

# Book Fortnight

3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024

We had an incredibly busy 'Book Fortnight' this year, immersing ourselves in the world of books. We not only value reading at Lady Boswell's, but everything that reading can inspire. The children have embraced the wealth of activities and opportunities made available across the fortnight; we hope they not only enjoyed them but remember them for years to come.

## Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R)

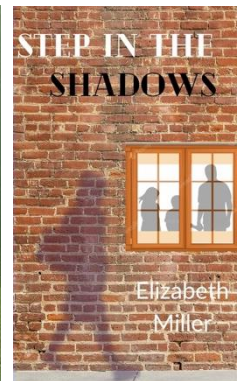
Across the school, children and adults enjoyed 10 minutes of D.E.A.R. time each day. During this time, children across the school found somewhere comfortable to immerse themselves into the 'world' of their current read.



Staff across the school also enjoyed reading their personal books for 10 minutes every day, modelling to the children that reading is enjoyed by all ages!



## Author Visit



Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a talk by local author, Elizabeth Miller.

Elizabeth talked to the pupils about her book 'Step in The Shadows' and her soon-to-be-published book: 'Too Muddy for Shoes'. The pupils loved hearing about how and where she found inspiration for her books. The children were also delighted to hear about her journey to becoming a self-published author, and to find out about the writing and publishing processes.

Those pupils who had purchased a copy of her book were particularly excited to receive a signed copy!



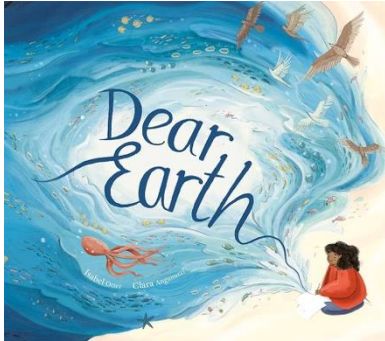
## Key-stage Book Projects

Across Book Fortnight, every class enjoyed our immersive key-stage book projects!

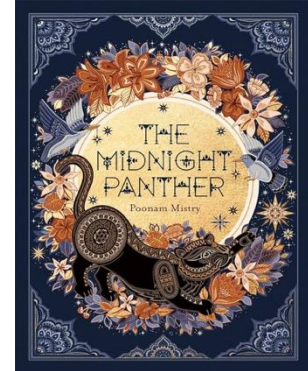
This year's theme was 'Our Place in Our World'

EYFS and KS1 enjoyed exploring 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter and

KS2 enjoyed exploring 'Midnight Panther' by Poonam Mistry.



The immersive book projects have seen the children use the books as a stimulus for writing, art/DT, guided reading activities, practical experiences and drama.



Below is a selection of photos showcasing the children's hard work!



Above and below = EYFS' letters to the Earth and mixed-media landscapes!



Key-stage Book Projects ...continued...



Above = Year 1's animal descriptions and CD fish!  
Below = Year 2's Letters from Earth to the humans with multi-media animals and leaves.



## Key-stage Book Projects ...continued...

Showcasing the fantastic writing and artwork our KS2 pupils produced, year-group displays can be found in our KS2 library area - perhaps you can keep an eye-out for them during your next visit to school!



Above = Year 3's mosaic collage butterflies/fish and letters.

Below = Year 4's collaborative panther, painted leaves, setting descriptions and diary entries.



## Key-stage Book Projects ...continued...



Above = Year 5's tonal sketches, painted flowers and poetry.

Below = Year 6's double-page spread interviews and tonal feathers.



## Inter-house Book Quizzes



Year 1 to Year 6 classes also took part in an inter-house Big Book Quiz, where they were quizzed on their knowledge of book covers, story-lines, characters and illustrations. In mixed-year house teams, the children worked together to share their knowledge and earn points for their house! Seeing all the children so engaged and talking about books so enthusiastically was a lovely sight! With some VERY close results, we are pleased to announce the house winners for each event:

KS1 – Mont Blanc    LKS2 – K2    UKS2 – K2



## Book Swaps!



Every class across the school held a pre-loved book swap event! It was lovely to see the children talking about the books they had brought in, sharing these with others and excited to take a different book home to enjoy!



## We are still looking forward to....

Despite Book Fortnight being over for another year, we are always striving to provide a reading-rich culture and environment at Lady Boswell's. In addition to all the reading-related activities that happen in class, there will continue to be a number of opportunities promoting enjoyment of reading across the rest of the year, including 'surprise readers', reading campfires, poetry assemblies, World Book Day, trips to Sevenoaks Bookshop, the visiting Travelling Book Fair...and much more... so do keep your eyes peeled for information regarding these!

