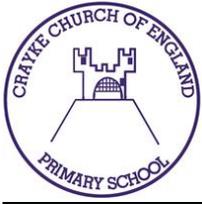


# Crayke C of E Primary School

## Reading Newsletter



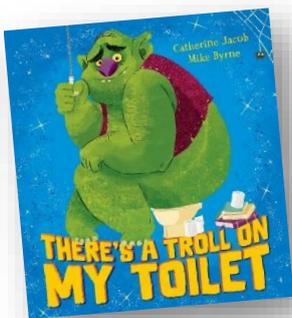
### Spring Term 2020

## Author Spotlight

A message to our school, from local children's author Catherine Jacob



### There's a Troll on my Toilet!



I've always loved writing. I found my old creative writing exercise book recently from Year 6 and I vividly remember all those short stories and poems and how much love, care and enjoyment eleven-year-old me took from crafting each sentence. One was about a haunted mansion, another was about a mountain made of sweets... I was a big reader too: Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, Judy Blume, JR Tolkien and when I was older, Thomas Hardy, Jane Austen and Charlotte Bronte... That's a key part of being a writer: reading other people's words. When I was older, my love of writing led me into a career in TV journalism, telling other people's stories, then, when I had my three children, I returned to writing my own. Now, I write children's books. I wrote *There's a Troll on My Toilet* for my then 5-year-old. She's now ten! It takes a long time to publish a book! Some writers have a special place where they write - a desk in a special room for example with inspiring pictures and ornaments around them - but I don't mind where I am. It's all about the timing though. I can't write to order. I have to feel inspired and be in the right 'place' in my mind. I love writing in rhyme the best. It's so fun and so satisfying when you find the perfect rhyme. I love description too, probably a little bit too much! Often I have to cut it down. I love seeing something completely different in the ordinary. Cotton wool instead of clouds... a silky sequinned sheet instead of the starry night sky. Try it! It's fun. Oh and when you're writing, don't worry about getting it perfect straight away. The first draft is always going to change. Just get your ideas and thoughts down as roughly as you like, you can always edit it as many times as you like, before you come up with the version you're happy with. Enjoy the process! Relax, clear your brain of all the everyday stuff and dip your pen into the boundless world of your imagination.

## Book Club

This term we are reading 'Fire Girl, Forest Boy' by Chloe Daykin

Book Club is open to years 3 & 4 this term. We meet every Thursday after school until 4.15 to informally chat about great books and share the reading of a quality book (with some treats thrown in for good measure, too!) If you don't get a place this term, why not 'read along' with Book Club? You can then chat about the book with others and could be in with a chance of joining if a space becomes available, too.



## Easingwold Library Opening Times

Monday, 10am to 5pm  
Tuesday, 2pm to 5pm  
Wednesday, closed  
Thursday, 1pm to 6pm  
Friday, 9.30am to 5pm  
Saturday, 10am to  
12.30pm  
Sunday, closed

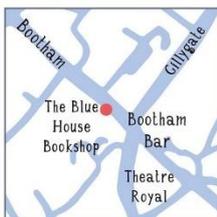
## A New Bookshop in York!

### The Blue House Bookshop

A brand new bookshop,  
dedicated entirely to quality  
children's books for all ages.  
A must-try!



The Blue  
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10 Bootham, York

## Celebrating Poetry

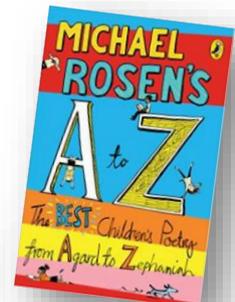
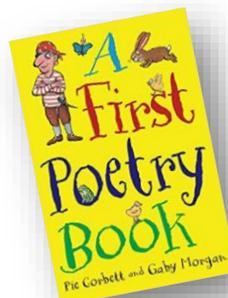
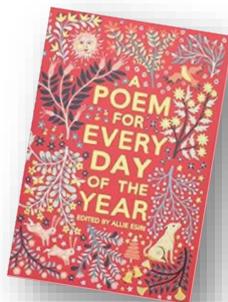
Look out for a beautifully illustrated new poetry book coming out by talented poet 'Julie Anna Douglas,' which inspires creativity and art. She will announce it at the end of January, but in the meantime, Julie Anna Douglas has shared this poem for us:

### The Dragon's Eyes

The Dragon's eyes are diamond bright,  
mirror smooth and crystal clear.  
The Dragon's eyes are dancing flames,  
full of hopes and dreams and fears.  
The Dragon's eyes are ancient pools  
as dark and deep as any sea.  
The Dragon's eyes are wide and wise  
and they are staring straight at me.



