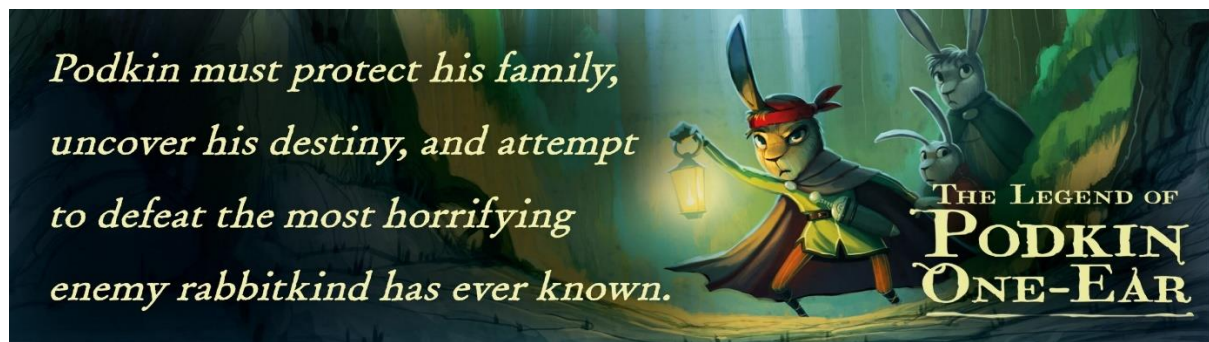


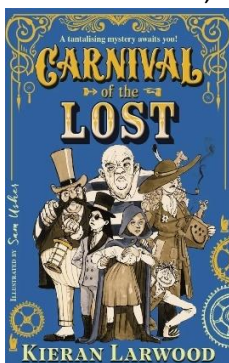
Reader of the Week

Welcome ! Last week's readers of the week included: **Samuel** and **Buddy** from the Nursery, **Madison & Betsy** from Reception, **Sienna** from 2JOB, **Annabelle** from 2CB, **Ivy** from 3CW, **Connie** from 4JB and **Lula** from 4NM. Congratulations to all of our bookworms ! Readers of the week are presented with a special pencil and sticker. They may have: read regularly at home; read well in class; made good progress with reading; listened attentively during story time each day; been enthusiastic about books and reading; brought in a book from home to show / share / recommend; produced a good piece of writing linked to a book; made good progress on Reading Plus; improved reading stamina and concentration.

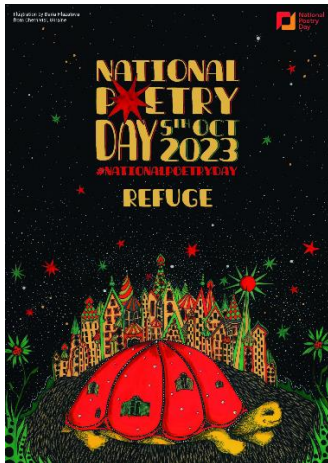
Book of the Week: Our library's featured book this week is Kieran Larwood's excellent 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear'. Kieran has very kindly sent us a message: *Hi everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are enjoying the new term at school – and that you're reading lots of books! I hope you explore magical worlds, travel in time and find yourselves some new favourite authors. Enjoy Podkin's adventures ! Happy reading !* Thank you, Kieran.



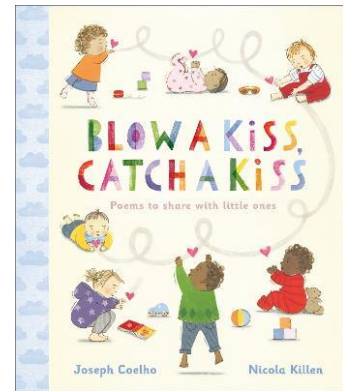
From Kieran's website – www.kmlarwood.co.uk - The world of Podkin One-Ear is a series of epic children's fantasy stories set in a world of rabbits. There are currently seven books published, with book seven having arrived in September. There will be nine books overall. The first book in the series follows the adventures of Podkin, his sister Paz and their baby brother Pook. Podkin's world has been taken over by a race of evil iron-covered rabbits called the Gorm. When they come to his warren one Bramblemas Eve, he finds himself running for his life and fighting to survive. 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' won the Blue Peter Book Award 2017, the Prix Sorcières 2019, was shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize in 2018 and nominated for the Carnegie Award in 2018. It has also been optioned for television.



