



“We are Lost Word protectors and we didn’t even know it!... Be part of the story – the ending of which will be wild words tripping off tongues like laughter and joy.” Dara McAnulty @naturalistdara

- What is the Lost Words book about?**
- Its aim is to help get children (and nonchildren) looking, learning, making and dreaming about the natural world and our part in it.
 - It’s to help people recognise a wren or a willow or – if they’re really lucky! – an otter when they see one, but also to recognise how deeply bound into our culture wrens and willows and otters are.
 - It’s for celebrating the magic of nature and the magic of language.
 - It’s for spelling back some of the plants and animals with which we share our everyday world, and the language we use to describe them.
 - It’s for starting conversations, stories, drawings and, perhaps, lifelong passions for nature.



Last week every class performed their lost word poetry for the parents and became ‘Lost Words Protectors’, as they brought the words for common British trees, plants, birds and animals back to life. We would like to thank all the parents who came to watch the show, your support means a lot to us. Thanks also to Mrs Rust who organised the Lost Words Poetry Week!

About the Book

All over the country, there are words disappearing from children’s lives. These are the words of the natural world - Dandelion, Otter, Bramble and Acorn, all gone. The rich landscape of wild imagination and wild play is rapidly fading from our children’s minds.

The Lost Words stands against the disappearance of wild childhood. It is a joyful celebration of nature words and the natural world they invoke. With acrostic spell-poems by award-winning writer Robert Macfarlane and hand-painted illustrations by Jackie Morris, this enchanting book captures the irreplaceable magic of language and nature for all ages.

Lost words from the Oxford Junior Dictionary in 2007

• Almond		• Goldfish	
• Apricot		• Herring	
• Ash		• Lobster	
• Beech		• Minnow	
• Blackberry		• Mint	
• Bloom		• Oyster	
• Buttercup		• Panther	
• Carnation		• Pasture	
• Cauliflower		• Pelican	
• Cheetah		• Porcupine	
• Clover		• Porpoise	
• Colt		• Primrose	
• Crocus		• Thrush	
• Fungus		• Tulip	
• Gooseberry		• Violet	