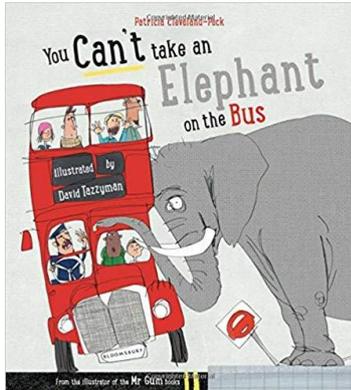
## Poetry Books to Try...



I am the Seed that Grew the Tree by National Trust, A Poem for Every Day of the Year by Allie Esiri, A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan and Michael Rosen's A-Z.

## Fiction (aimed at Class 1 and 2)

**You can't take an Elephant on the Bus, by Patricia Cleveland-Peck**

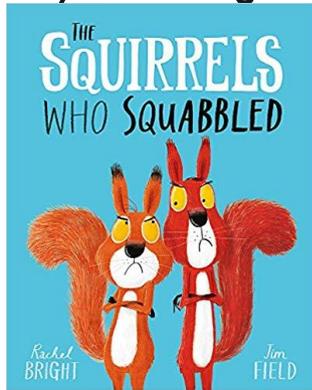


*You can't take an elephant on the bus ...  
It would simply cause a terrible fuss!*

*Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat  
and would certainly squash the seats quite flat.*

Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike ... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. A real romp of a book, with hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.

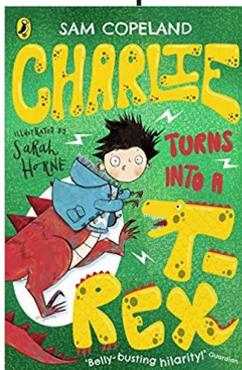
**The Squirrels who squabbled, by Rachel Bright**



**Two greedy squirrels learn to share, in this hilarious rhyming adventure from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.**

Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...

**Charlie turns into a T-Rex, by Sam Copeland**



What happens when you feel stressed? Maybe you start sweating, or your heart beats faster.

When Charlie McGuffin gets stressed, something a little bit different happens: **he turns into an animal!**

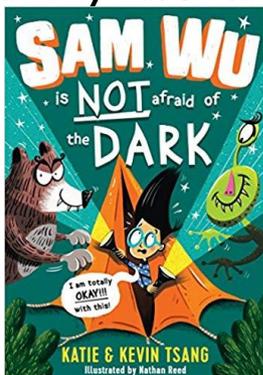
Unfortunately, things are getting quite stressful for Charlie:

- His dad's business is in real trouble
- He might have to move in with his Aunt Brenda and her seventeen cats (and wooden leg)
- And it's getting harder and harder to control his powers.

Luckily, Charlie's best friends Flora, Wogan and Mohsen are on hand to help.

Can Charlie's friends help him master his powers once and for all, or will he end up stuck as a pigeon forever?

**Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the dark! By Katie Tsang**

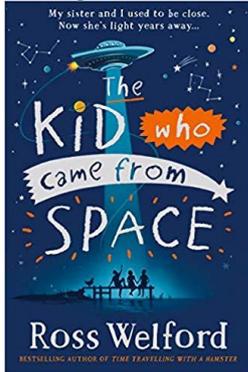


**The brilliantly funny third SAM WU book - the bravest scaredy-cat in the world! Perfect for reluctant readers and fans of Pamela Butchart.**

Sam Wu is NOT afraid of anything. Except for quite a lot of things. Like ghosts. Sharks too. And also THE DARK! And so when Sam goes camping in the woods with his friends and cousin Stanley, who knows what scary kind of things they'll face . . . ?

