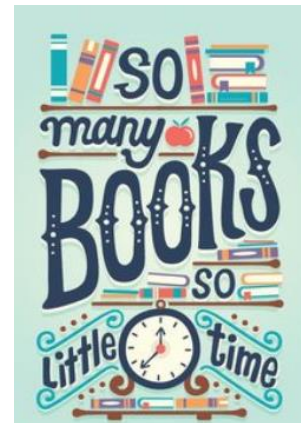
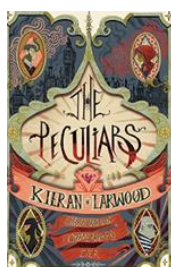
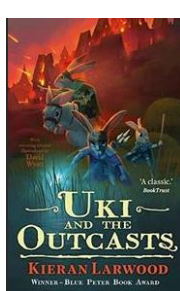
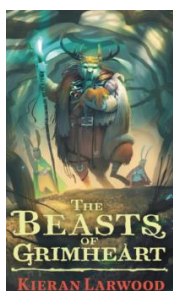
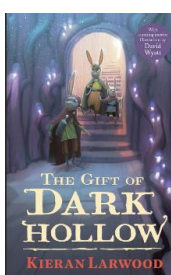
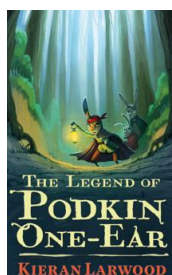




READING LETTER: AUTUMN 2019



Author Spotlight: Kieran Larwood



Kieran Larwood is the successful author of The Five Realms series (The Legend of Podkin One-Ear, The Gift of Dark Hollow, The Beasts of Grimheart and Uki and the Outcasts) and The Peculiars. Like a lot of authors we know and love, he started out as a class teacher and taught Reception for 15 years.

Inspired by the setting around him (he lives on the Isle of Wight), Kieran found himself drawing lots of rabbits, but insisted of being cute and fluffy, they were always dressed and armed ready for battle. His illustrations took him on to the idea of writing a story about life underground in warrens where rabbits work and play until one day their peace is disturbed by The Gorm. Podkin and his family have to flee the rampaging Gorm and find a place to hide until they can figure out how to defeat what seems an unstoppable enemy.

The adventures in each book are beautifully illustrated by David Wyatt.

'A must read!' for KS2 pupils according to Miss Tonner.

Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP

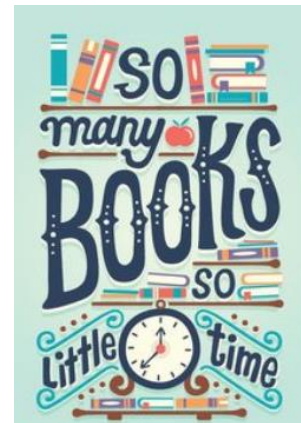
Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss

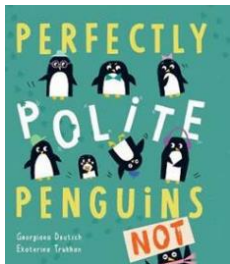

t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829

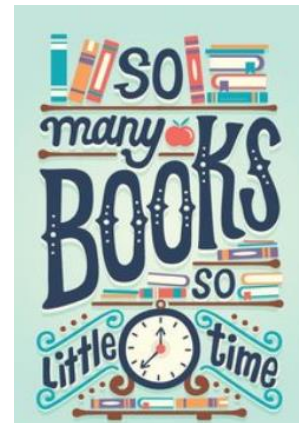
e: admin@minchschoo.net

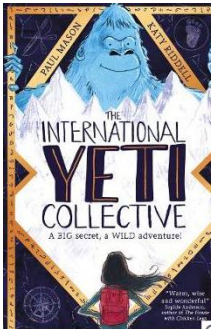

www.minchacademy.net





Fiction: Recent Releases	
	<p><u>Nursery/Reception</u></p> <p>Most penguins are perfectly polite. They always wait their turn, they share their toys and they always remember to say please and thank you.</p> <p>But then there is Polly.</p> <p>Polly thinks it is boring being polite, and soon her bad behaviour is rubbing off on the other penguins. Chaos ensues when Polly starts flinging fishy snacks around and everyone is being so silly and noisy that only Polly realises that baby Peter is upset. Polly decides that everyone should be polite again... Until more fishy snacks arrive!</p>
	<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue). So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove. But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. There's even a gorgeous purple baby to celebrate!</p>
	<p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>As Jasper and Scruff prepare for a day in their new bookshop, a mysterious package is delivered, containing a rare book written by the great seafaring cat herself, Black Whiskers. Inside, they discover a treasure map, and together the friends set out on a quest to find the legendary golden bone. But little do they realize that their old enemies, the Sophisticats, might have a paw in things...</p>

