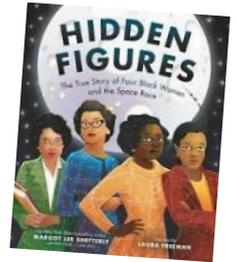


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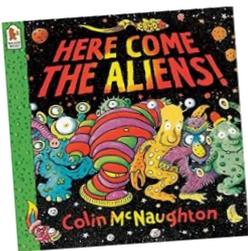
Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.

The new term is now well underway and we thought we would share some of the exciting books we are reading in school. We believe that your child's reading experience is much more than reading books in school, so we would like to bring to your attention to a reading event that may be of interest to you.

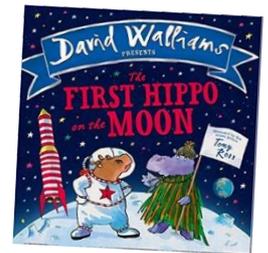
www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk October is Black History Month in the UK. Some children have been reading about how black people have contributed to society, including science, the arts and industry in the UK and across the world. Some children have read the story 'Hidden Figures', which tells the real life story of three black women who were hired by NASA to send American astronauts into space for the very first time. Have you read anything recently about people from any culture who have changed the world?



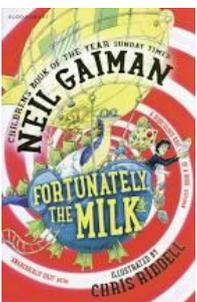
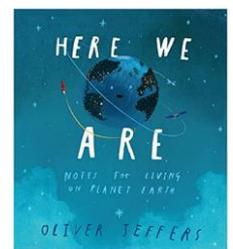
In school, each class has chosen a book to read for pleasure as a group. We thought it would be helpful for you to know what they are reading so you can talk to your child(ren) about the story, the plot, the characters and discuss their opinions of the book.



In **Reception** there is a focus on stories and rhymes about space, rockets and aliens! We will also be reading information books. Our focus books will be 'Whatever Next!', 'Aliens Love Underpants!', 'Aliens Save the World', 'But Martin!' and 'Here Come the Aliens!'.



Key Stage 1 are reading a variety of books to support their work in literacy. They are also reading books by a range of authors where the story is set in space and using non-fiction texts to find information to support their work in other subjects.



Class 2 – We are reading 'Fortunately the Milk' by Neil Gaiman. It was voted children's book of the year in the Sunday Times. It tells the story about a family where the dad is captured by aliens while he is popping out for milk, and describes the crazy characters and bewildering worlds he encounters on his travels.

Class 3 - We are reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf, which was the winner of the Blue Peter Best Story Award 2019. This story, told with humour and heart, offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

