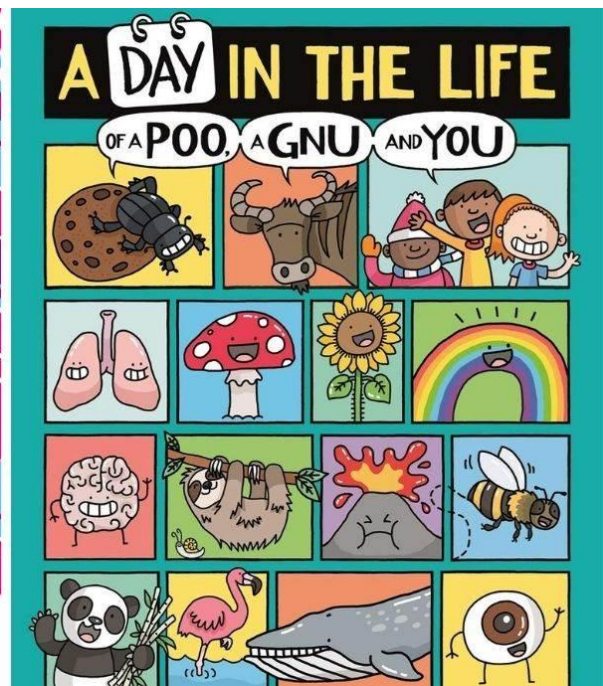
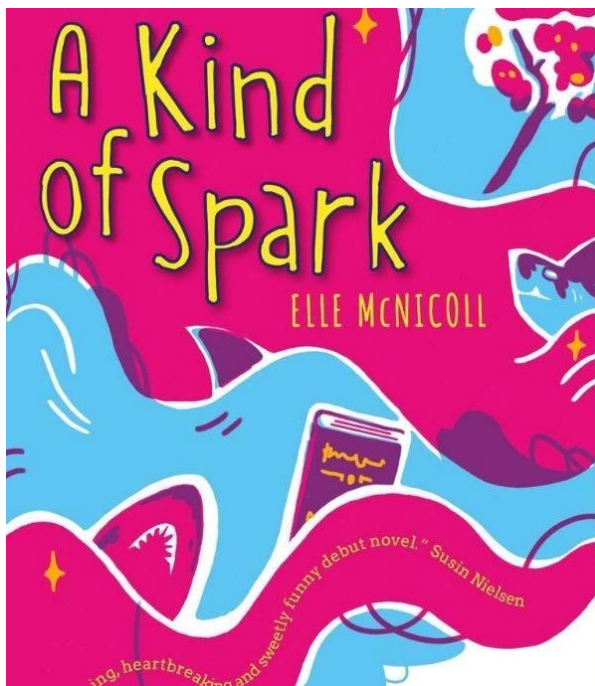
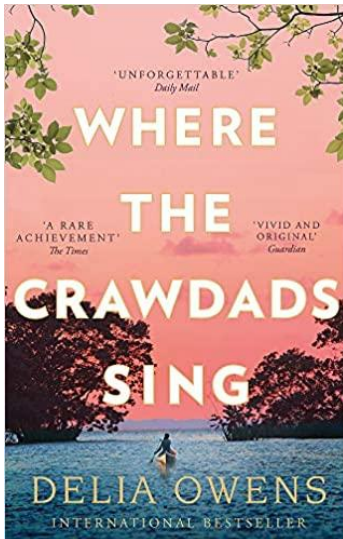


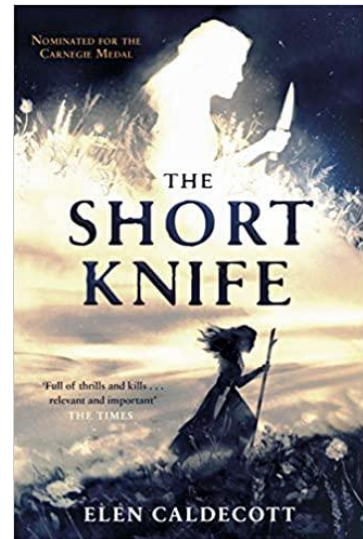
Welcome Back! I hope that everybody had a lovely Easter break and that you found time to relax with a good book. On World Book Day, the winners of the 2021 Blue Peter Book Awards were announced. The award for Best



Story went to Elle McNicoll's debut novel 'A Kind of Spark'. The Book Trust website says: 'Offering an utterly convincing and honest narrative voice, 'A Kind of Spark' challenges the stereotypes that can be associated with autism – and teaches us that there are many different ways to be autistic.' The award for Best Book with Facts was won by Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley for 'A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You'. From the Book Trust: 'Packed full of zany trivia about everything worth knowing – from pimples to porcupines – each element is written in the form of a first person diary and brilliantly presented in cartoon strips.' The Blue Peter Book Awards were first presented in 2000. Previous winners have included Katherine Rundell, Michael Morpurgo, Vashti Hardy and Onjali Q. Rauf.



Recommendations: My Easter holiday reading included these two fantastic novels. 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens is set in and around the fictional town of Barkley Cove on the North Carolina coast. The Waterstone's website says: 'For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted



*Barkley Cove.....So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say.'* Daisy Edgar-Jones ('Normal People') has been cast to play Kya in the forthcoming film. 'The Short Knife' by Elen Caldecott is set in Britain at the time when Roman occupation gave way to what became known as the Dark Ages. The Waterstone's website has this to say: 'It is the year 454AD. The Roman Empire has withdrawn from Britain, throwing it into the chaos of the Dark Ages. Mai has been kept safe by her father and sister. But when Saxon warriors arrive at their farm, the family is forced to flee to the hills where British warlords lie in wait.' 'The Short Knife' made it to the longlist for this year's Carnegie Medal.

Y6 Book Clubs: Our Year Six Book Club children meet every Monday and Tuesday lunch time in the library. We're currently reading 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones' by Phil Hickes and 'The Valley of Lost Secrets' by Lesley Parr. If you'd like to read along and get involved, please let me know. All very welcome.



Get Involved: If you have any recommendations, book news, photos, thoughts, comments or ideas, please get in touch. Book reviews or recommendations from children are welcomed and encouraged. Thank you!

**Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (12/4/21)**

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At home I'm reading **Ted Hughes: The Unauthorised Life** by Jonathan Bate and **Burn** by Patrick Ness.

In class I'm reading **Brand New Boy** by David Almond.

I'm reading **Queen of Darkness** by Tony Bradman to 4PK.