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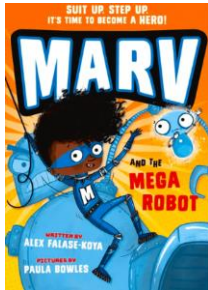


Reading for pleasure Newsletter

Visiting Authors

This term we have had some exciting author visits. The whole school enjoyed a visit from the author Alex Falase-Koya. He came into school to promote his book, Marv, as part of the BBC's 500 word stories campaign. You may have seen us on the local news!

We also had a virtual visit from John Philips. We all enjoyed singing the popular Tik Tok song and had a 'Draw Along' where we drew the chicken from the book – Bad Hair Day. Check out the song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-cuhv3DJKE>



Upcoming Events

As the year goes on we will be keeping a look out for more exciting author events that we can take part in. For the fourth year running, our Year 5s will be taking part in the Young Readers Programme with the National Literacy Trust and our Year 3s will again be running the Little Big Book Club. In Spring term we will of course be enjoying World Book Day on 7th March 2024.

Home Reading Stars

All our children are expected to read at home **at least three times per week** and have their reading record signed by an adult at home. All the children who have read, are entered into a weekly draw to win a prize in our celebration assembly.

This is vital and is really having an impact on your child's learning. We thank you for your continued support.

Team Beech Grove

To support you all with reading for pleasure, Angie, our learning mentor has set up a mobile library. Books are available to take home from the yard each morning. These books are yours to keep. This is already proving very popular. Come and see what's on offer.



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Useful Links

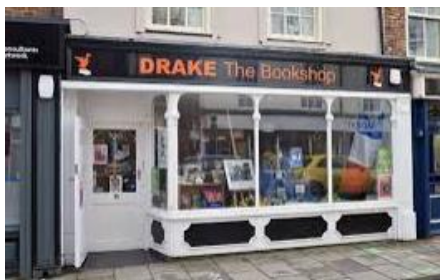
Middlesbrough has many library services in and around the local area visit

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/leisure-events-libraries-and-hubs/community-hubs-and-libraries>

for more info on how to join and the services that they offer.

Grove Hill Community Hub and Library is open every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 – 12 then 1pm-5pm.**

For the newest titles and recommended reads you can also visit Drake's in Stockton. We work closely with Drake's here at Beech Grove and have met some wonderful authors through them.



Stories can also be listened to via <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Teacher Recommendations

All our staff at Beech Grove love to read! Each term we will recommend books we have read or are reading to help inspire you! This term is Miss Bryant's recommendation.

I would highly recommend *The Boy Whose Wishes Came True* by Helen Rutter.

This is a story that was recommended by one of our pupils and we are now reading it as a class. The book tells the story of a boy, Archie, who is having a tough time until he bumps his head and is granted nine wishes. The story is both touching and funny and the children are loving it!

