



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).

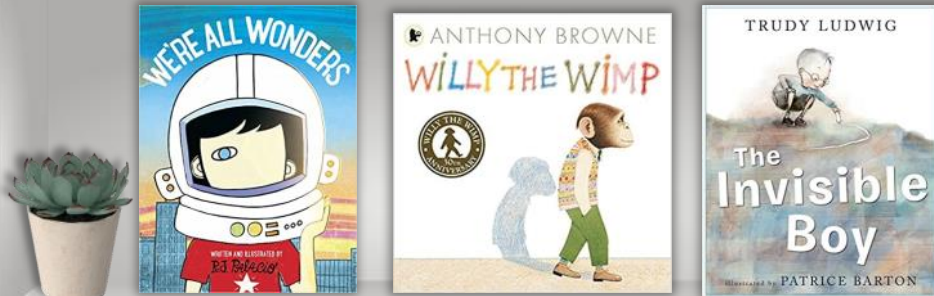
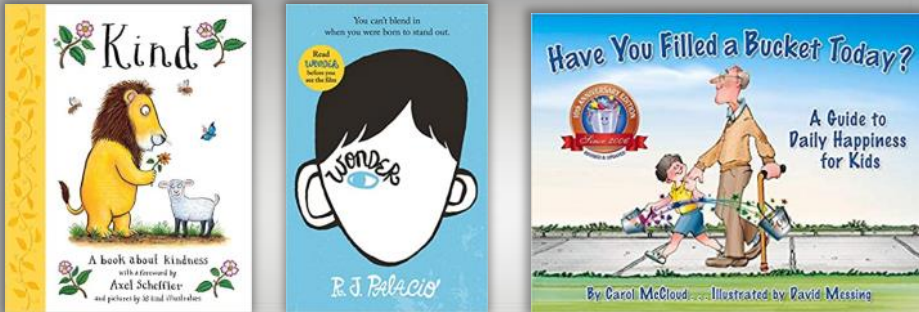
By following this pledge, you will read over 140,000 words every year! This will not only help you improve as a reader but as a learner.



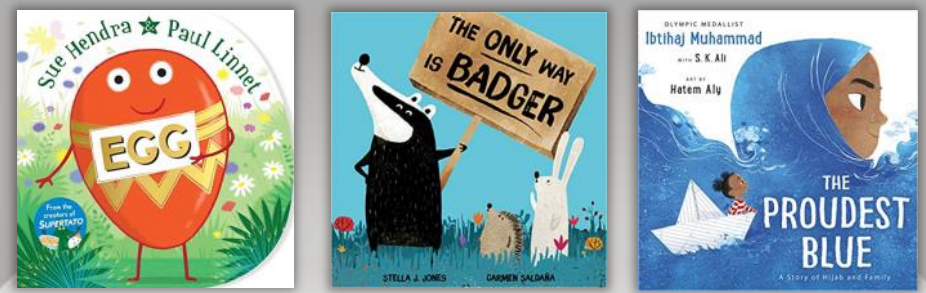
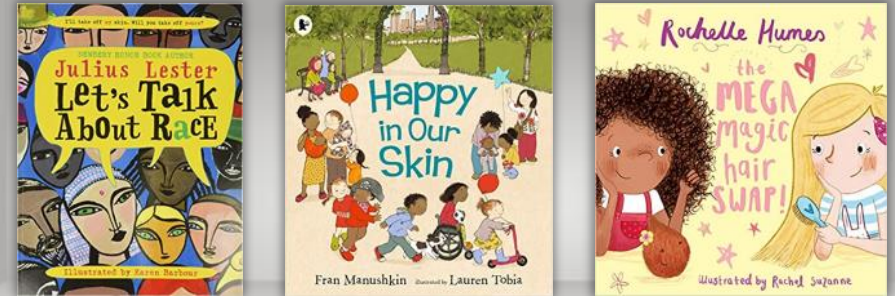
Welcome to Hillcross Virtual Library!
Feel free to browse around and choose any book to read or listen to. All you have to do is click on the book cover and it will direct you to the website. These are all books to celebrate equality support the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC)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



