



The Reading Owl



Author Focus



Hannah Gold is the author of the critically acclaimed 'The Last Bear', an adventure story for animal lovers and eco-warriors. You can find out more about Hannah and her next novel, 'The Lost Whale' by visiting her website, www.hannahgold.world. You could also join 'The Bear Club' for games, quizzes and a monthly newsletter.

Years 3 and 4 were fortunate to meet Hannah over zoom and this is Emily's account.



At the end of November, we were privileged to be able to meet the author, Hannah Gold, on zoom. She talked to us about the reasons why she became an author and said that she loves animals and books and wanted to write about climate change. She had dreamed of being an author since she was a girl. As well as amazing descriptions which we loved, an exciting plot and a loveable bear, we enjoyed this story because it taught us more about the impact climate change is having on our planet and what we can do to help. Year 4 are excitedly waiting for Hannah's next book, The Lost Whale.

...Breaking News!.....

The **Last Bear** paperback came out on January 6th in the UK and it sold so many copies it made the official Top 20 Children's Charts on its first week of release and then made the chart AGAIN on its second week!!! This is pretty amazing for a debut. Hannah said, "I am over the moon."

Library Opening Hours

On the junior site, the children are able to change their library books each break time and during other slots as agreed by their class teacher. The libraries on both sites will also be open one day each week after school.

Infant site: Friday 3.10 – 3.30pm

Junior site: Monday 3.25 – 3.50pm



Book Recommendations

Mrs Price recommends ...

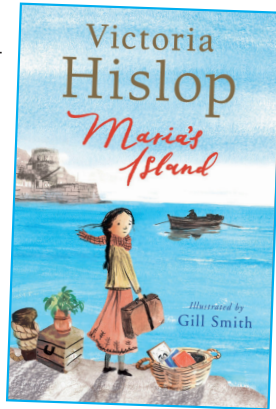
Maria's Island

by Victoria Hislop

I read the adult version of this story, *The Island*, many years ago and loved this book just as much. It's set around a Greek Island where people go to live who have Leprosy, but the story itself is about how people cope when they are forced to live separate lives. The themes of courage, friendship, hope and family run like silver threads through the story.

A very special book, written specifically for children not just a dumbed-down version of the adult story.

Read and enjoy!



Recommended ...

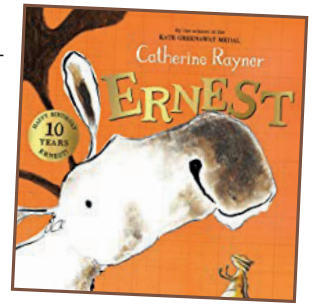
Ernest

by Catherine Rayner

Ernest is a large moose with a large problem.

He is so big he can't fit inside his book! Luckily

Ernest is also a very determined moose, and he and his little chipmunk friend set about finding a way for him to fit in. This heart-warming story is accompanied by beautiful illustrations. Perfect for 3-6 year olds and anyone who loves moose!



Where to find great book recommendations

Look at the posters in our school library or talk to one of the Reading Ambassadors, who will be happy to help.

Websites

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.booksfortopics.com

BooksForTopics

Ones to Watch

New Books for Spring 2022



A date for your diary

WORLD BOOK DAY

is coming up soon, on **Thursday 3rd March 2022.**

More details to follow.

