



## Thornbury Academy Reading Newsletter Spring 2022

**We learn to read, we read to learn.**

At Thornbury we love reading and hope you do too. Each term we will be sharing with you all things reading!

### School News

It has been another book filled term at Thornbury!

We are excited to share the opening of the Thornbury Academy Library. We have invested a lot of time and money to refurbish so that it is a fabulous place to for our children to develop a love for reading. Children's author, Donna David, officially opened the library. Please do come to share a book, sit in our amazing story telling chair or come to chat with us. Our library is opened everyday before and after school. We would love to see you there!



Got a story to share?  
Come and tell it on our  
amazing story chair.

Meet our gurdian of the library. He is in need of a name. Do you have any ideas of what we should call him? The children have been tasked with finding him one. Find out in next terms issue what he has been named.



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This month we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many children (and staff!) dressed up as their favourite characters and enjoying the day. The week has been busy with authors visiting our school, online workshops with illustrators and recreating story scenes from our favourite books. Take a look at the reading section on our website and Twitter for more pictures.



Children dressed up and sharing their favourite book.



A very happy customer at our book fair.



Nick Sharatt, the illustrator of the Tracy Beaker series taught us how draw like him.



We were blown away with how creative our children are! Can you guess which stories these scenes belong to?



Year 5 and 6 created some amazing graphic comics after working with graphic author Lynne Russell.





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### Focus Author: Dona David

The lovely author Dona David visited our school. Our school journalists interviewed her.

Here is what she had to say about being an author.

Hello to the lovely children at Thornbury Academy. Thank you for having me at your school. I have had a fantasatic time and would love to share more stories with you.



I loves stories! Stories on TV, in movies, on audio or in books...I love them all! So, it made perfect sense that I was going to be an author one day. After writing for many (many) years, I decided to make it my full time career. I attended courses, read more books, chatted to people in the industry, bought a snazzy new laptop and, eventually, my first book was published. I live in the West Midlands with my family and, when they're all out at work or school, I sit at my kitchen table and tap away until the stories start to write themselves.

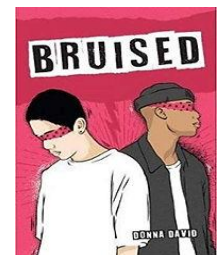
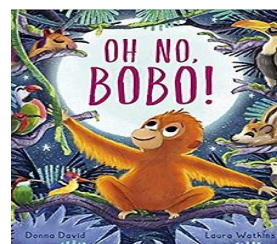
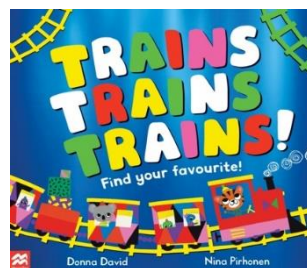
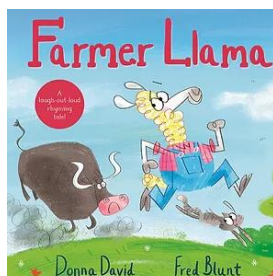
My inspiration comes from everything I sees and everyone I meet. I am always scribbling ideas down in my notebook or typing them into my phone. I am never short of ideas, only short of time! For my latest book, I has worked with the brilliant illustrator, Nina Pirhonen, to create 'Trains, Trains, Trains!'

'Trains, Trains, Trains!' is perfect for 2-6 year olds and it is packed full of spotting and counting fun. With five trains to spot on every page, it is just the ticket for any transport obsessed toddler!

The books come signed and you can email your order to Donna at [donnadavidauthor@gmail.com](mailto:donnadavidauthor@gmail.com)

Donna will pass on payment details once she receives your order.

You can find out more about Donna on her website [www.donnadavidauthor.com](http://www.donnadavidauthor.com)



World Poetry Day was on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Keep an eye for our next edition where our author focus will be the very talented poet Joshua Seigal!

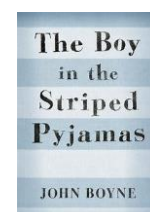
Try these websites for some poems

[Children's Poetry Archive - Listen to the world's best children's poetry read out loud.](https://www.childrenspoietryarchive.org/) The children's poetry Archive has many poems for you to listen to and read along.

[Pet Shopping – Kenn Nesbitt's Poetry4kids.com](https://www.petshopping.com/)

### Mrs Daddy's Blog

I LOVE READING!! I read a lot of historical novels and love reading novels about the world wars and the Tudor times. I enjoy learning about the characters and the events in



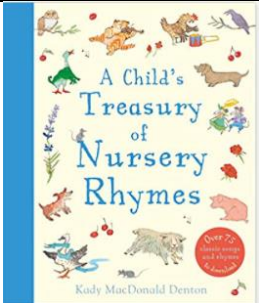

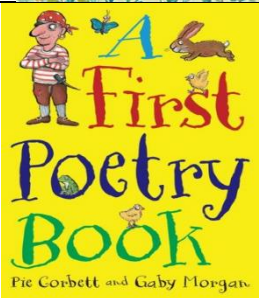
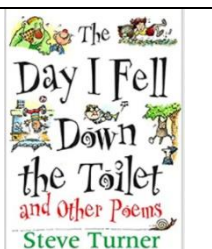
their lives and how these affect them. One of my favourite children's books is The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas written by John Boyne. This book made me really think about how people treat people and what we can do to treat people fairly.



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Let's not wait for Poetry Day to enjoy poetry. Keep a look out for these books at your library, local bookstore or Amazon.

### Recommended Books: Poetry

<p>EYFS</p> 	<p>This delightfully illustrated book contains more than seventy-five of the best-loved rhymes and songs of childhood, from soothing lullabies to schoolyard chants. Popular classics such as "Pat a Cake," "Humpty Dumpty" and "Jack and Jill" are joined by lesser-known rhymes and ditties from many different cultures. Kady MacDonald Denton's illustrations add liveliness and humour. Together, parents and children will enjoy sharing A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes.</p>
<p>Key Stage 1 Year 1 Year 2</p> 	<p>Perfect for young children aged 5+ who are approaching poetry for the very first time, these poems can be performed out loud, shared with others or simply read in your head. Featuring award-winning poets, brand new voices, hip-hop artists and spoken-word performers, this is a wonderfully fresh, diverse and relevant new anthology that will get children laughing, thinking, sharing and performing!</p>
<p>Lower Key stage 2 Year 3 Year 4</p> 	<p>The first in a brand-new series of poetry books created children in mind, but packed with glorious poems that will appeal to a wide audience. This topic-based collection features brand-new poems about fairies, mermaids, princesses, monsters, mythical creatures, dinosaurs, pets, transport, families, seasons, school, people who help us, pirates, the senses, space, feelings, holidays and festivals, minibeasts, food, where we live, nature, friends and the past.</p>
<p>Upper Key Stage 2 Year 5 Year 6</p> 	<p>Whacky poems that take a roller-coaster ride from the crazy corners of dreams to the big questions of life. Steve Turner's first collection of poetry for children is regularly in the best-seller lists. The poems make an instant impact on children, and the themes and ideas in them give lots of food for thought.</p>

### Feedback!

Do you have some ideas for our reading Newsletter or would like some help with reading with your child? Speak to your child's class teacher or come and have a chat with Mrs Aslam, our English Lead, I would love to hear from you!

