

The Hillcross Reading Pledge
Reading is *power*. We read today for a *powerful* tomorrow.



As a school, we pledge to share a 'Class Reader' with you every day for 10 minutes. This could be a narrative, non-fiction or poem.

In return, you pledge to read at home for a minimum of 10 minutes every day (we encourage you to read for longer whenever you can).

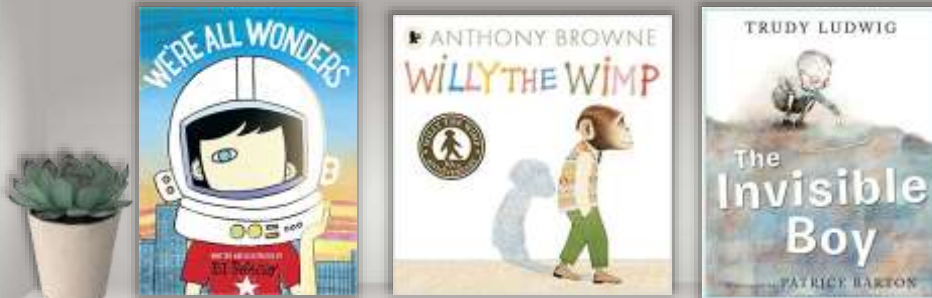
By following this pledge, you will read over 140,000 words every year! This will not only help you improve as a reader but as a learner.



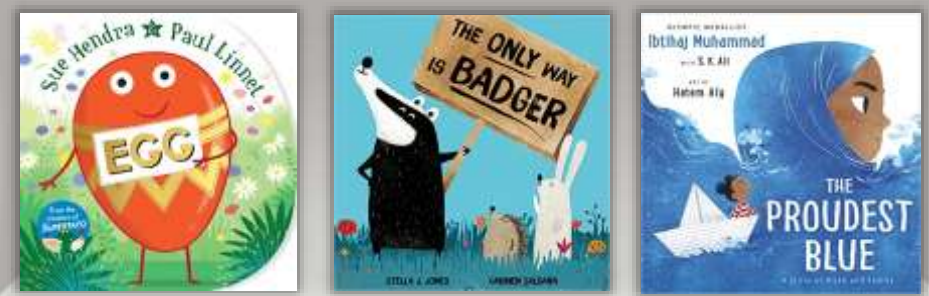
Welcome to Hillcross Virtual Library!
Feel free to browse around and choose any book to read or listen to. All you have to do is click on the book cover and it will direct you to the website. These are all books to celebrate equality support the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. Enjoy!



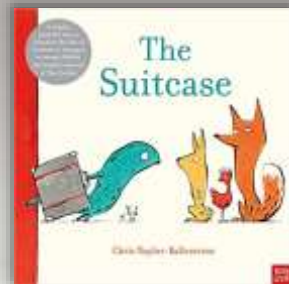
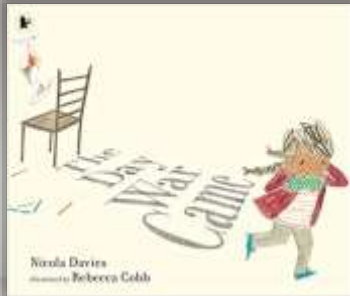
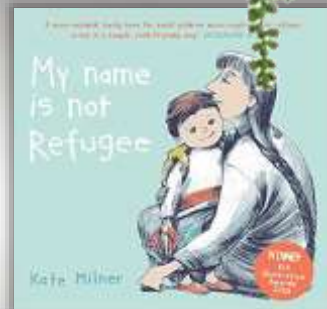
Empathy, Kindness and Compassion



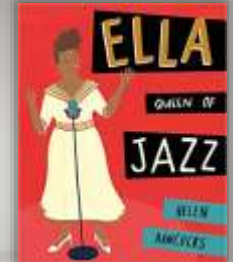
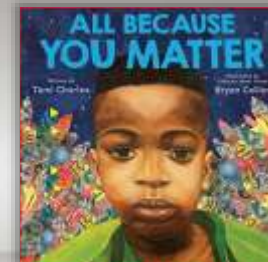
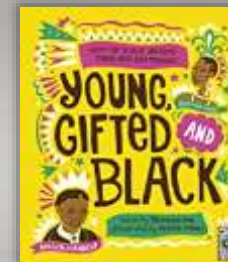
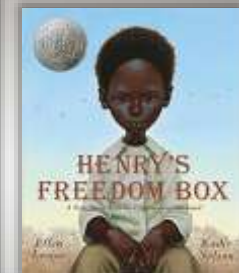
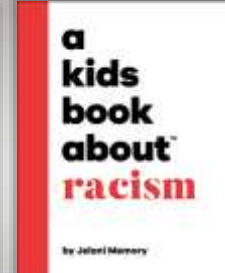
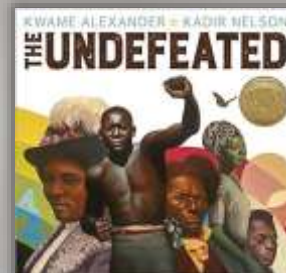
Similarities and Differences