## New Fiction for 2020 (aimed at Class 3 and 4)

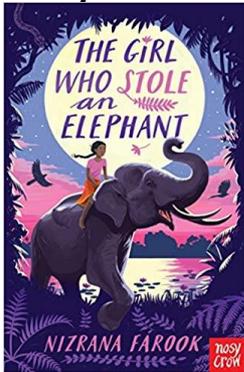
### The Kid who Came from Space, by Ross Welford



Released 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

A small village in the wilds of Northumberland is rocked by the disappearance of twelve-year-old Tammy. Only her twin brother, Ethan, knows she is safe – and the extraordinary truth of where she is. It is a secret he must keep, or risk never seeing her again. But that doesn't mean he's going to give up. Together with his friend Iggy and the mysterious (and very hairy) Hellyann, Ethan teams up with a spaceship called Philip, and Suzy the trained chicken, for a nail-biting chase to get his sister back... that will take him further than anyone has ever been before.

### The Girl who Stole an Elephant, by Nizrana Farook

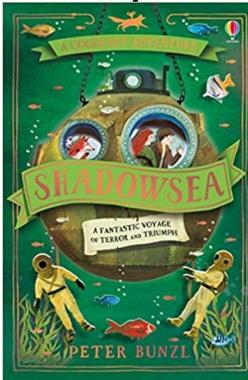


Released 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk.

Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

### Shadowsea, by Peter Bunzl



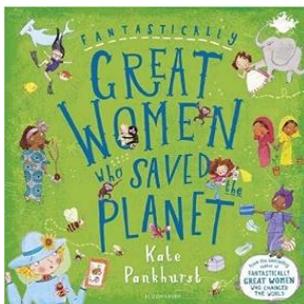
Released 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Swept into the bright hustle and bustle of New York, Lily, Robert and Malkin discover shadowy secrets lie beneath its surface. For there are chilling goings-on in their hotel...

A strange boy held captive, haunted by an undersea mystery; and a revengeful villain with a treacherous plan. Searching for clues, Robert and Lily are plunged into deep water... But can they reveal the deadly truth before the secrets submerge them?

*(The final book in the 'Cogheart' series.)*

### Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet



Released 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

From bestselling author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, comes another 'smart, informative, inclusive and accessible' book about trail-blazing women. Tackle the plastic problem with Isatou Ceesay by recycling waste into beautiful objects. Marvel at the intelligence of chimpanzees with Jane Goodall. Learn why it's important to shop fair trade and cruelty-free with Anita Roddick and The Body Shop. Resist devastating deforestation and plant seeds of change with Wangari Maathai.

## Your Recommendations

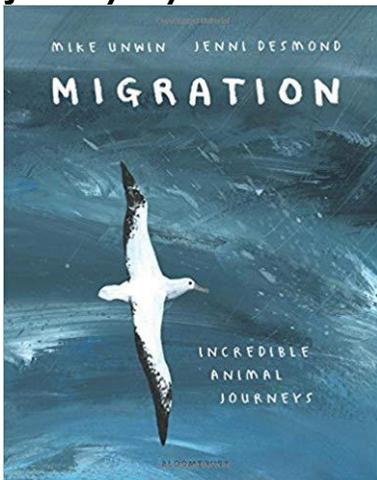
Last term, Key Stage 2 were all busy adding their favourite books onto our 'recommendations' display... there were so many, the whole display board ended up covered! Here are a few highlights:

- *'Brightstorm'* by Vashti Hardy
- *'Running on the Roof of the World'* by Jess Butterworth
- *'Malamander'* by Thomas Taylor
- *'Alex Rider'* series by Antony Horowitz
- *'The Last Wild'* by Piers Torday



## Quality Non-Fiction

### Migration: Incredible Animal Journeys by Mike Unwin

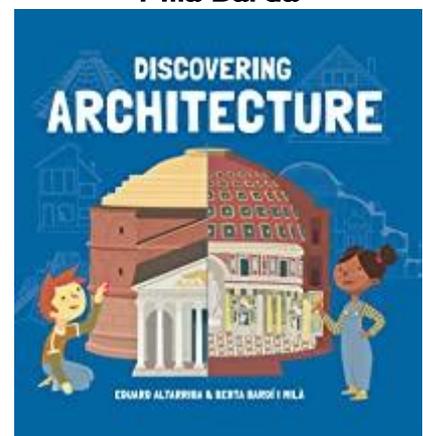


Animals of all shapes and sizes make epic journeys across our planet, through harsh weather, avoiding hungry predators, in their efforts to survive. Travel around the globe with some of the world's most incredible animals and discover their unique migration stories.

