



# Book Week 2018

**12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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: William Gallagher**

On **Monday 12th November 2018** William Gallagher visited Our Lady of Fatima School to share some of his stories with the children. William is the author of 18 books; he writes Doctor Who radio dramas and is Deputy Chief of the Writer's Guild of Great Britain. Classes will be visited by William for one of his workshops, which are designed to provide both appealing and enjoyable experiences of writing in schools. Following a whole school assembly, classes were visited by William for workshops, which were designed to provide both appealing and enjoyable experiences of writing.



Pupils enjoyed dining with William as he continued to share some of his life stories with them.



### 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 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. Following this, 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.



## 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 a tremendous **£1022** which meant that we were able to choose free books to the value of **£613**. 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 Year 6 for selling books each evening after school- real teamwork was demonstrated!



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

On **Friday 16<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



Staff Book Characters

The raffle prizes were drawn and pupils were awarded certificates for the most improved reading skills. A book mark was given to every child so that they could use it every day when reading.



Reading Certificate Winners



Raffle Prize Winners

Well done and thank you to **everyone** for making Book Week 2018 such a huge success. Plans are already in place for Book Week 2019 which will take place week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.....parents, keep the week free so you can enjoy the week's activities with us!