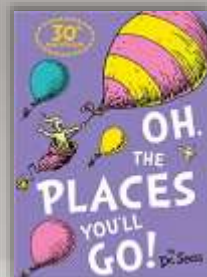
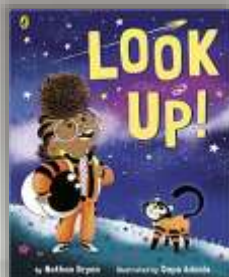
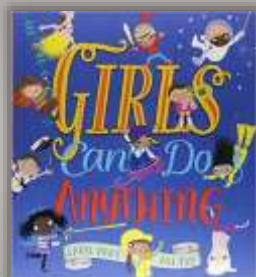
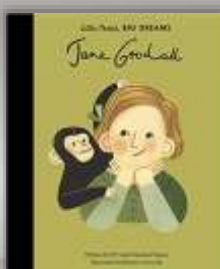
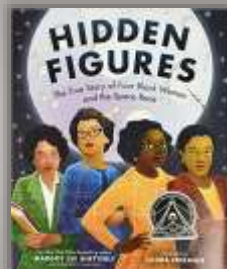
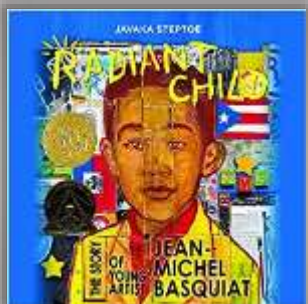
All Are Welcome



Black History & Black Lives Matter

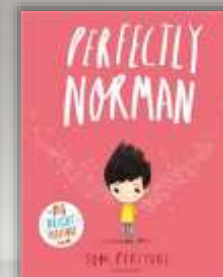
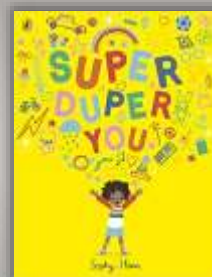
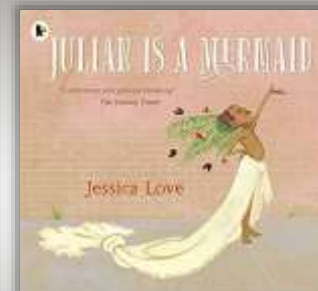
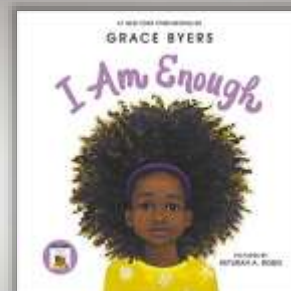
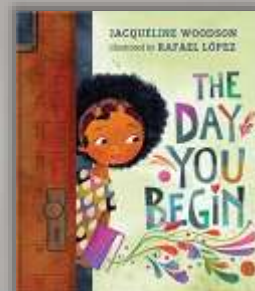


You Can Be Anything!

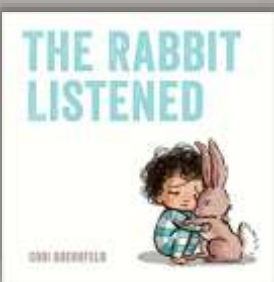
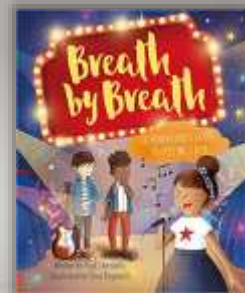
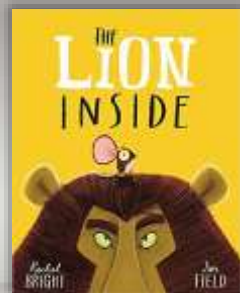
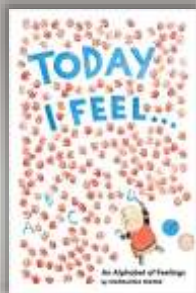
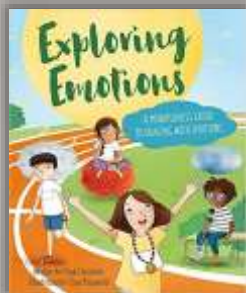
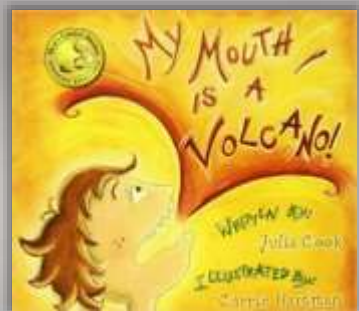