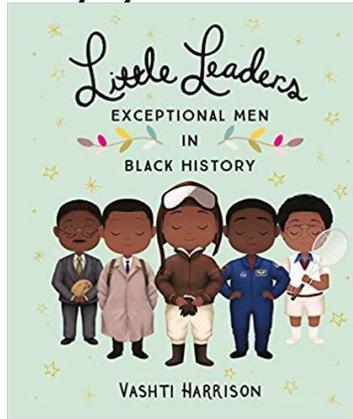
With stunning colour illustrations, uncover the astonishing migrations of 20 creatures, in this truly inspiring narrative. Written by Mike Unwin, a UK Travel Writer of the Year, and illustrated by Jenni Desmond, winner of the New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book, prepare yourself for a journey like no other.

Who built the first houses? What's the difference between an arch and an architrave? How does a dome stay up? Who invented concrete? Can you build a house from paper? If you want to know more about the buildings around you, this entertaining illustrated guide is a perfect introduction to architecture around the world. From the mud huts of ancient history to today's towering edifices, you can explore iconic buildings and find out more about the people who created them. You'll also discover the development of different building materials, from mud and straw to paper, steel and reinforced concrete.

### Discovering Architecture by Mila Barda



## Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison



*Did you know that the father of African cinema was originally a bricklayer?*

*Or that Vogue's editor-at-large read his first Vogue magazine in his local library?*

Learn all about the exceptional black men who broke barriers and fought injustice to realise their dreams and make the world a better place.

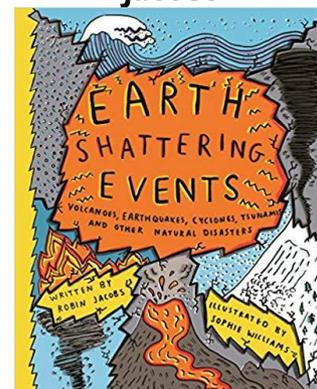
With Vashti Harrison's beautiful illustrations and illuminating writing, discover the stories of black men from all walks of life, including:

- Doctor Harold Moody
- Diplomat Kofi Annan
- Activist Paul Stephenson
- Architect Sir David Adjaye
- Comic book author Dwayne McDuffie
- Musician Prince

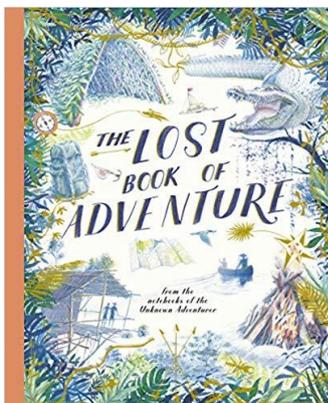
We humans take our domination of the planet for granted, but sometimes nature reminds us that this is an illusion. Tectonics rip open the earth, vast waves sweep away coastal towns, magma spews from volcanoes and hurricanes lay waste to entire countries.

This book explores nature at its most destructive. Clear, coherent explanations break down the science behind phenomena including hurricanes, tornadoes, avalanches, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes, alongside fascinating facts about the biggest and the worst. Informative, accessible illustrations by Sophie Williams make this so much more than your standard geography book.

## Earthshattering Events! The Science behind Natural Disasters by Sophie Williams and Robin Jacobs



## The Lost Book of Adventure by Unknown Adventurer



You'll be transported by riveting adventure tales from around the globe, like being dragged off by a hyena in Botswana, surviving a Saharan dust storm, being woken by an intrepid emperor penguin in Antarctica.

This breath-taking book is packed with information on wild camping, rafting, exploration, and shelters and dens, plus tips on first aid and tying knots. Expert instructions on wilderness basics, like building a fire, what to do if you get lost, and how to build various types of shelters are accompanied by more specific skills culled from many years of experience, like baking campfire bread, creating a toothbrush from a twig, making a suture from soldier ants, and even how to pan for gold.