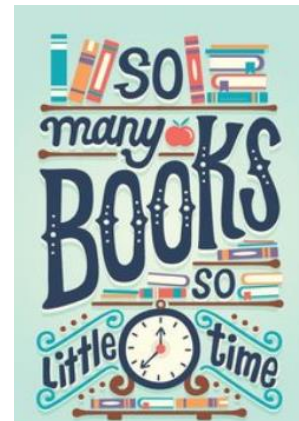


	<p><u>Year 3/4</u></p> <p>Ella is in the Himalayas with her uncle searching for yeti. But what seems like the adventure of a lifetime is cut short when she realizes that these secretive creatures might not want to be found.</p> <p>Tick knows it's against yeti law to approach humans. So when some arrive on the mountain, why does he find himself peering through the trees to get a closer look?</p> <p>What Tick doesn't know is that his actions will set off a series of events that threaten the existence of yeti all over the world. What can he do to make things right? Just when all hope seems lost, help comes in the most unexpected form...</p>
	<p><u>Year 5/6</u></p> <p>A gorgeous, snowy adventure, set in the wilds of Siberia, full of magic and wonder.</p> <p>A world of magic is only a whisper away...</p> <p>Born in a Soviet prison camp, Lina has never seen the world outside until the night she escapes with her best friend, Bogdan. As the pair journey across a snowy wilderness, they are pursued by a vengeful sorceress and her pack of shadow wolves. The children will need every ounce of courage - and a whisper of magic - if they are to survive...</p>

Local Bookshops	
<p>Yellow-Lighted Bookshop 17 Fountain Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire GL6 0BL or 21 Church St, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8JG</p>	<p>Octavia's Bookshop 24 Black Jack Street Cirencester GL7 2AA</p>

Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP
Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss
t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829
e: admin@minchschoo.net
www.minchacademy.net





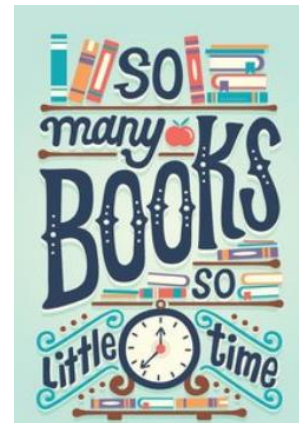
Non-Fiction

With the 50th anniversary of the successful Apollo landing on the Moon earlier this year, take a look at these wonderful books all with a 'Space' theme!



Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
 School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP
 Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss
 t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829
 e: admin@minchschoo.net
www.minchacademy.net

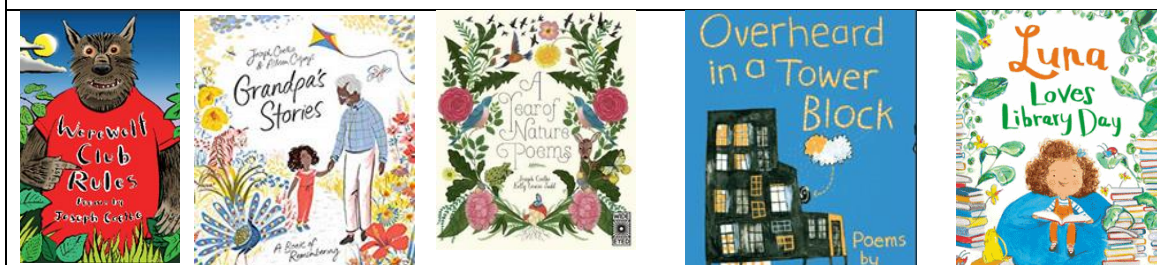




Poetry

Earlier in the term, a group of KS2 pupils had the chance to see the inspiring poet, Joseph Coelho. He performed some of his classic poems as well as giving us a few tricks to write poems. Joseph had quite a few interesting careers (gym instructor, salesman and film extra!) before he found his love of performance poetry. Click on the link below to find out more about how he writes his poems and see a few videos of him performing his fantastic poems like Werewolf Club Rules, M.O.R.E.R.A.P.S, Miss Flotsam and Overheard in a Tower Block.

