

Reading & Writing @ Hamble



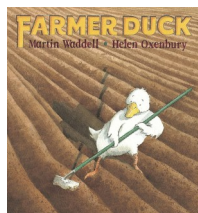
Issue 2— Spring term 2025

Welcome to Issue 2 of the newly refreshed newsletter, "Reading & Writing @ Hamble".

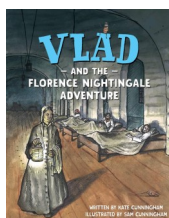
In this issue you will find: Book fair success, Reading Raffle information, some new book recommendations and information on our school improvement focus within writing lessons across the school.

What are we reading next half term?

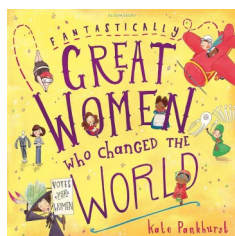
Year R



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5 and 6



Our School Library

Our school library is fundamental to our aim of developing a reading for pleasure culture across the school.

With this in mind, we are fundraising towards a full library makeover!

A few weeks ago, we had a book sale after school and this contributed to raising over £100—we thank you for your support and these vital funds will go a long way.

In recent weeks, we have updated the library with new book titles and upgraded our library software.

Our school librarians, a team of hard working children in year 5 and year 6, take great pride in keeping the library in order and open the library on a Friday lunch time for all children to visit. All classes continue to visit once a week during the school day.



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Book fair success!

Over the last week, the book fair returned to Hamble! Due to high success with our last fair, we were provided with a larger amount of books.

At the time of writing, we have sold close to £1500 of books—because of this high amount, we will receive 60% commission to spend on books in school which is simply amazing! This has provided us with vital funds to re-invest as part of our whole school project on developing our reading for pleasure culture.

Since our last fair, we have been able to:

- ⇒ Bring in 50 new books to the library
- ⇒ Order every class some books for class libraries
- ⇒ Set up our new reading raffle with hampers of books for every year group phase

Without your support at the fair, this would not have been possible. Thank you so much for supporting this and being positive—having comments from parents about the engagement from children across the school and opportunity to purchase books at school has been lovely to hear.

National Storytelling week

Storytelling week took place during the week of Monday 3rd February.

Teachers shared stories with classes including some of their own favourites!

A few classes in the school took part in live webinars during the week as well.

We have some exciting author webinars planned for our World Book Day week events in school after the half term break.

Proof-reading and editing our writing

As part of our continued school improvement, staff and children are working hard to develop a wider understanding of how to effectively proof-read and edit writing.

Of course, this will look different across the school depending upon year group.

Mr Turner has led staff training on methods and techniques for developing effective editing which staff are now applying to their own classes.

We are seeing a greater amount of independence because of this in writing now and children are becoming much more resilient to making edits and changes to writing which is pleasing to see.

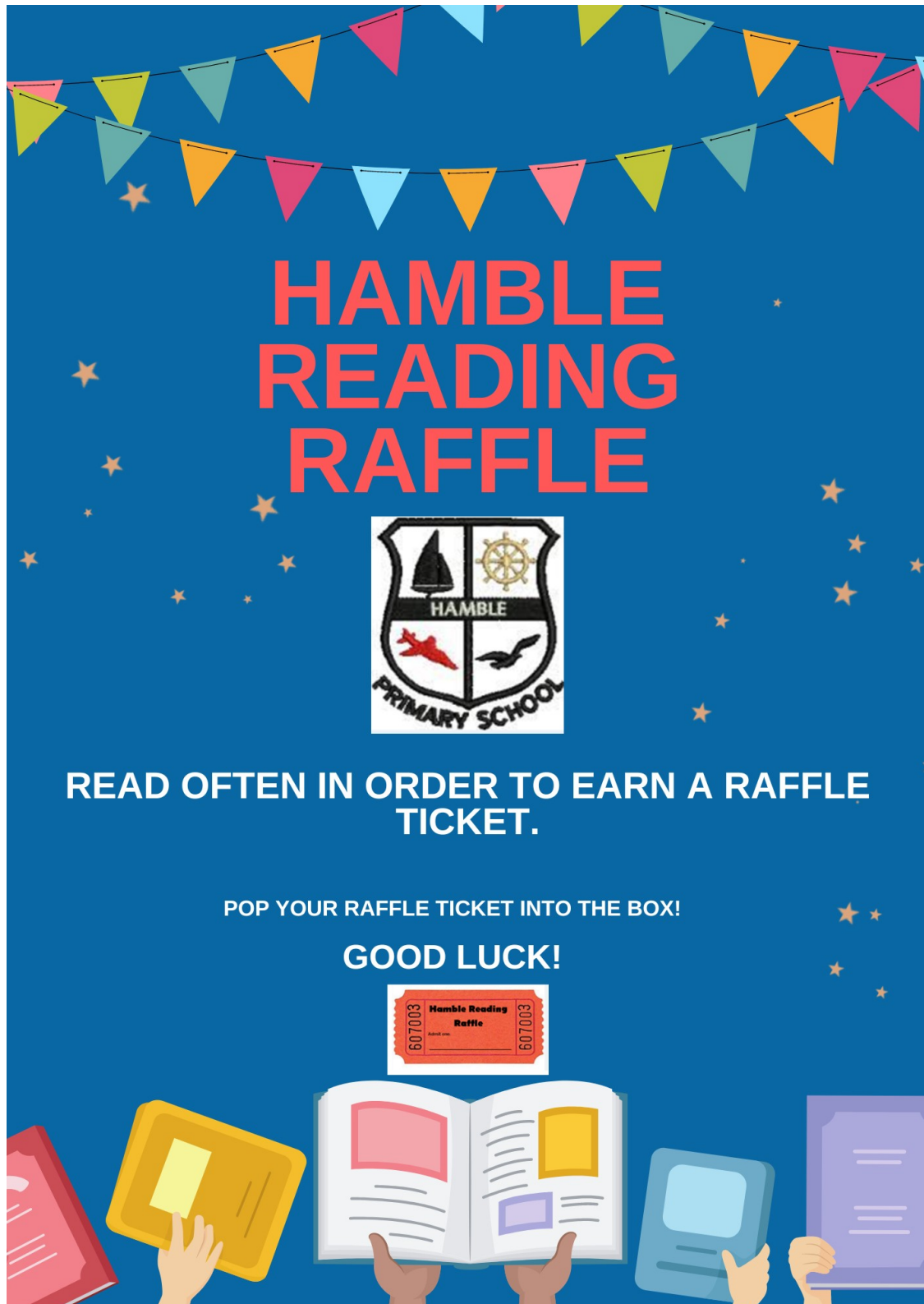
In his role as English Lead, Mr Turner often has children from other classes bring work to show and it's been really pleasing this half term to see a huge amount of effective editing taking place.

