

Moorlands Reading News

Welcome to the second issue of **Moorlands Reading News**. We'll be sharing updates about what we're doing to promote reading across the school, as well as highlighting some of our favourite books. Mini-book reviews are very welcome from pupils, staff, parents and governors. We hope that this newsletter will further help to promote a love of reading within our school community.



Jo Cotterill visit

On National Empathy Day, we were lucky enough to

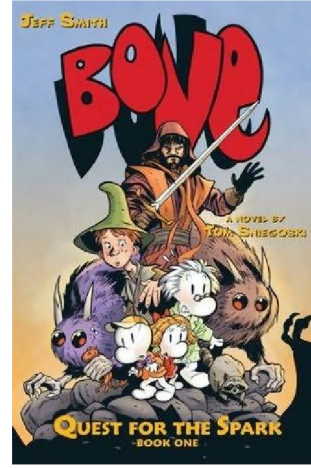
have a visit from author Jo Cotterill. She delivered a fantastic assembly to Key Stage Two, where she talked the importance of empathy and listening. She also led some exciting writing workshops in Year 6, met with interested parents, and signed and sold copies of her books, including her brand new publication, **Jelly**. It was a wonderful day!



A reminder

Our school library is open to parents and children between 3:20pm and 4:00pm every Thursday after school. We normally have a great turnout, but would love to see more of you there! Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 librarians for helping us to provide this service.

Mr Ruddick's Top 5 Graphic Novels

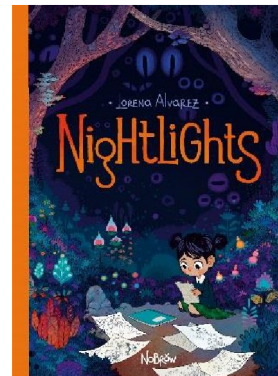
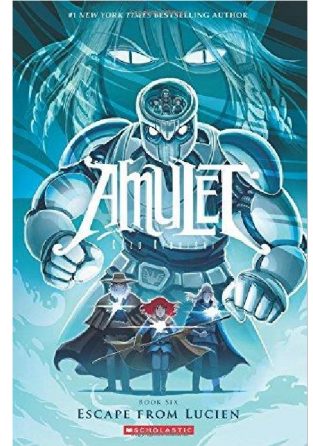


Mr Ruddick is our school graphic novel expert. He's picked out five of his favourite books and series that children from Year Three upwards will enjoy.

1. **Bone** - An exciting series of books full of adventure and mystery. There are lots of twists and turns along the way.

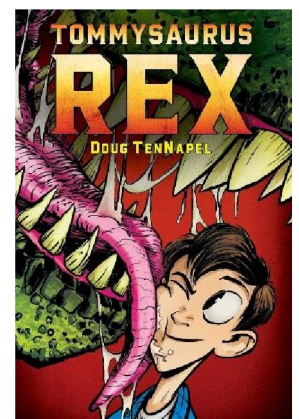
2. **Amulet** - These stories are full of wonder and mystery from the very beginning. An enthralling story that grips you and doesn't let go.

3. **Nightlights** - This story is all about encouraging creativity and imagination, it also has a range of stunning illustrations that help bring another world to life.



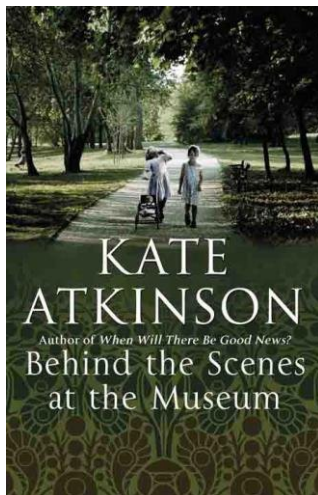
4. **Hilda and the Troll** - An exciting and magical story about a girl and her adventures with lots of different mythical creatures.

5. **Tommysaurus Rex** - A tale about a boy and his dinosaur that will make readers laugh and cry.



Mrs Burrell's Book Review

My favourite adult book that I have read this year is 'Behind The Scenes At The Museum' by Kate Atkinson. It is a great story about a girl called Ruby, told from the moment of conception through her entire life. It travels through different generations of her family in flashbacks and covers the points of view from different family members. While reading, I made my own family tree of Ruby's family to help me keep up with the relationships between the characters. It had me captivated from the very first pages.



Poetry Awards

We were delighted to be one of the schools involved in this year's CLIPPA poetry awards and were thrilled to be sent a set of Joseph Coelho's latest poetry collection, Overheard In A Tower Block. Thank you!



Make sure you follow our Twitter account, [@moorlandsbelton](https://twitter.com/moorlandsbelton), to find out more about how we're promoting a love of reading across the school, as well learning about all the other exciting things that are taking place at Moorlands Primary Academy.

Joseph Coelho visit

Just before Easter, we had our very first visit from our Patron of Reading, Joseph Coelho. He spent a very enjoyable day working with Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Rabbits classes, sharing and performing some wonderful poetry. We can't wait until he comes back in September. A huge thank you to the **Friends of Moorlands** for supporting us with the cost of this, because author visits have a huge impact on children's attitudes to reading.



Parents and Carers: Do you have a favourite children's book? Let us know what it is via Twitter or Facebook, and we'll feature it in our next newsletter.

We'd also really love to start a Parents' Book Group, which would take place once a term and talk about children's books. If anyone is interested in attending, please speak to Mr Biddle or Mr Lee.