<https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/>



Pupil Recommendations

Daisy Y4	Amelia Fang series by Laura Ellen Anderson If you like fantasy and imaginary characters, then this series is for you. The books are full of coffins, pumpkins and cuddly custard pies!
Lauren Y3	The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd This is a fun book full of surprises. Imagine having a dragon fruit turn into a real dragon! That is just what happens to Tomas when he picks a fruit off of his Grandad's garden plant.
Lyra Y5	Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman If you love reading books that are written in first person, then this would be one for you. Cameron has to decide whether or not he should live or die when faced with having to go through a risky and controversial heart transplant.
Viola Y5	Storm Keepers Island by Catherine Doyle Imagine coming to an island that awakens with your first steps. For Fionn, he soon discovers that he has a responsibility of defending the island from an ancient evil.

Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
 School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP

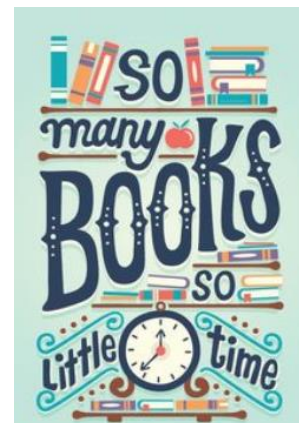
Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss

t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829

e: admin@minchschoo.net

www.minchacademy.net





Some of the books we've been reading in class...

Year 5/6			
<u>Cobalt</u>  		<u>Sky</u> 	
		<u>Turquoise</u>  	
Year 3/4			
<u>Cyan</u>  		<u>Royal</u> 	
		<u>Sapphire</u>  	
Year 2			
<u>Azure</u>  		<u>Indigo</u>  	

Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
 School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP

Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss

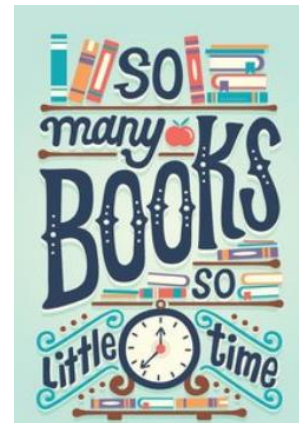
t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829

e: admin@minchschoo.net

www.minchacademy.net

Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust. Registered Office: 4 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR. Registered in England, Company Number 08149299.





Rec/Year 1		
<u>Aqua</u>  	<u>Midnight</u>  	<u>Teal</u>  

An interview with Miss Tonner	
What book would you recommend from your childhood?	So many to choose from, but if I had to just choose one, it would be Boy by Roald Dahl. I remember my Y3/4 teacher giving me a copy to read after I had read quite a few of his stories. Up until then, I never realised that you could write a book about yourself for other people to read. The book takes you back to his early childhood – his experiences in school, summer holidays in Norway and adventures in Wales. I still have my copy that my teacher gave me sitting on my bookshelf at home!
What is your favourite children's book that's been released in the past few years?	Where do I start? I have 2 that I always recommend to anyone who is looking for something new. First would be The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood. I cannot say enough good things about this series. The twists and turns the first book takes are brilliant. I love the dual story of Podkin and his battle and then the Bard and his journey. My other favourite is The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell. Reading the opening lines, I knew that this was going to be a special book. Rundell has a way of making you relate to her characters that I haven't come across in many other books (both children and adult).
What are you currently reading?	I am currently reading Nevertell by Katherine Orton (see new releases section). I was hooked straight away when I read that it was a wintery tale and it had wolves in it!

Don't forget to send us your recommendations on Twitter - @minchreading
Happy reading!

Minchinhampton Church of England Primary Academy
School Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 9BP
Head Teacher: Mr Nick Moss
t: 01453 883273 f: 01453 884829
e: admin@minchschoo.net
www.minchacademy.net