More updates to come next time!

Hamble Reading Raffle Relaunch—So far this half term we have given away nearly 20 books in our raffle with plenty more to come.

The rules are simple—read 10 times to earn a raffle ticket (maximum of 1 read per day on each reading bookmark) - raffle tickets are put into the class raffle boxes.

Raffle takes place in key stage assemblies every few weeks (Wednesday KS1, Thursday KS2)

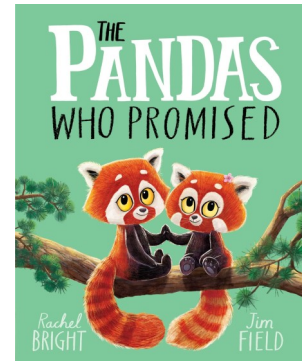


BOOKS FOR THE TERM!

EYFS RECOMMENDATION!

'The Pandas Who Promised' by Rachel Bright.

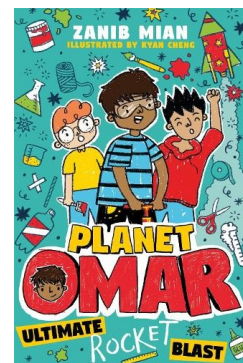
High up on a misty mountainside, red panda cubs Popo and Ketu live happily with their mama. As the sisters grow, they promise that they will ALWAYS stay close to home. But while Popo is content to stay in the family's cosy treetop nest, bold Ketu dreams of excitement and exploration. And so when Ketu creeps off down the mountain in search of adventure, Popo must make a choice: will she keep her promise to Mama, or look after her sister?



Year 1/2 RECOMMENDATION!

Welcome back to Planet Omar! The fifth book in Zanib Mian's laugh-out-loud series, with amazing cartoon-style illustrations. Perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid. Omar and his friends are taking part in a national rocket building competition. With a little help from Omar's scientist mum and dad and some fart power too, they come up with a rocket that's ready to blast off. But when someone starts sabotaging the rockets, the boys find themselves on a new mission to reveal the culprit...

Available at the book fair for just £2.99 (RRP £7.99)

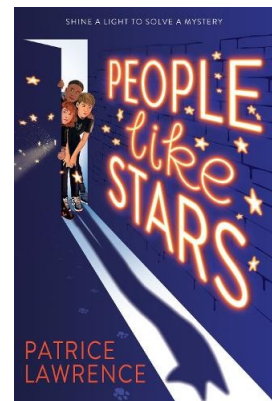


Year 3/4 RECOMMENDATION!

People Like Stars by Patrice Lawrence

Character-driven and powerfully written, the first contemporary novel from the acclaimed author of Orangeboy spins a compelling mystery when three children with secrets come together. Multi-award-winning Patrice Lawrence's first novel is a page-turning mystery and exploration of fractured families, long-buried secrets and the power of friendship, told with warmth and compassion. Three 13-year-old strangers are connected by one big secret.

Available at the book fair for just £4.99 (RRP £7.99)



Year 5/6 RECOMMENDATION!

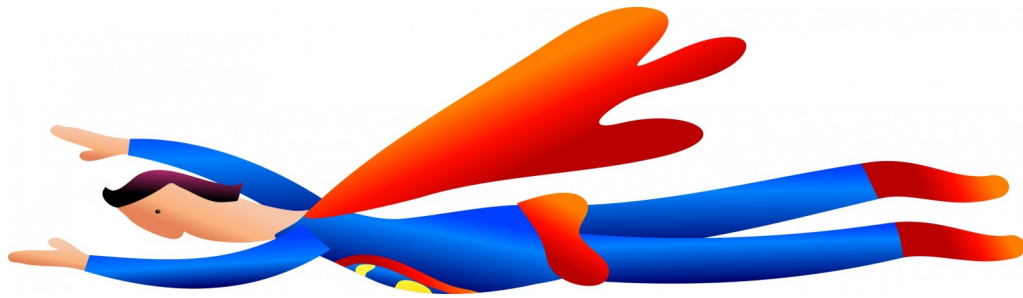
'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

Coming to our school library soon



Reading Heroes Assembled!



Thank you so much to all of the kind parents and other friends of the school who have offered to come in and be a 'Reading Hero'.

We now have plenty of volunteers but will let you know if we need any more.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025 is coming soon!
More information out soon. Book vouchers will be coming home on the day!

Our brilliant 2025 £1/€1.50 books



Further information can be found about the books that are available by scanning the QR code here.

