

Devon Hospitals Short Stay School

Spring Term Newsletter NDDH

World book week:

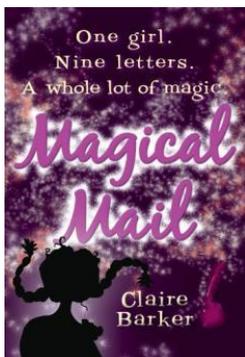
To celebrate World Book Day, we invited Author and Illustrator Claire Barker into the schoolroom to talk about her latest book and tell us about her experiences as an illustrator.

She showed us some of her amazing illustrations ...

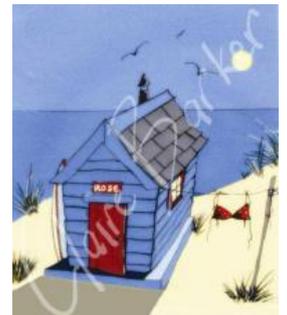


And distributed signed copies of her book, *Magical Mail*.

“Magical Mail is the story of Faith Smyth, an ordinary school girl who becomes an unlikely heroine. She is surprised when she is chosen to embark on a mission to save the world from impending doom. As she travels into a world of magic, she discovers a bravery she never knew she had. Bus Bear is Faith’s trusty toy companion who travels alongside her on each adventure.”



My book started off as a series of adult letters from each of nine fairytale characters, but it soon became obvious it was going to become a children’s book. Each character overturns what we’d expect them to be like. The Tooth Fairy is evading her huge tax bill, Blackbeard is a big softie, and Little Bo Beep is a murderous carnivore who kills her sheep with hunting knives! As I wrote, I would just be chuckling along to my own jokes.”



We also made **WORD BIRDS** – we decorated our birds and created stories on their wings. Then we let our stories fly away. At the moment they are all nesting in our story tree.

Some students made bunting depicting their favourite books: *Where’s Wally* and *Toy Story*.

And we had a book title challenge.

Can you guess the title of this book?



We spent one whole day thinking about stories. One group made a game all about the lost treasure of the pirate Blackbeard and his brother.

We had a lot of fun playing it.



Our Curriculum

We have been learning about:

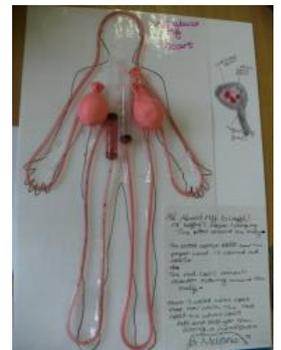
Electricity



Magnetism



The heart and lungs



Density of gases



The story of Rama and Sita.
Rama and Sita lived happily for fourteen years in the forest. When Sita was kidnapped by the Demon King, Rama rescued her.

We made a game to retell the story.



We combined a sewing project with some Haiku poetry



and made this helicopter fly using a pneumatic mechanism.

We have enjoyed a variety of art activities this term.

Portraits on glass



A Narnia inspired winter landscape using acrylics on canvas.



Mosaics



Collage



Silk painting



And we have enjoyed cooking savoury



and very sweet.



We prepared for **Mother's Day** with cards and gifts.



Paint a Pot

This week we have had fun painting ornaments for Easter. These models haven't been glazed yet. Look out for the glazed pieces in the next newsletter.



Sainbury's vouchers

We are once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers. Don't forget to give them to Elaine or put them in the collection box at the main entrance.

Have a very happy Easter!