Work hard,
be kind, and
amazing things
will happen.

Be Proud of Who You Are



Feelings and Emotions



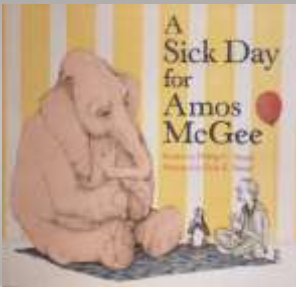
Habits of Mind



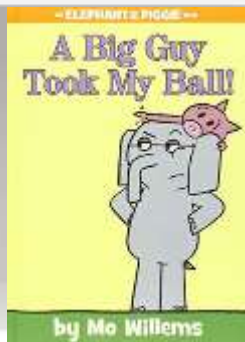
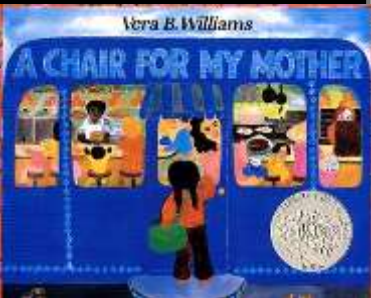
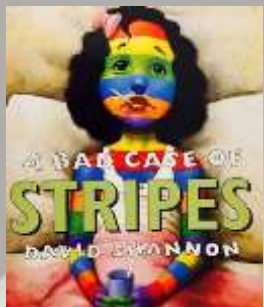
Thinking interdependently
Work together!




Listening with understanding and empathy
Understand others!




Questioning and problem posing
How do you know?

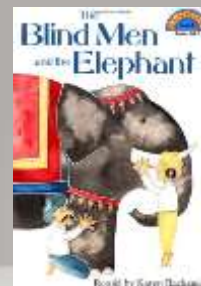
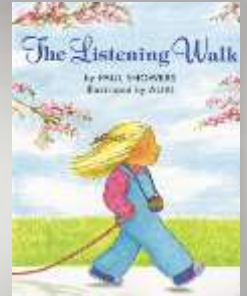
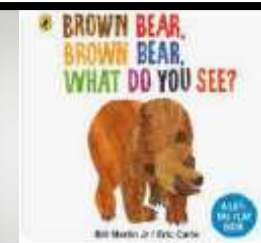
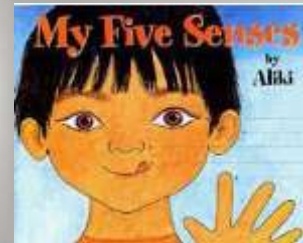


Hillcrest Primary School <i>Habits of Mind</i>			
Resilience Be able to bounce back after a setback	Managing responsibility Be an owner	Listening with understanding and empathy Listen to others	Thinking creatively Look at a problem from a different angle
Perseverance Keep going when things get tough	Thinking about your thinking Think about how you think	Being fair Be fair to others	Applying past knowledge to new situations Use what you know to solve a new problem
Working in collaboration with others Work with others to achieve a common goal	Setting goals Set goals for yourself	Communicating and problem solving Communicate and solve problems	Responding with accountability Take responsibility for your actions
Thinking in context Think about how things fit together	Being curious Be curious about the world	Creating, imagining and innovating Create something new	Responding with open-mindedness Be open to new ideas
Taking responsibility Be responsible for your actions	Being a leader Lead others	Thinking interdependently Work with others to achieve a common goal	Remaining open to continuous learning Keep learning and growing

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Gather data through all senses
Use your natural pathways!

