

Reading Newsletter

SUMMER TERM 2024



Welcome to our Summer Term reading newsletter.



In June, we found out some fantastic news: SFJS has been selected to apply for the UKLA/OU RfP Quality Mark. The UKLA/OU Quality Mark recognises and rewards schools which have developed, embedded and enriched their reading for pleasure culture and ethos with recognisable impact on staff knowledge and practice, on parents and on young people's recreational reading.

Applying for and gaining the UKLA/OU Quality Mark is a highly supportive year long process. We will be mentored by an expert in reading for pleasure research and practice who will support us throughout the year to prepare for our final submission.

In 2024-2025, just 25 schools were chosen to work toward the Quality Mark, so we are very proud to have been selected.



Reading Ambassadors

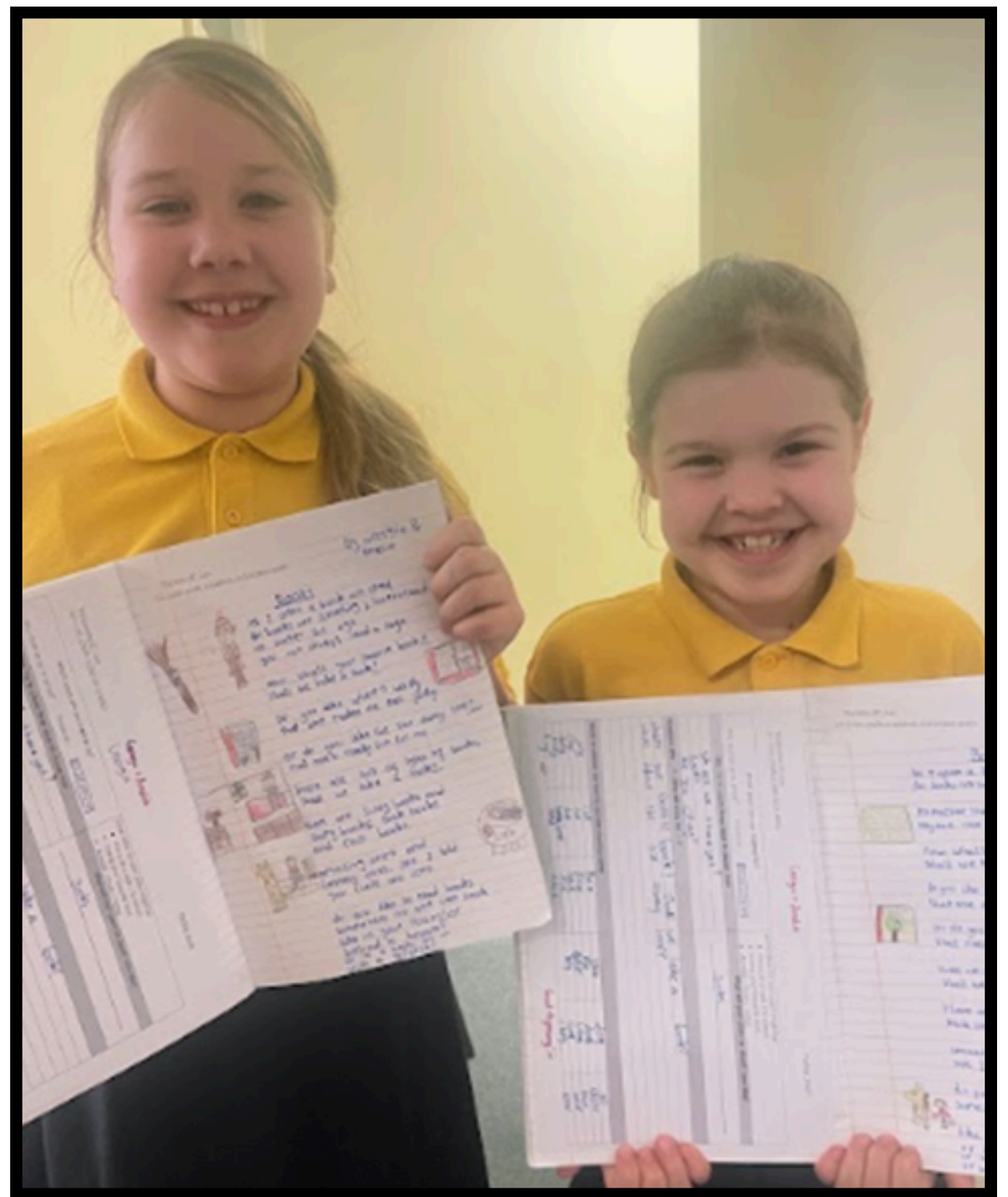
Our amazing Reading Ambassadors have been busy rehearsing and creating SFJS's first ever Raring to Read podcast. It's full of reading recommendations from the children so please follow the QR code to have a listen. Ella, one of our ambassadors, has also redesigned our badge which I'm sure you will agree, looks excellent.



