

The Gorseley Weekly

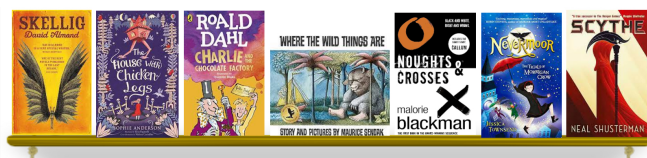
READING AT GORSEY BANK

PHONICS EXPLAINED

Phonics is the primary mechanism by which children learn the technical skill of word reading which leads to reading fluency and the more complex skills it takes to be a successful reader. Understanding this process and in particular how you as parents can support your child to maximum effect can be complex so we have put together a short ten minute video which will hopefully demystify this. [You can access this by clicking on this link](#) and if you have any questions at all having watched it, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's Class Teacher.

STAFF BOOKSHELVES

You will all know we love a Bookshelf at Gorseley and this year we've extended this even further and asked staff to put together versions including their own children's favourites. I've started with mine below (please note a couple are definitely more for the older children!) and will add a different colleague's in subsequent Weeklies.



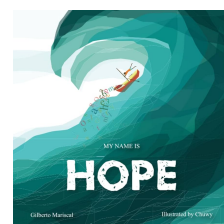
**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

In this week's assembly we shared 'My Name is Hope' by Gilberto Mariscal, a beautifully illustrated tale about a boy who has to flee his home village and undertake a perilous journey to a new home. Whilst fictional, clearly and very sadly this is the story of many children in the world today and has been for many many years.



We discussed the Rights of the Child below in relation to the story and the children talked very articulately about their reaction to it. We explore these issues in school not to make the children feel lucky that they in the main have their right fulfilled - they are their rights after all - but educating them about the challenges of the outside world does involve giving them an awareness that so many children in the world, in the country in fact, do not have their basic rights protected for a whole variety of reasons.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School

- Every child has the right to life
- Every child has the right to protection if they are a refugee
- Every child has the right to the best health and care possible
- Every child has the right to a good enough standard of living
- Every child has the right to an education

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD - WEAR RED DAY 2023

Next Friday will be joining people across the country for Wear Red Day as part of the ongoing Show Racism the Red Card campaign.

The children are welcome come in anything red (from full outfit to just accessorising!) This is an event to raise awareness and will include additional focus in class on the day. As such, the school will not be collecting any money, but if you did want to donate to the campaign, or if you just want to find out more about it, [the website can be accessed here](#).



THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world

CAFT 24K IN 24HRS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who donated to last week's CAFT fundraiser. If you haven't yet but would like to, you can do so by clicking on this link. Hannah from CAFT will be in school for assembly next week to reveal the total and talk about this year's exciting projects!



PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

2024-25 TERM DATES

Please note our term dates for the 2024-5 academic year are now available on our website and can also be accessed via [this link](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th Oct - PTA Discos
- 20th Oct - Wear Red Day / Last day of term
- 30th Oct - INSET Day
- 31st Oct - Start of term
- 31st Oct - Aspirations Week
- 6th Nov - UK Parliament Week
- 7th Nov - Parent Council
- 8th Nov - Y5/6 Adam Kay author visit
- 9th Nov - Jess Butterworth Author Visit
- 1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair
- 7-8th Dec - Rex Cinema visits
- 22nd Dec - End of term

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