

"ROAR"
Rich Oracy and Reading.

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Reading & Wellbeing

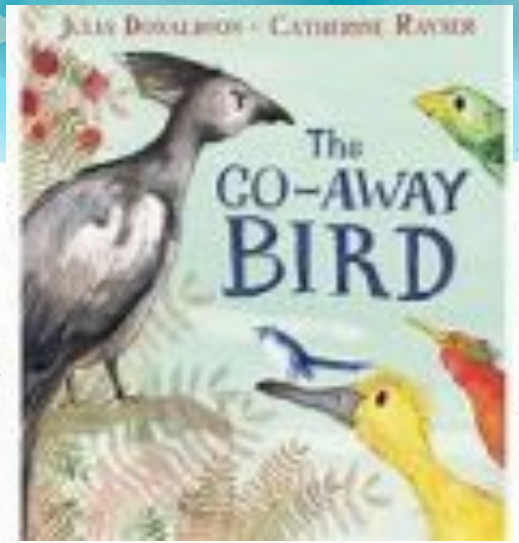
We've long known that a **love of reading and writing** can help children flourish at school and go on to **succeed at work**.

But we now know that **reading and writing for enjoyment** can also play a vital role in helping children lead **happy and healthy lives**.

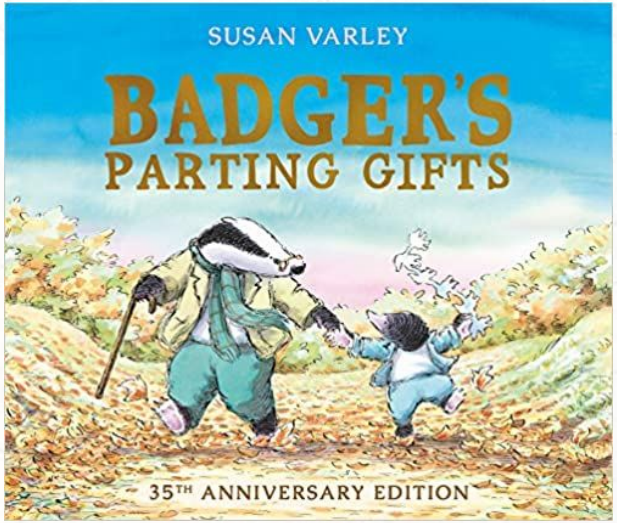
Our research, Mental wellbeing, reading and writing, found that children who **enjoy reading and writing in their free time have significantly better mental wellbeing than their peers who don't**.

What is Roar?

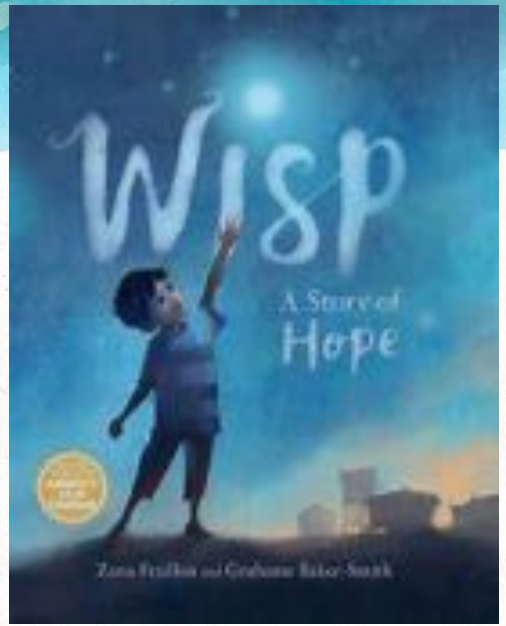
- ROAR is whole class sharing of a quality text lasting approx 15 minutes.
- All ROAR books have a wellbeing theme, they develop empathy, understanding and reflection.
- Focus is on **oracy and language** development, bringing out the child's 'inner voice'
- The pupils develop their ability to respond to a text and engage with ideas by participating in a structured but free flowing discussion.
- The teacher selects various stopping points and opens up a class, pupil led discussion. Pupils respond to others ideas - celebrate difference in opinions! .
- Sessions include a vocabulary builder



The Go-Away bird does not want to share her tree. What could happen to make her change her mind? This story shows us the importance of friendship, community and sharing.



Bereavement - Badger is so old that he knows he must soon die, so he does his best to prepare his friends. When he finally passes away, they are grief-stricken, but one by one they remember the special things he taught them during his life. By sharing their memories, they realise that although Badger is no longer with them physically, he lives on through his friends.