Rotary Writing Competition Success

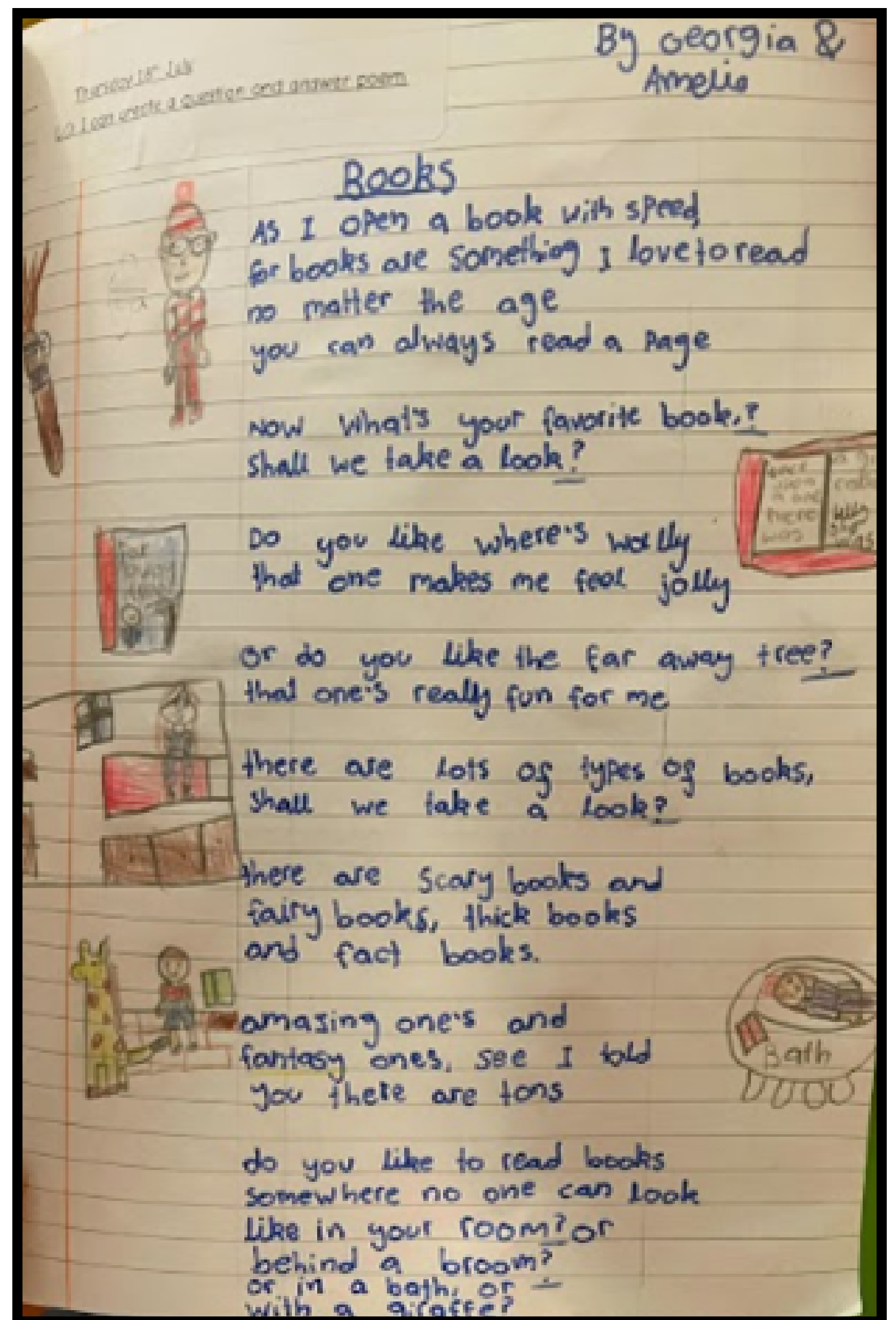
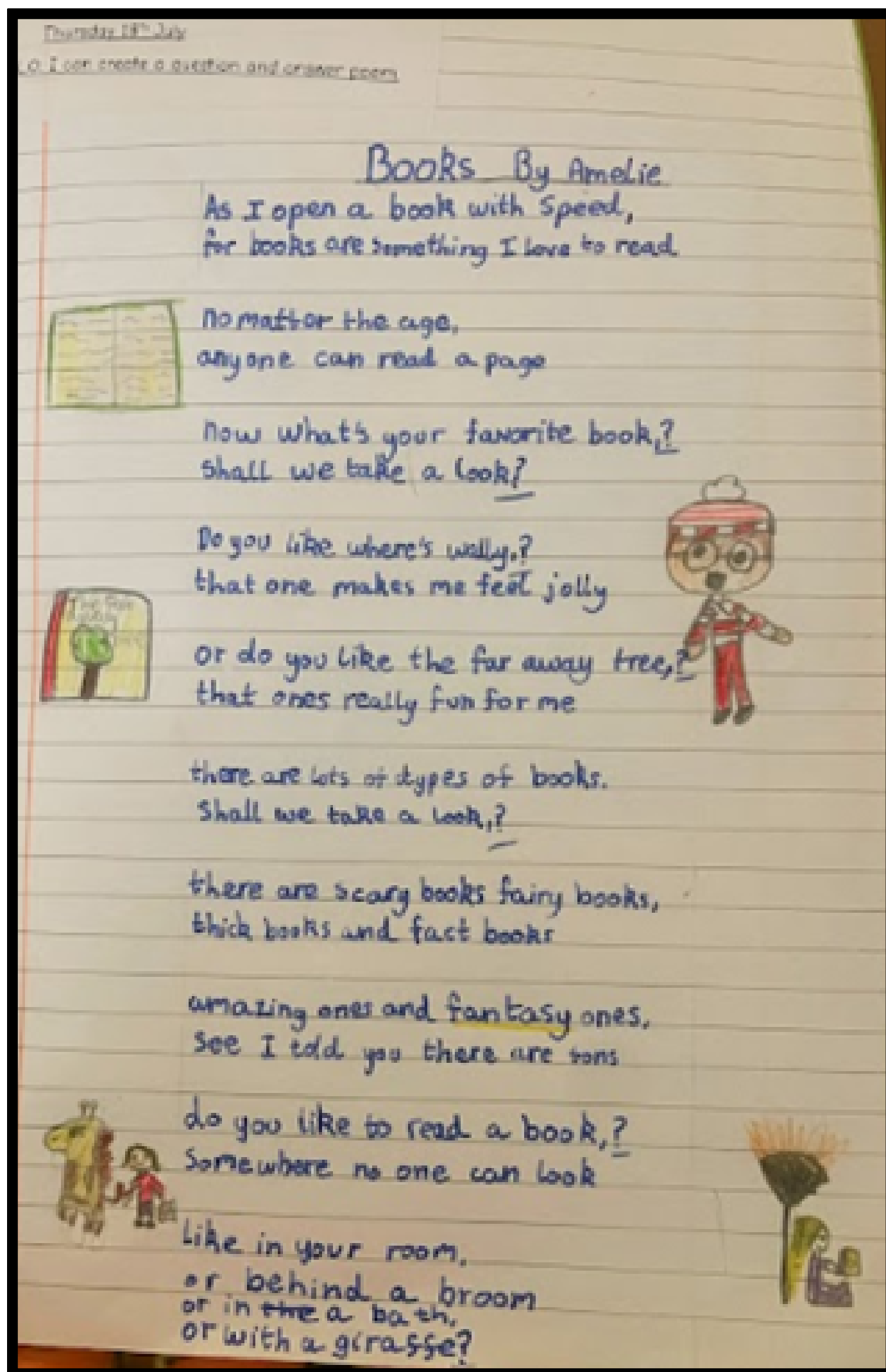
Next, I wanted to share some recent successes from the Rotary Young Writer Competition as reading plays such a crucial role in writing. We had three winners from year 4: Chloe and Amelie who received highly commended and Ella who was the overall winner for the district heats. When I asked Ella what she wanted do with her voucher prize, she said "Probably buy some books."





