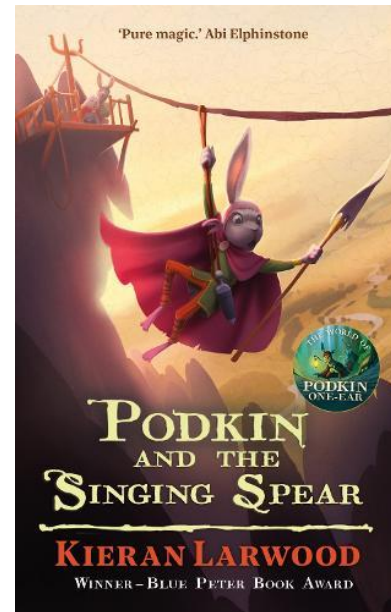


**Welcome !** Excitement levels are at fever pitch ! Not only does September bring a new book from the amazing Katherine Rundell ('Impossible Creatures' – out this Thursday), but last week saw the publication of a new Kieran Larwood book. And what's more, it's a new Podkin story ! 'Podkin and the Singing Spear' is the seventh instalment of a fantastic sequence of stories that started

with 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear'. I've read four out of the six previously published books – all are magnificent. Books five and six – 'Uki and the Swamp Spirit' and 'Uki and the Ghostburrow' - are both on the shelves ready.....and 'Podkin and the Singing Spear' had been pre-ordered and arrived on Thursday. The Podkin books are brilliant – and I can't recommend them highly enough. Here's what Faber & Faber say about the new book:



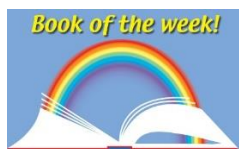
*Podkin is now Keeper of the Gifts – which is a tremendously important job and just a tiny bit boring. It doesn't help that there are still three gifts missing – Podkin can't stop himself from thinking about that. So when the Godseye Mirror begins to shimmer and shift revealing a motley crew of travellers is approaching, Podkin sees it as a sign that his world is about to be upended all over again . . .*

*It's not long before Podkin and Uki finally meet – united in their hatred for the world of Scramashank, they have much in common. But what will these young warriors make of each other, and can they work together to unite the forces of good against terrible evil?*

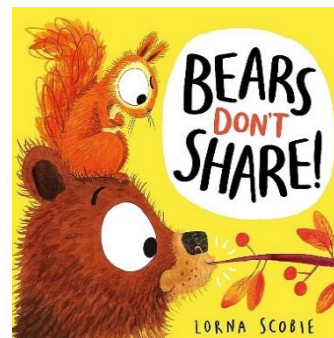
*In a restless world still under threat, we encounter the terrifying Crowskins, find out whether two rival clans will lay down their differences and how kinship matters more than ever. With stunning illustrations by David Wyatt.*

**Recommendation:** At the end of the summer holidays, I read the latest World War Two story by former Malvern visitor Phil Earle. From Waterstone's website: *A heartbreaking story of love and devotion in the midst of war....as heroic dog Beau begins an epic journey to reunite with his owner. When Peggy saves Beau from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins....the only thing that can ever come between them is war. Peggy is evacuated to the safety of the coast, but Beau is left behind in the city, where he becomes the most extraordinary and unlikely of war heroes. No spoilers from me.....but it's a fantastic story and it's beautifully written. It had me hooked right from the start – I just couldn't put it down !*





**'Bears Don't Share':** Lorna Scobie's new book is our book of the week in the library. *Bear will not share even though she's being helped by Squirrel. What's more, Squirrel's hungry. However, for Bear, filling herself up before her winter hibernation is top priority. Thereafter, nuts and berries, carrots and apples are gobbled up. Even though Squirrel asks for a portion, it seems that Bear is completely impervious to his needs.*



*So what happens when they alight upon a picnic? Will Bear eat everything they see? From 'cheese and tomato sandwiches... three smoothies, a whole plate of jelly, five cookies, some ants (accidentally) and seven vegetarian sausage rolls'. And will Bear recognise that Squirrel is not alone in hoping for a share?*



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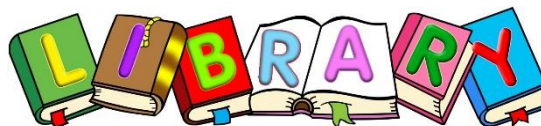
**Maz Evans:** Last week's book of the week was **'Who Let the Gods Out'** by Maz Evans - and we were delighted to receive a message from Maz:

*Hello all you little heroes at Malvern Primary! Maz Evans here, author of Who Let the Gods Out - hope you are EPIC! I also hope you enjoy Elliot and Virgo's adventures - reading is the rocket ship that can take you to countless universes, so clamber aboard! Loads of love.....Maz xxx*



**Celebrating Reading:** Last week's readers of the week included: Ayda from 1IP, Coby from 3CW, Teddy from 4NM, Elsie from 4JB, Thomas from 5AC and Luca from 6JH. Congratulations to all of our lovely book worms !

**Library News and Opening Times:** In addition to our library being open to the school community between 8.00am and 9.00am each morning, it will now be open on Tuesday lunchtimes for Y4, Y5 and Y6 children and Wednesday lunchtimes for members of Y1, Y2 and Y3. Children may bring their current book or choose one from the library. Our first team of Y6 librarians start their duties this week. They are: Barney, Luca, Stanley, Ryan, Isabella, Emily, Sophia, Holly, Sophie and Myah.



**'Books crowbar the world open for you.'** (From 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell)

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I'm reading **Carnival of the Lost** by Kieran Larwood.

The Malvern Community Book Club's current book is **The Shock of the Fall** by Nathan File.