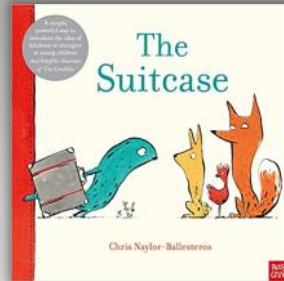
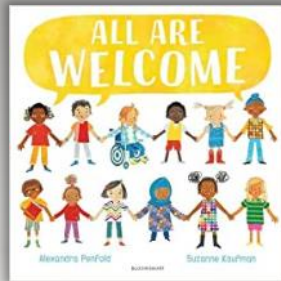
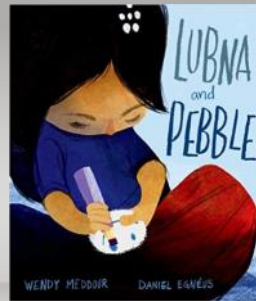
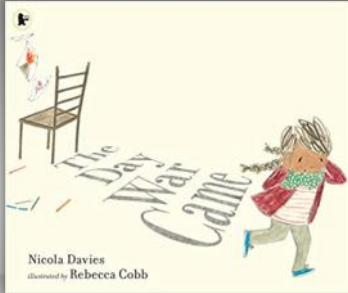
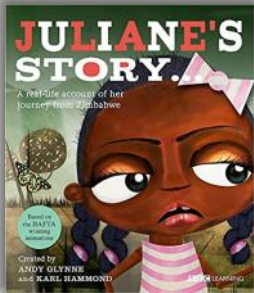
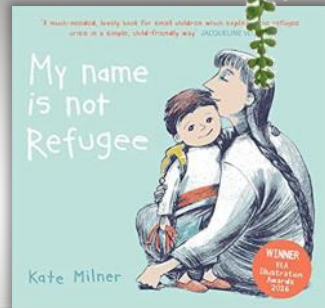
Empathy, Kindness and Compassion



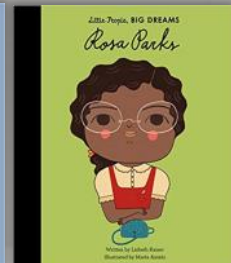
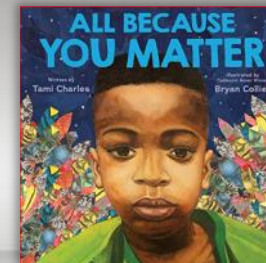
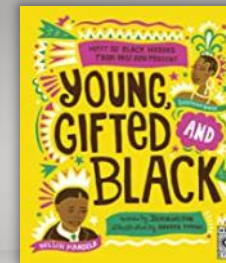
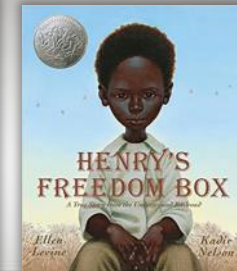
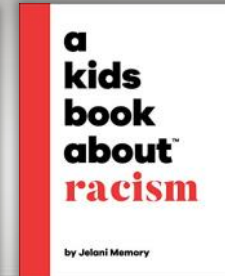
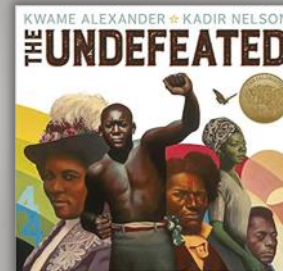
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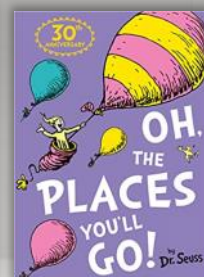
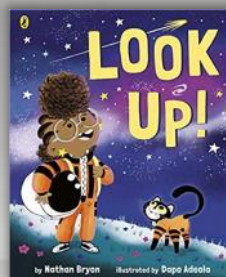
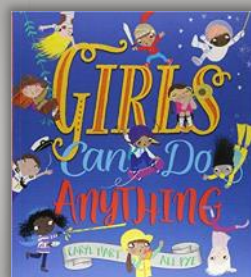
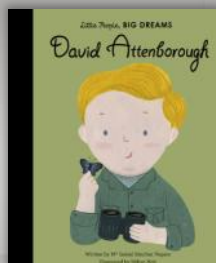
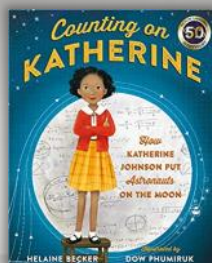
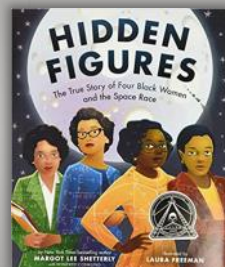
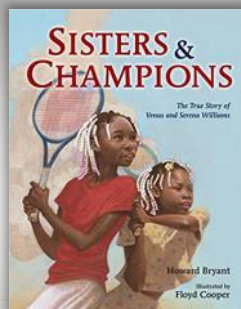
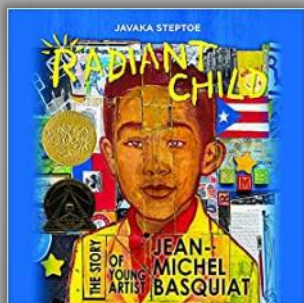
All Are Welcome



