



# Book Week 2019

**11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School enjoyed a fun packed week of fabulous events to raise the profile of reading during their annual Book Week.

**Author: Cat Weatherill**

On **Monday 11th November 2019** Cat Weatherill visited Our Lady of Fatima School to share some of her stories with the children. Cat is a performance storyteller, performing internationally at storytelling and literature festivals, on national radio and television and at schools throughout the country.

Following a whole school assembly, classes were visited by Cat for workshops, which were designed to provide both appealing and enjoyable experiences of writing.



## Paired and Shared reading

Every day different classes paired up to share books and read to each other. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share a variety of books and authors with each other.





### Reading with parents/grandparents

Each afternoon parents were invited into school to read with their children. Every corner of the school was packed as children enjoyed sharing books with their families.



On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019** Years 5 and 6 visited the Library of Birmingham. Years 3 and 4 also visited Quinton Library during the week. They all enjoyed listening to stories and exploring the facilities at the local libraries.



On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Year 2 led a whole school assembly in which they shared and talked about the many books we can enjoy, including the books in the Bible. They shared their love of reading through poetry, songs and stories.



### Spelling Bee

Mr Simmons organised a 'Spelling Bee' competition for Years 1-6 to discover the champion spellers in each class. Each Key Stage gathered in the hall for the final of the class's spelling competition. The words were tricky and challenging to spell...and just like official spelling competitions Mr Simmons was forced to accept each child's first response.



### Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair raised an incredible **£913.18** which meant that we were able to choose free books to the value of **£548**. Thank you to all pupils and parents who bought a book resulting in such a high value of commission. Thank you also to the parents and pupils for selling books each evening after school- real teamwork was demonstrated!



## And finally.... End of Book Week Congratulations Assembly.

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** pupils and staff dressed up as book characters. As usual it was a competitive business amongst the staff as the hall was filled with famous book characters.



Book Character Winners

The raffle raised **£108.20**. Raffle prizes were drawn and pupils were awarded certificates for the most improved reading skills.



Reading Certificate Winners



Raffle Prize Winners

Well done and thank you to **everyone** for making Book Week 2019 such a huge success. Plans are already in place for Book Week 2020 which will take place week beginning **9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.....parents, keep the week free so you can enjoy the week's activities with us!