## Monthly Magazines to Try...

### Storytime

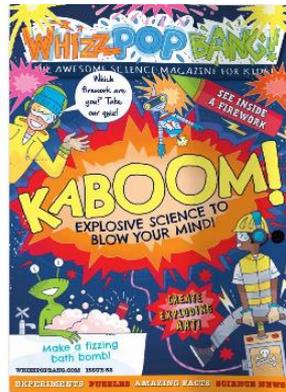


Touch down with a *Mission to the Moon* in Storytime issue 65, packed with stellar stories! Meet a *Sleepy Giant*, a *Happy Prince*, and a *Wise Parrot*. There are some fairies up to mischief, and a brave little girl with a wicked stepmother. Plus the White Rabbit is running late as usual – will he miss a very important date?

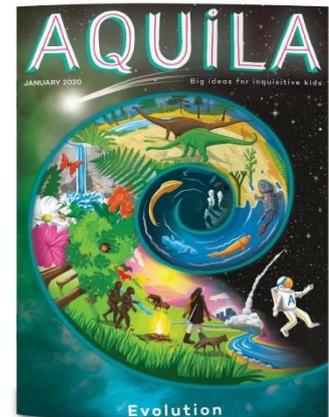
### Whizz, Pop, Bang!

Prepare for science that **BOOMS, BANGS** and **BURSTS**, because Whizz Pop Bang's **EXPLOSIVE SCIENCE** is here!

This issue, scientists-in-training can make water bombs, create explosive art, detonate a homemade bath bomb and set off a chemical reaction that ends with a mini explosion. We chat to a chemist who blows things up to inspire her students, look inside a firework, discover ten amazing plants and animals that explode, and **SO MUCH MORE!**



### Aquila



Aimed at confident readers aged between 8 and 12. In this issue, children can investigate the abundance and diversity of life on Earth, exploring the idea that a single-cell, bacterium-like organism may be the common ancestor of all life-forms on our planet! **PLUS:** make some fantastic Arty Fossil imprints and have fun with speculative evolution, imagining what species might look like in a post-human world.

## What have you tried from our Reading Newsletter?

I'd love to know if you have tried anything out as a result of our 'Reading Newsletter!' Perhaps you've entered a competition or borrowed a book from the library? Come and chat to me on the playground, write a recommendation for our display and tell your friends about what you've been reading!

Happy reading,  
Mrs Rayner

## Exciting Events and Competitions!

Date	Event	Details	Website
<b>January</b>			
January 2020	Scholastic Lollies (Laugh our Loud) Book Awards Winners announced	The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards (the Lollies) celebrates the best and funniest children's books in the UK and Ireland, voted for by children. Shortlisted entries for next year will be announced June 2020!	<a href="https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies">https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies</a>
January 2020	Pink Lady Apples Write It Young Food Writer (deadline April, winners announced in May)	The Write It competition is back for 2020, with your chance to be crowned Young Food Writer of the Year. The competition opens in January and closes at the end of April, with the winners announced in May.	<a href="http://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it">www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it</a>
January 2020	BBC Radio 2's 500 Words (entries open, deadline March 2020)	'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Deadline will be early March 2020.	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1</a>
January 2020	Write Mighty Fiction and Poetry Competition	Our competitions run all year round with deadlines on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, 1st October. Winners will be released within 3 weeks of the deadline. 7-11: 1000 word limit for fiction, 15 line max. for poetry 12-15: 1500 word limit for fiction, 20 line max. for poetry Entry is FREE!	<a href="http://www.smallbutmightywriters.com">www.smallbutmightywriters.com</a>
31/01/20	Canterbury Tales Writing Competition 2019-2020 (Hopes and Dreams)	The Chaucer Heritage is hosting its third annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet. The special theme of the competition this year is Hopes and Dreams. The competition is open to all school students. The three age groups are: Junior – 5-10 years old, Intermediate – 11-14 years old and Senior – 15-18 years old.	<a href="http://www.chaucer.org.uk/the-canterburytales-writingcompetition-2019-20-hopes-and-dreams/">www.chaucer.org.uk/the-canterburytales-writingcompetition-2019-20-hopes-and-dreams/</a>

