

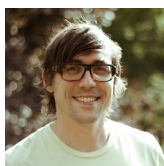
ST. BERNADETTE'S

BOOK CORNER

JUNE 2021

READING
NEWSLETTER

Author Interview



Tom Percival

Year 1 were very excited to be given the opportunity to interview Tom Percival, author of books such as Ravi's Roar and Ruby's Worry. We worked in groups to come up with questions, thinking carefully about the responses we wanted and making sure to avoid repetition. We then had a discussion about our favourite Tom Percival book and we created our own book covers. We went into the hall where we could see Tom and talk to him, via Zoom. It was an exciting afternoon!

There are a number of Tom Percival Books in our Top 20 list. We will continue to enjoy them during our story time.



Teachers As Readers

Mrs McGrath

Year 1 Teacher

What was your favourite book when you were in primary school?

When I was in primary school I loved reading a range of books but I really loved books by Roald Dahl. My favourite was the BFG. Also, when I was in Year 6 my teacher introduced me to the first Harry Potter book and I really enjoyed it!

What are you reading at the moment?

The teachers in our school are very good at recommending and lending their books to each other so I often read something from another teacher. During the Year 1 story time I enjoy reading the story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson, with the children.

Where is your favourite place to read?

My favourite place to read is in the garden when the sun is shining. Teddy, the dog likes to join me for story time.



Why hello, Year 1 and Families! I'm absolutely thrilled that you have picked *Once Upon A Raindrop* as your book of the month! I do hope you have been enjoying it. It's one of eight books in the 'Once Upon A ..' series. Each book is written in rhyme, and has an illustrator from a different part of the world. I'm based in Wallingford, near Oxford - but the brilliant Nomoco that did the fabulously watery illustrations for this book lives in London though comes Japan originally. Everyone at the publisher, Little Tiger Press was overjoyed with her artwork. Me too! She was the perfect choice of illustrator. In this series I have written about all kinds of things - the story of our sun (*Once Upon A Star* - the illustrator comes from Spain), the story of music (*Once Upon A Rhythm* - illustrator from Italy), the story of science (*Once Upon An Atom* - illustrator from Brazil), and the story of space travel (*The Big Beyond* - illustrator from Northern Ireland). Each book takes about three months to write as I need to do lots of research to make sure I get my facts right, and then I begin turning all those facts into a rhyming poem. It's been a real joy to write these books, and they have been translated into various languages from around the world, including Brazilian Portuguese, Italian, German, Korean, Mandarin and Malaysian. In a way, *Raindrop* took me thirty years to write. My first ever poem for children was written when I training to be an infant teacher back in 1990. It was about water as that was the class topic! The poem was not good at all. I wrote in a real hurry. *Once Upon A Raindrop* is like me re-writing that same original poem - the what / why / where / how of water - but many, many years later, and I'm hopefully I've done a better job this time.

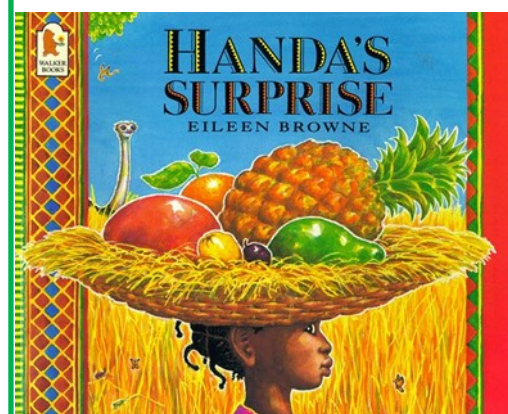
Happy reading and writing, Year 1 !



Book Review by 1SMcG

Handa's Surprise

We really like the illustrations and all of the different colours. When the animal took Handa's fruit we found it amusing! We also enjoyed seeing Handa share the fruit with her family.



Top Tip

Read aloud to different people at home—try reading to your parents, siblings, pets and even your toys!

Message from James Carter

Author of

Once Upon a Raindrop

Quote of the Month

"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world." Roald Dahl

Book of the Month – June



Are you reading our Book of the Month? If you are, we would love you to share your book snaps and reviews with us on our school Twitter page – @StBernsPrimary using the hashtag #BookOfTheMonth!

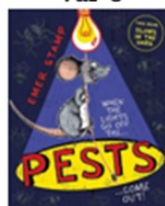
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