



Inspiring Changemakers:

We were so lucky this week to have visitors from Appledore Book Festival. All of the children at St Helen's have had the benefit of a real life author sharing stories, answering questions and even some funny puppets. We were fortunate to have John Townsend entertain Reception and KS1 on Tuesday and a virtual session with Tom Palmer on Wednesday with KS2. Make sure you ask them what they loved best.



What's new?

Books, books and more books!

Appledore Book Festival and The Charlotte Aitken Trust have gifted the library with over 20 new books for the children to read and enjoy. We have been given a numbers of football related chapter books by Tom Palmer and beautiful story books by John Townsend. Also, if you are looking for a fab Christmas book John Townsend has a wonderful book called The Christmas Chronicles.



Community updates:

Parent workshops

On Tuesday 31st October there will be a reading workshop at 3pm in school. During this workshop, we will talk about effective ways to read with the children, share recommended resources and how to foster a love of reading. If you would like to attend, please fill in the Google form, which has been emailed to you.



Key learning this week:

Reception - have been listening to the Rainbow Fish story this week. They have been working on writing their names and holding their pencil correctly. In phonics, they have learnt the new sounds i & n.

Year 1 - have been listening and using How to Catch a Star in their English lessons this week. They have been able to write a story independently.

Year 3 - have had a busy week planning and writing instructions for rescuing their dad from the belly of a sphinx!

Year 5 - have been writing across the curriculum about all of the different planets in the solar system.