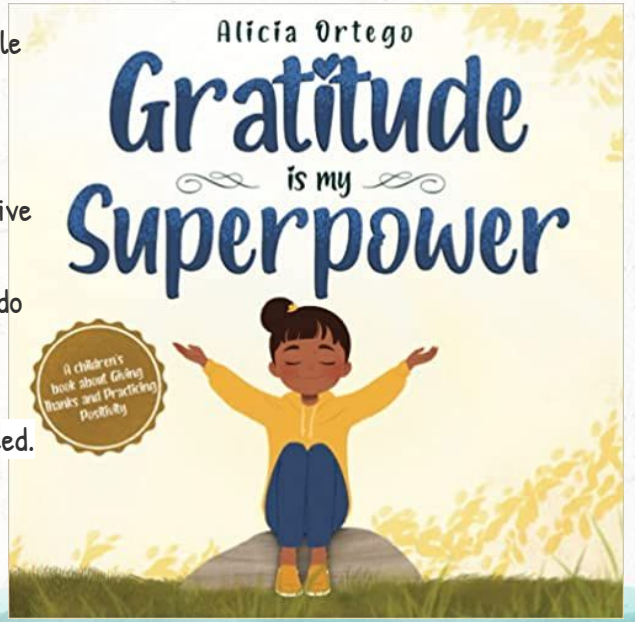


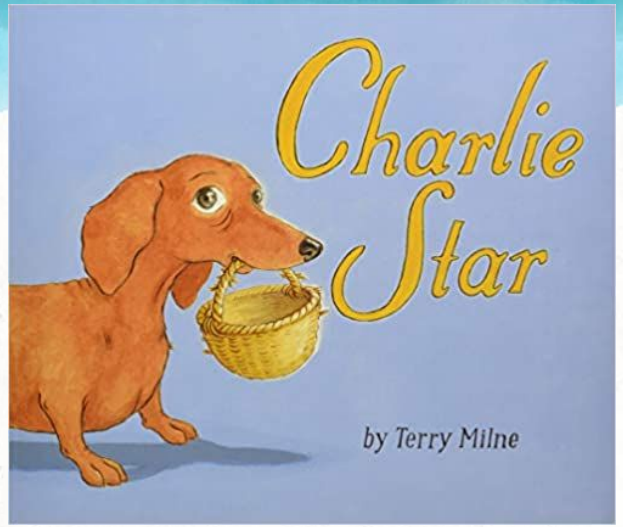
A story about a refugee and life in a refugee camp. Wisp comes to give hope to the families and helps them build their lives back up.

Little Betsy will learn that happiness is made up of simple things in life, both small and big.

This book will help your kids in many ways:

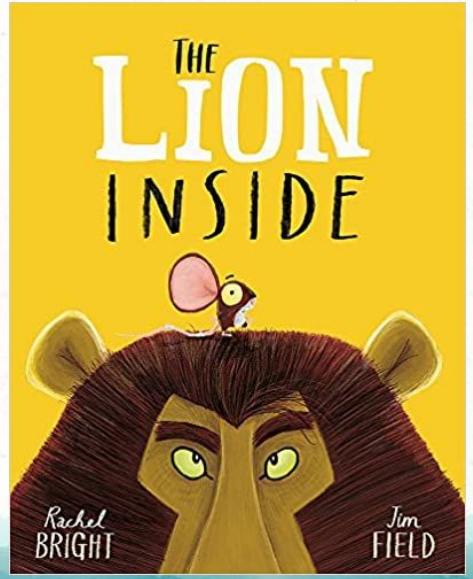
- they will focus on the blessings they receive every day,
- they will begin to appreciate what others do for them,
- they will feel true happiness when they realize that they have everything they need.





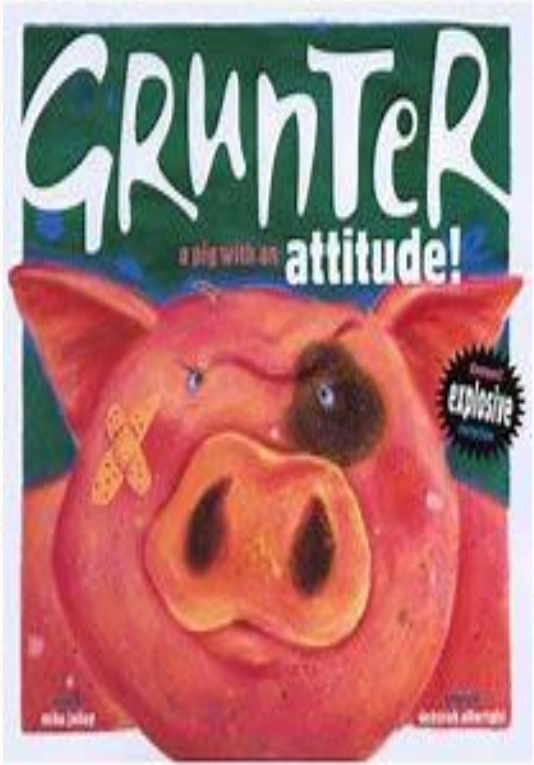
Anxiety and change - Charlie is an anxious dachshund who worries that something terrible might happen if he doesn't keep to his daily rituals. After he is called upon to help rescue a friend and in the rush muddles everything, Charlie discovers that he doesn't have to be ruled by his habits and that change can have really positive outcomes.

A bestselling story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.



Bullying – Grunter is not the popular of pigs on the farm. He is grumpy, selfish, rude, outspoken, overfed and overbearing in the extreme. This pig has a SERIOUS attitude problem. He terrorises and generally upsets anybody and everybody who crosses his path.

- Look at the front cover, what type of pig do you think he is? What do you think his personality is like?
- Have you ever seen a pig? Where? When? What else did you see?
- What can the animals do about Grunter?
- What is the best way to deal with a bully?
- Does Grunter deserve to be alone on his birthday?
- Can Grunter change?
- Do the animals do the right thing?
- Will he come back?



How will ROAR benefit our children?

Roar will increase:

- Stamina and concentration, routines etc.
- Paired and whole class interactions.
- Comprehension skills..
- Vocabulary development.
- Listening and interaction.
- Responding, speaking and justifying.
- Self image as a reader/speaker.
- Well-being, self reflection and empathy, connections and self worth.
- Understanding feelings and actions of others.

All of these things will help our children develop as

Ethical, informed citizens and Ambitious capable learners.