful format.' It was published in June and is illustrated by Charlotte Ager. LoveReading4Kids recommends it for age three plus.



'Lubna and Pebble' by Wendy Meddour: This is another LR4K discovery. The website says: 'In an unforgettable story that subtly addresses the refugee crisis, a young girl must decide if friendship means giving up the one item that gives her comfort during a time of utter uncertainty.' The book is illustrated by Daniel Egneus and was shortlisted for the 2020 UKLA Book Awards. For age 3+. As always, please let me know if you'd like to have a look.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (12/10/20)

At home I'm reading 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum' by Kate Atkinson.

In class I'm reading 'Fire Burn, Cauldron Bubble' - magical poems chosen by Paul Cookson.

I'm reading 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear' by Keiran Larwood to my class.