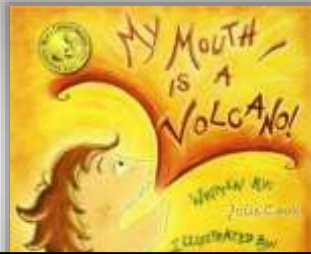


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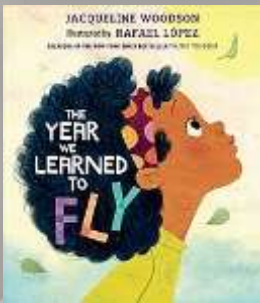
Managing Impulsivity

Take your time!



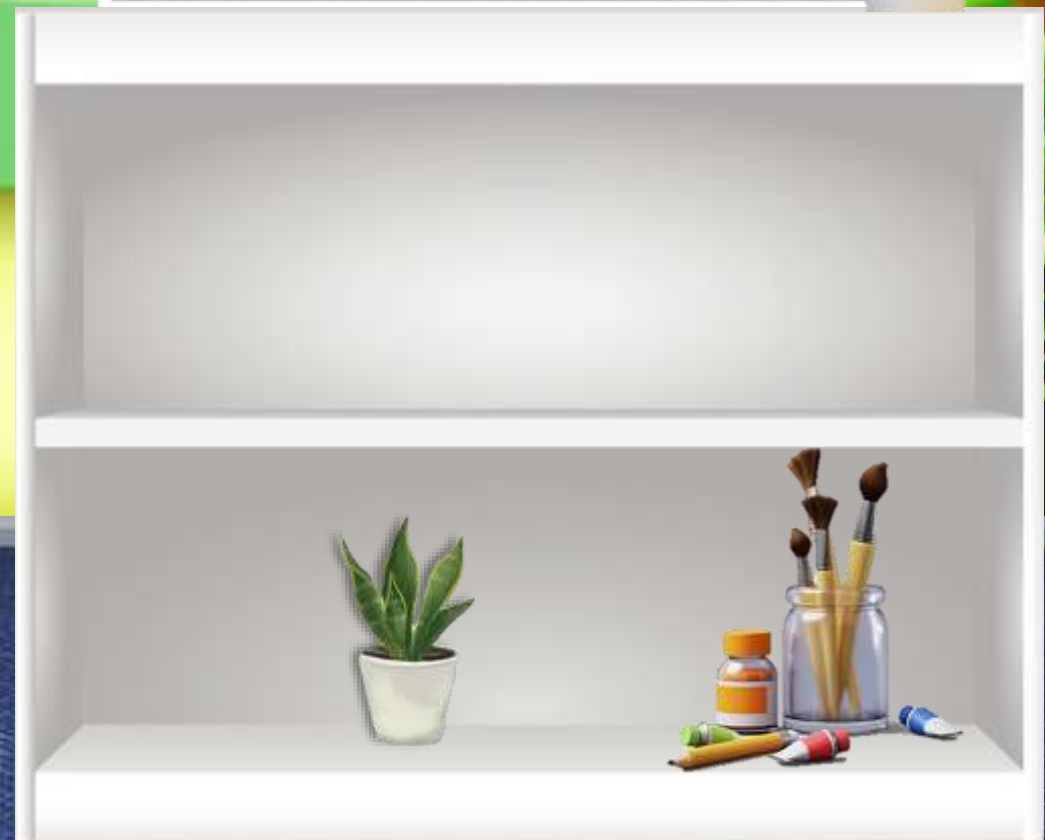
Thinking about your thinking (Metacognition)

Know your knowing!



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Resilience Be able to bounce back after a setback.	Managing impulsivity Be able to think before you act.	Listening with understanding and empathy Try to understand other people's feelings and ideas. Show respect for the feelings and opinions of others.	Thinking flexibly Be able to think about things from different points of view and to see things from another perspective.
Thinking about your thinking Be able to think about your own thinking and to know when you need to change your thinking.	Blowing the air out of one's sails Be able to let go of ideas that are not working and to try new ones.	Classifying and problem-solving Be able to identify a problem and to think of a way to solve it.	Applying past knowledge to new situations Be able to use what you have learned in the past to solve a new problem.
Working as a team Be able to work with others to achieve a common goal.	Growth mindset Be able to believe that you can improve your abilities through practice and hard work.	Creating, imagining and innovating Be able to think of new ideas and to try them out.	Responding with wonderment and awe Be able to be amazed and inspired by the world around you.
Taking responsibility Be able to take ownership of your actions and to be accountable for them.	Finding humor Be able to find something funny in a situation and to laugh at it.	Thinking interdependently Be able to work with others and to understand that we all have a role to play in the world.	Striving for mastery Be able to work hard to learn and to improve your skills.

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Poets of the Month

