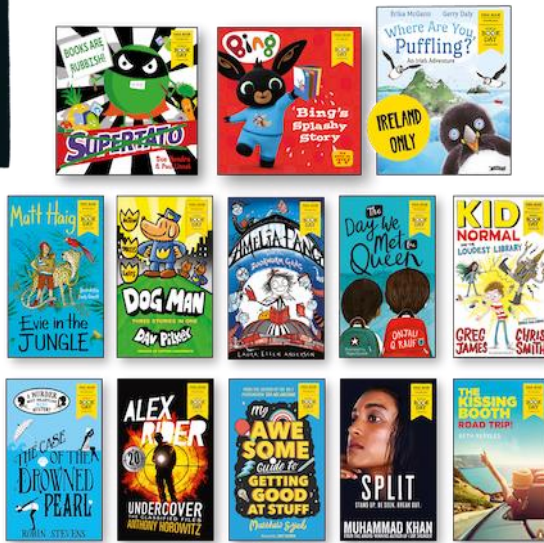
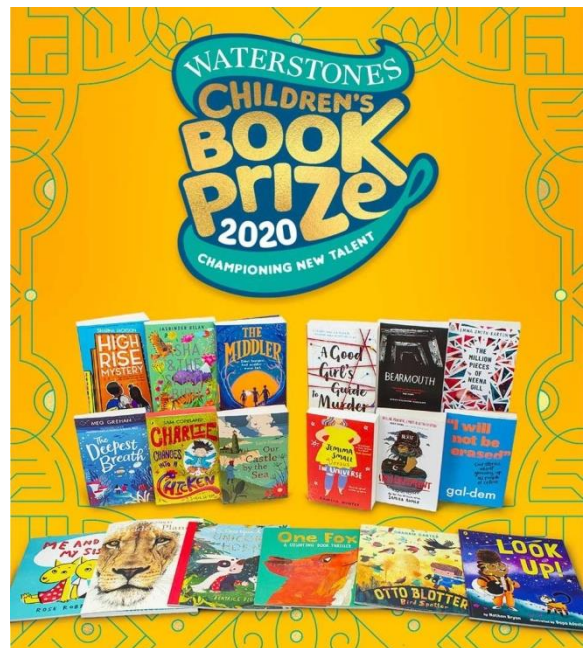


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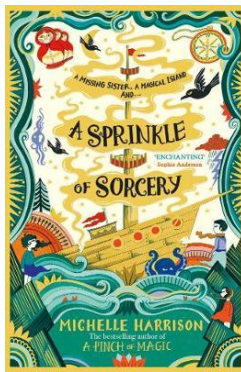
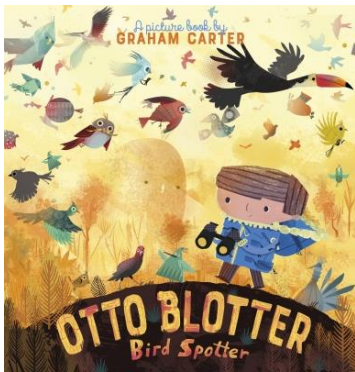
Hello.....and welcome to the 150th edition of this newsletter! World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. This year's £1 books include titles by Dave Pilkey, Onjali Q. Rauf, Greg James, Robin Stevens and Anthony Horowitz. Please go to the World Book Day website for further details and info.

Book Prize: The shortlist for the 2020 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize has recently been announced. In addition to the overall prize, there are separate prizes for: the best illustrated book, the best book for younger readers and the best book for older readers. Onjali Q. Rauf's 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' was last year's winner. Jasbinder Bilan's 'Asha and the Spirit Bird' is on the shortlist. Bilan won the 2019 Costa Children's Book Award. One of my favourite children's books of recent years – Katherine Rundell's 'Rooftoppers' – won the overall prize in 2014. If you haven't read 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' or 'Rooftoppers', I can thoroughly recommend both of these titles. This year's overall winner and the category winners will be announced on Thursday 26th March.

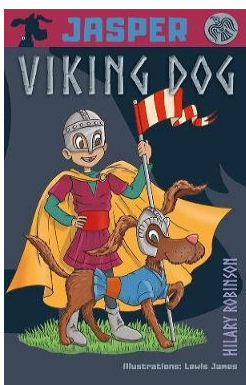




Books on Prescription: An article in Saturday's Guardian provides a nice follow-up to Children's Mental Health Week. A scheme that sees general practitioners recommending books for mental health and wellbeing is extending its reach to younger children. The Reading Agency's 'Read Well for Children' list of fiction and non-fiction titles is aimed at seven to eleven year olds. The books deal with topics such as: anxiety, bullying, staying safe online, ADHD, autism and physical disabilities. I've left copies of the article on the tables in the staff room.



Books of the Month: The three featured books are all February books of the month on the LoveReading4Kids website. The Widdershins sisters are back for a thrilling adventure in 'A Sprinkle of Sorcery' - a spellbinding and heart-warming sequel to Michelle



Harrison's 'A Pinch of Magic'. Published on 6th Feb and for age 7+. In 'Jasper Viking Dog' by Hilary Robinson, Charlie Tanner's dog Jasper thinks he's descended from Viking dogs - and is determined to find out more. It will be published on 19th Feb and is for age 5+. Graham Carter's 'Otto Blotter, Bird Spotter' was published on 6th Feb and is for age 3+. Otto loves exploring and it is on one of his trips that he finds and secretly brings home a very unusual baby bird. But as the bird grows (and grows), Otto realises that it's missing its family. The book is beautifully illustrated by the author.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (10/2/20)

(At home I'm reading 'The Fountains of Silence' by Ruta Sepetys. In class I'm reading 'The Way Past Winter' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. I'm reading 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams to 4PK.)