HILLSTONE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Books and reading are things that we love and value all year round at Hillstone, but next week is a week where we celebrate them even more than usual — it's our Hillstone Literary Festival!

Here's a taster of what will be happening:

- The week launches with a visit from the author Catherine Barr with all children (from Reception upwards) meeting her and learning about her books and her life as an author. She will then be around after school, in the stage by the junior playground, to sell and sign her books (see details on page below).
- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes will be visiting the local library.
- All classes will be paired up with another one, allowing children of different ages to share books with one another.
- Story time in classes will feel a bit different from normal as teachers will invite other adults to read to their class, as well as bringing in their own favourite books to share and asking their class to do the same.
- Some lessons will be inspired by books that teachers really want to share with their class.
- The week ends with our poetry slams. All KS1 and KS2 children will perform a poem with their class and of course watch the other classes perform. EYFS will have two poetry slams, allowing all Nursery children to take part, and they will have a special guest class from KS1 or KS2 joining them too.

Keep up-to-date with all things Hillstone Literary Festival by following @hillstoneps on Twitter.



CATHERING BARR IS COMING TO SCHOOL

Catherine writes books to spark questions, inspire curiosity and provoke action to protect the natural world.

After campaigning with Greenpeace for years, she trained as a journalist and became Editor at the Natural History Museum, writing exhibitions. She wrote her first book The Story of Life after searching in vain for a simple science book about evolution for her children.

Catherine runs workshops on evolution, endangered species and many other issues that have inspired her books.