February			
01/02/20 – 08/02/20	National Storytelling Week	Stories belong to everyone...what's your story? What will you be telling and where will you be telling it? Every year there are hundreds and hundreds of events during National Storytelling week. It's a celebration of storytelling for all!	<a href="https://www.sfs.org/national-storytelling-week">https://www.sfs.org/national-storytelling-week</a>
7/02/20	Harry Potter Book Night	It's the night Bloomsbury are holding their annual Harry Potter Book Night, launching a host of literary events across the world, all centered on a theme. 2019's theme was: Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Sign up online to ensure you're one of the first to hear all the latest Harry Potter Book Night news	<a href="https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-booknight/">https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-booknight/</a>
14/02/20	International Book Giving Day	Pssst... give the gift of books on #BookGivingDay. Book fairy? Book ninja? Call it what you will, but, stealthily leaving books out in the wild for little people to find is what it's all about!	<a href="https://bookgivingday.com/">https://bookgivingday.com/</a>
March			
March 2020	Carnegie Children's Book Award (shortlist and school shadowing scheme)	Every spring, CILIP: The Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals invites reading groups in libraries, schools, homes... in fact, anywhere there are children and young people and books, to get involved with shadowing. Reading activity takes place from March to June; from the moment that the shortlists are revealed to the final winners announcement. The shadowing process is supported online. Runs March – June 2020.	<a href="http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk">http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk</a>
March 2020	British Book Awards (shortlist in March, winner in May 2020)	Literary awards celebrating the commercial successes of publishers, authors and bookshops, administered by The Bookseller. Look out for the British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2019 Shortlist and the Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2019 Shortlist.	<a href="https://www.thebookseller.com/britishbook-awards">https://www.thebookseller.com/britishbook-awards</a>

5/03/20	World Book Day	A day to celebrate the joys of books and reading. Look out for more information about how we will be celebrating, in the Crayke Chronicle, nearer the time.	<a href="http://www.worldbookday.com">www.worldbookday.com</a>
16/03/20-22/03/20	World Shakespeare Week	Join our celebrations and check back regularly for new resources & events. Our most recent resources include a video of Michael Rosen exploring Shakespeare's language and a fabulous new literacy booklet 'Will's Word Warriors' containing inspiring grammar and vocabulary ideas. Our theme for 2020 will be Art & Design.	<a href="https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/">https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/</a>
20/03/20	World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day (WSD) is a project to promote oral storytelling by inspiring people all over the world to organize events each year the week after March Equinox. The goal is to have as many people tell and listen to stories at as many places and in as many languages as possible. Each year there is a theme.	<a href="http://www.globalstorytellingday.org">http://www.globalstorytellingday.org</a>
21/03/20	World Poetry Day	World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March, and was declared by UNESCO in 1999. Its purpose is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/">http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/</a>
23/03/20	World Book Night	World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books that takes place on 23 April every year. Events up and down the country run by individuals and organisations celebrate the difference that reading makes to people's lives, and everyone from publishers to librarians, and local businesses to the general public can get involved.	<a href="https://worldbooknight.org/">https://worldbooknight.org/</a>

## April

TBC	The Man Booker Prize (shortlist announced)	The Man Booker International Prize reveals the shortlist of the six books in contention for the prize in April, which celebrates the finest works of translated fiction from around the world.	<a href="https://themanbookerprize.com">https://themanbookerprize.com</a>
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2/06/20	International Children's Book Day	International Children's Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organization. Founded in 1967, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2.	<a href="http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269">http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269</a>
18/04/20	Little Rebels Book Award shortlist announced	2020 Shortlist. The Little Rebels Children's Book Award is a prize for radical fiction aimed at children aged 0-12. This year's winner will be announced in July.	<a href="https://littlerebels.org">https://littlerebels.org</a>
29/04/20 – 05/05/20	National Children's Book Week	Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes — wherever young readers and books connect!	<a href="http://everychildareader.net/cbw/">http://everychildareader.net/cbw/</a>

