

Reading & Writing @ Hamble



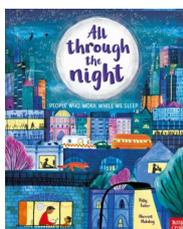
Issue 2— February 2026

Welcome to issue 2 of the academic year—as we reach the midway point of the year, you will find information on our recent book fair, our upcoming World Book Day and ways to support oracy at home.

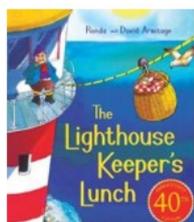
I hope you enjoy this issue—keep reading and writing! Mr Turner

What are we reading in class this half term?

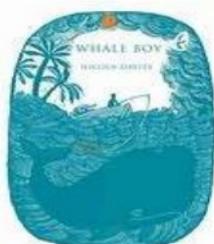
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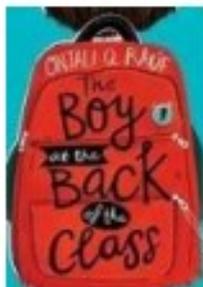
Year 1 and 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5 and 6



Important information Book Fair Sales

Thank you to all families who supported our most recent book fair before half term. Sales reached just over £2000—due to this, we receive 60% commission to bring new books into school for the children.

A huge thank you to our valuable year 6 volunteers.

A message from The Mercury Hub
We would like to share with you that we have built up a sizable collection of Early Readers (and growing!). These are available to anyone who would like to borrow them.

Membership to the Hub is entirely free and there is no time limit on how long the books are borrowed for.

Contact details are below:
1-3 St Andrew's Buildings,
High Street,
Hamble

Call them on:
02380 458752



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The National Year of Reading 2026 is the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives with the tag line of "Go All In".

Throughout 2026 at Hamble, we will be encouraging and embracing the National Year Of Reading with encouragement of if you're into it, read into it.



Let's Talk

Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language. At Hamble, we have been bringing greater opportunities for discussion into the day. Try the question below at home:

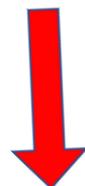
If you could invent something to make life easier for people, what would you invent?



Can you gift us a book from our Amazon Wishlist?

Thank you to all in our school community who have already purchased a book from our Wishlist—we have had over 100 books delivered so far!

Scan the QR code for more info and to purchase a book



Here, you'll find a carefully curated selection of books for pupils that we use as class readers. Our wish list is a fantastic way for parents, friends and supporters of our school to contribute to our children's education. By gifting a book, you can help us create a vibrant and engaging learning environment, where each book becomes a gateway to new worlds, ideas, and knowledge.



Hamble Primary School presents...

BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION!

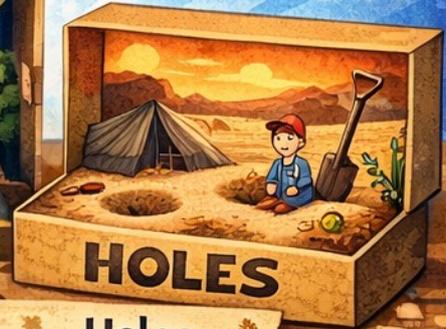
Create a Scene from Your Favourite Book in a Box!



