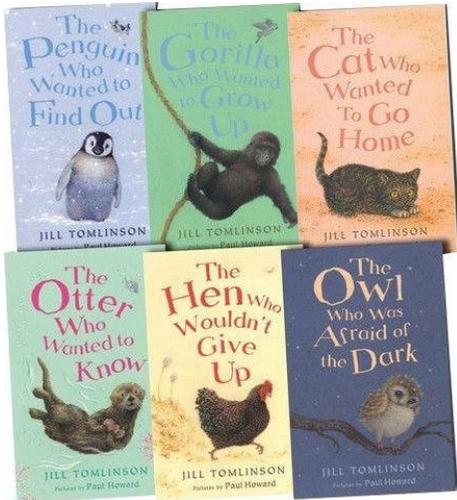


Author of the Month—Jill Tomlinson

Our December author, Tom Fletcher, proved very popular with most of our classes who enjoyed his humorous writing style. I really enjoyed talking with the children about the books of his that they had read. I am not sure how we can beat the enthusiasm for his work but I do hope you enjoy hearing about our next author.

The author of the month for January is Jill Tomlinson. She has been selected because our theme for assembly this half term is perseverance. One of her most famous books is, 'The hen who wouldn't give up'.

Jill Tomlinson never intended to be a writer. She trained as an opera singer, and then decided to have a family whilst her voice matured. But illness intervened, and she had to find another outlet for her energies. She started on a journalism course, and by the third lesson decided she wanted to write for children. So she did! Jill Tomlinson's animal stories are much-loved and have been best-selling children's books for nearly four decades.



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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Love Thy Neighbour Award

Gabriel

Class One	Golden Award— Aoife Values Award - Violet
Class Two	Golden Award— Hugo & Aiza Values Award - Lucas
Class Three	Golden Award— Hammad & Finley Values Award - Martha
Class Four	Golden Award— Max & Lily Values Award - Charlie

Dates for your Diary

Mon 20th Jan	Class 3 School Linking Project Visit
Tues 28th Jan	Maths workshop for Class 3 & 4 2:15pm or 5:00pm
Thurs 30th Jan	Class Two Assembly—9:00am
Thurs 6th Feb	Class One Assembly—9:00am
Sun 9th Feb	Education Sunday Service—details to follow

School Holiday Dates

Along with the newsletter this week, you will receive the holiday dates for the next two academic years. Attendance is a school priority and so we do ask that you respect the holiday dates especially as you have been given plenty of notice.

We do understand that it can be more expensive to take holidays during term time. With this in mind, we have put two of our staff training days in June to extend the half term holiday for the pupils for the next two years. This could provide an opportunity for anyone looking for cheaper holidays as most schools only have one week at this point!

Reading VIPERS Bookmark—Vocabulary

Today, if your child is in Year 2—Year6, they will be bringing home their second VIPERS bookmark. Reading VIPERS is our way of supporting children with their reading skills. All children will be working on VIPERS during class reading, whether it is reading as a class, in a small group, or one-to-one with an adult. It would be fantastic if parents could also be referring to VIPERS when they listen to their child read at home. To support you with this, last term you received the retrieval bookmark with sample questions and this week, you will receive the word questions. As you read with your child, please try to ask them word questions. We recommend that your read for at least ten minutes every night as practice is the only way to develop fluency.

Many thanks for your continued support with this and if you would like anymore information, please visit our school website and follow curriculum, reading.