Black History & Black Lives Matter

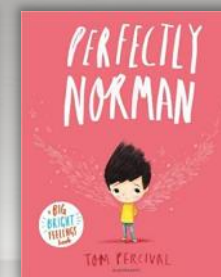
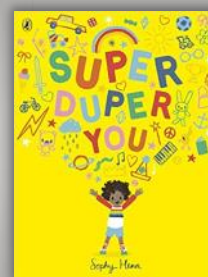
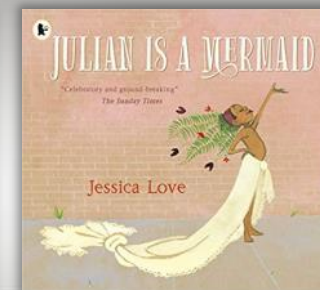
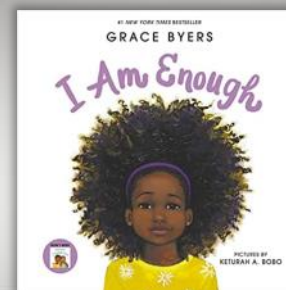
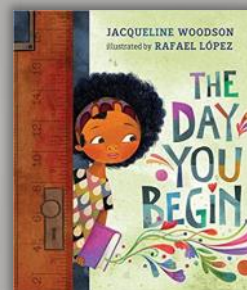


You Can Be Anything!

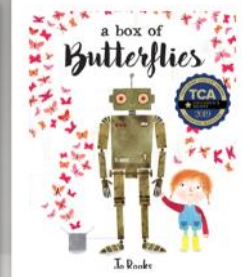
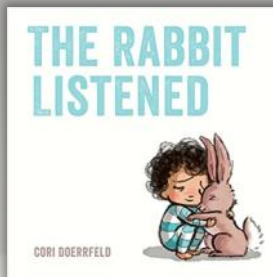
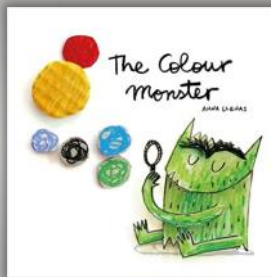
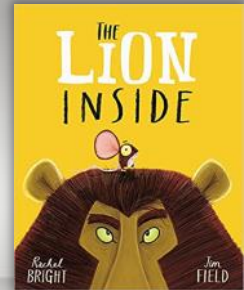
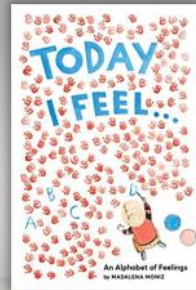
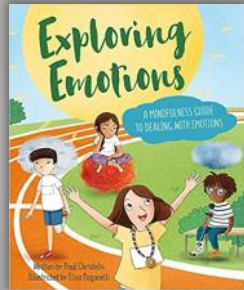
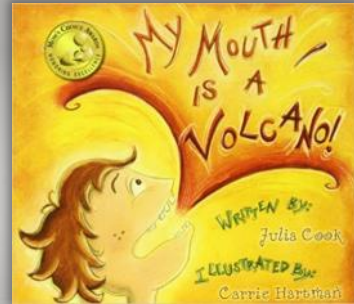


“
Work hard,
be kind, and
amazing things
will happen.
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Be Proud of Who You Are



Feelings and Emotions



Habits of Mind



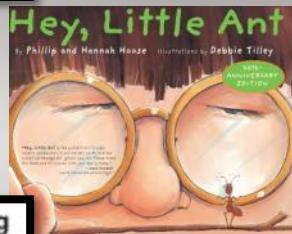
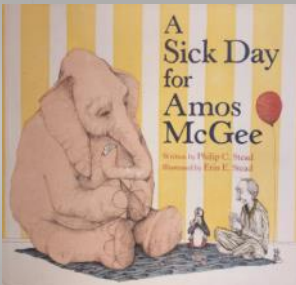
Thinking interdependently

Work together!



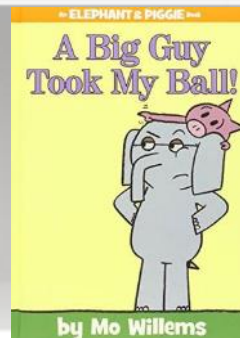
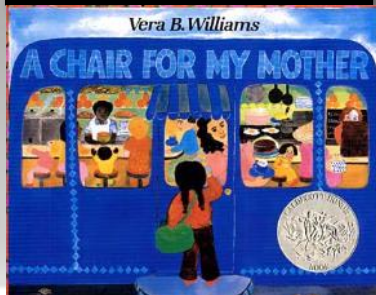
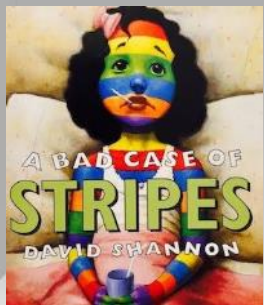
Listening with understanding and empathy

Understand others!



Questioning and problem posing

How do you know?



Hillcross Primary School <i>Habits of Mind</i>			
Resilience Bounce back. Recover quickly after facing a challenge.	Persisting Stick with it. Persevere in the face of difficulties. Keep going. Don't give up. Keep going up.	Managing impulsivityThink before acting. Weigh in. Think before acting. Weigh in. Think before acting.	Listening with understanding and empathy Consider others' perspectives. Listen to others' thoughts and ideas. Make an effort to understand another's point of view and emotions.
Thinking about your thinking Know your strengths. Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, beliefs and actions and their effects on others.	Striving for accuracy Check it again! Always doing your best. Getting high standards. Checking and fixing what to improve yourself.	Questioning and problem posing How do you know? How do you know? How do you know? How do you know?	Applying past knowledge to new situations Use what you learn! Applying your knowledge, transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.
Thinking & communicating with clarity and precision Be clear! Show for accurate communication in both written and spoken settings. Use generalizations, abstractions, details and explanations.	Gather data through all senses Use your "natural senses"! Pay attention to the world around you. Gather data through all five senses: taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.	Creating, imagining, and inventing Be a different you! Generating new and novel ideas. Be creative, original.	Responding with wonderment and awe Have fun. Aweing it out! Finding the world awesome, marvelous and being inspired with amazement and awe.
Taking responsible risks Stretch out! Being adventurous. Being on the edge of what's comfortable. Try new things constantly.	Finding humor Laugh a little! Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.	Thinking interdependently Work together! Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal settings. Team work.	Remaining open to continuous learning Learn from experience! Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know, seeking competence.

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Poets of the Month