James and the Giant Peach



Harry Potter

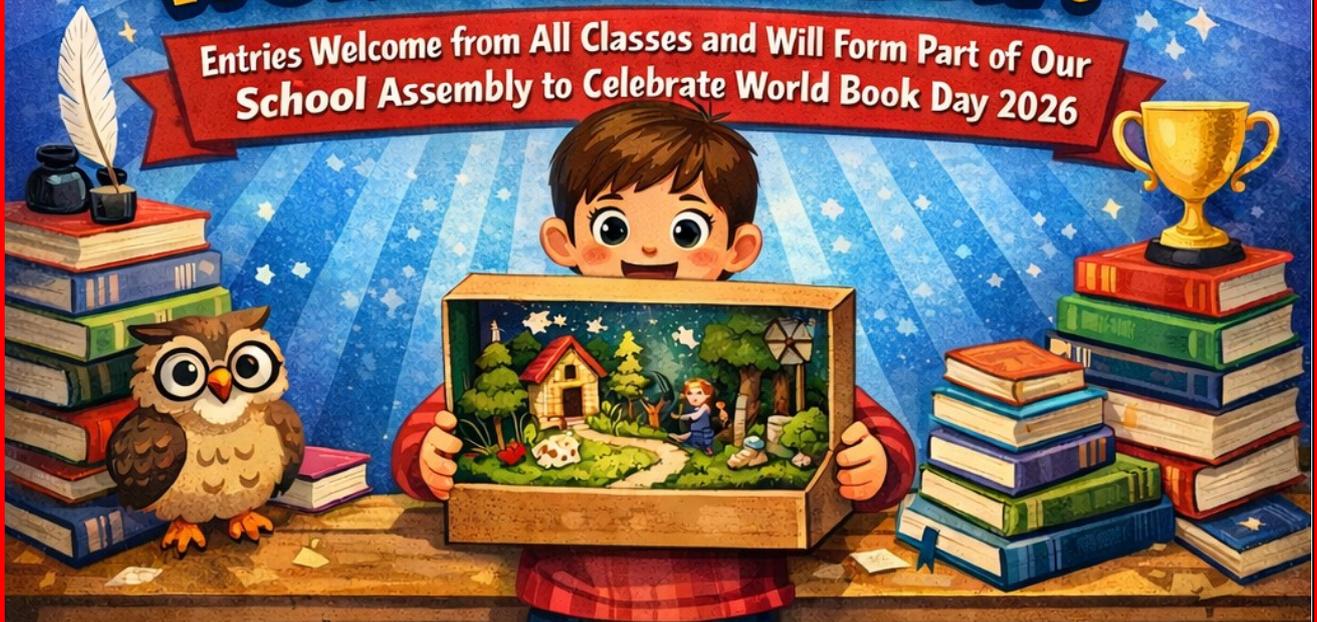


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Use a Shoebox or Cereal Box to Create Your Book Scene!

BRING YOUR "BOOK IN A BOX" TO SCHOOL ON
WORLD BOOK DAY!

Entries Welcome from All Classes and Will Form Part of Our
School Assembly to Celebrate World Book Day 2026



Recommended Books!

EYFS RECOMMENDATION!

'The Great Green Island' by Becky Colvin

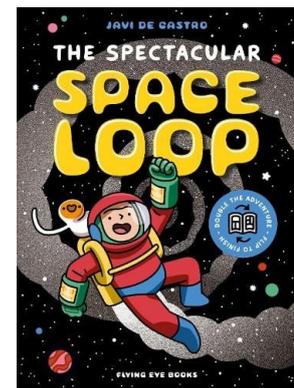
Meet adventurous Ali, a nature-loving girl with a mystery to solve on an island that is much more than it seems. Because this small island holds a big secret. A magical secret in the shape of a Great Green Crocodile . .



Year 1/2 RECOMMENDATION!

'Spectacular Space Loop' by Javi De Castro

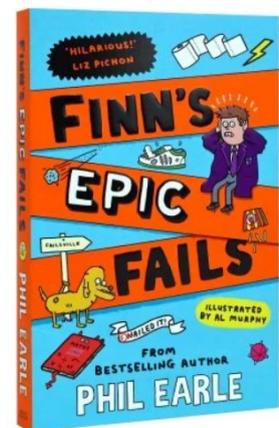
Cosmo and his team are ready to test his new jetpack, but when it explodes, sending Cosmo into space with no hope of communicating with his companions, he's about to embark on the biggest adventure yet! Meeting aliens, destroyers, magicians, sewer mutants and a friendly, slightly egg-like creature - countless wacky encounters await our brave space hero!



Year 3/4 RECOMMENDATION!

Finn's Epic Fails by Phil Earle

Finn just wants to survive Year 7, but his life is destined to be a series of epic fails. It's only Tuesday and his scheming, unicorn-obsessed little sister has already stuck a horn to his head (with superglue) and his properly evil older brother has wedged him 278 times. And don't even ask what happened at swimming, in front of the whole class. At least he has best friends Laszlo (a hopeless romantic) and Google (ask her anything) by his side as he attempts to turn failure into victory in his very own book that is definitely not a diary.



Year 5/6 RECOMMENDATION!

'Wildlands' by Brogen Murphy

A utopian future. A forbidden wilderness. Two sisters trying to survive. Twenty-five years into the future, no humans are allowed in the Wildlands - a vast area in Britain where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. Thirteen-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to a brief, unexpected stop ... and they find themselves accidentally left behind. Stranded in this place of astonishing natural wonders and terrible dangers, they have only a rucksack, a phone without signal - and each other. As every wrong turn takes them deeper into the Wildlands, do they have the ingenuity and determination to survive?