Poetry in Year 3

I am delighted to share Amelie and Georgia's poem with you as I think it truly demonstrates our strong, authentic reading culture in school. Brilliant and creative writing!



Sora: The right books for every student

Sora is an award-winning digital reading app that every child in our school can access in order to choose age-appropriate ebooks, audiobooks and more from School Library Service. Backed by the largest, most diverse catalog of digital books available to schools, Sora is an excellent reading resource. Children need to know their school Gmail address and password to log on.



Drama Workshop Days in Guildford

Follow the link below to find out more...

<https://www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk/holidayclubs/#:~:text=HOLIDAY%20CLUBS&text=Our%20fun%2Dfilled%20and%20activity,performance%20for%20family%20and%20friends>



Summer Reading Challenge

Finally, of course it is time for the SLS Summer Reading Challenge. I can't wait to see how many of you take part!

Have a fantastic summer holiday and happy reading!

Mrs Nelson

THE READING AGENCY

2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

LIBRARY

Join **FREE** at your library

Get rewards for reading!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a library building with a banner that says 'Marvellous Makers'. In front of the library, a group of diverse children are engaged in various activities: one girl in a wheelchair is taking a photo, a boy is playing a drum set, two girls are dancing, and another girl is using a walking stick. A dog is also present. The scene is set on a green lawn under a blue sky with a bright sun, stars, and a yellow ribbon.



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