'Carnival of the Lost': I've recently read the first of a fantastic new series of books by Kieran Larwood. 'Carnival of the Lost' is a wonderfully murky, carnivalesque world of intrigue, unexpected friendships and mysteries solved. Sheba the wolf girl joins an unusual troupe of performers that includes Pyewacket, a witch's imp; Gigantus the giant and Sister Moon, a knife thrower. For the first time in her life Sheba feels she might make true friends, and learn a real stage craft. But soon that's not all she has to think about . . .

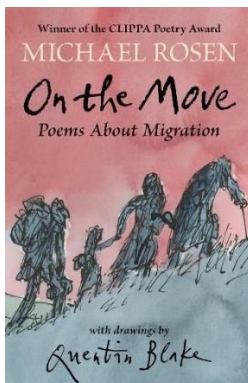


National Poetry Day: It takes just one poem.....National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. This happens each year because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in communities. This year's theme is 'Refuge'. Lots of poems, ideas and resources can be found on the National Poetry Day website:



www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk Featured on the website is this poem by Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. It's called: **Take a Deep Breath.....**

Close your eyes, imagine the sea. / Take a deep breath...and let it out. / Close your eyes, imagine the waves splashing your feet. / Take a deep breath...and let it out. / Close your eyes, imagine your toes in the sand. / Take a deep breath...and let it out. / Close your eyes, imagine the sun on your face. / Take a deep breath...and let it out.

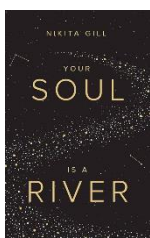
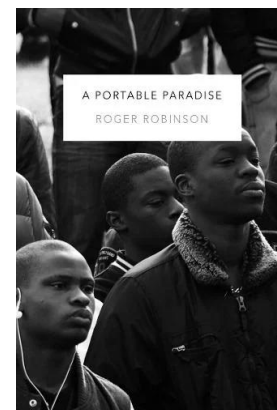


Also featured on the website is this poem from Michael Rosen. It's called **On the Move Again from Somewhere.....**

You know / You gotta go. / No time to grieve / You just gotta leave. / Get away from the pain / On the move again. / Take the train. / Catch a plane. / Make the trip / In a ship. / Take a hike. / Ride a bike. / Go by car. / Going far. / Use your feet / On the street. / Get stuck / In a truck. / Then you arrive. / And you're alive. / You arrive. / You're alive. / What you leave behind / Won't leave your mind. / But home is where you find it. / Home is where you find it. / Home is where you find it.

And this one is more for adults. It's by Roger Robinson and it's called **A Portable Paradise.....**

And if I speak of Paradise, / then I'm speaking of my grandmother / who told me to carry it always / on my person, concealed, so / no one else would know but me. / That way they can't steal it, she'd say. / And if life puts you under pressure, / trace its ridges in your pocket, / smell its piney scent on your handkerchief, / hum its anthem under your breath. / And if your stresses are sustained and daily, / get yourself to an empty room - be it hotel, / hostel or hovel - find a lamp / and empty your paradise onto a desk: / your white sands, green hills and fresh fish. / Shine the lamp on it like the fresh hope / of morning, and keep staring at it till you sleep.



A final poem from Nikita Gill's 'Your Soul is a River' - called **93 Percent Stardust:**

We have calcium in our bones, / iron in our veins, / carbon in our souls, / and nitrogen in our brains. / 93 percent stardust, / with souls made of flames, / we are all just stars / that have people names.

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

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I'm reading **Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell.

The Malvern Community Book Club's current book is **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus.