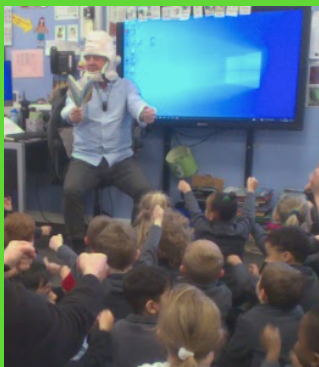


## Steve Skidmore



A brilliant day was had by all when Steve Skidmore visited Old Park.

The day kick-started in Reception where Steve transported the children to Outer Space!

Steve then taught Y1 and Y2 how to pilot a rocket; they had some tricky decisions to make to ensure that they avoided a crash-landing.



Y3 and Y4 took on the role of Viking Warriors entering battle, commanded by their leaders. They also saved the day in the role of Action Dogs.



Y5 and Y6 explored Romeo and Juliet. They learnt about the process of turning a play script into a graphic novel.



Our Reading Ambassadors enjoyed spending the day with Steve and asked him lots of questions.

### What inspired you to become an author?

As I was a secondary school teacher, I wanted to write books that my students would want to read.

### What are your tips for writing?

Read lots! Write lots! Repeat!

Base your stories on real life experiences - you are the expert about you! Everyone has an interesting story to tell.



### What is your favourite book?

Winnie-the-Pooh! Every time I read it, I am amazed at how cleverly written it is, particularly the part when Winnie-the-Pooh tries to deceive the bees with a balloon.



# Harriet Muncaster

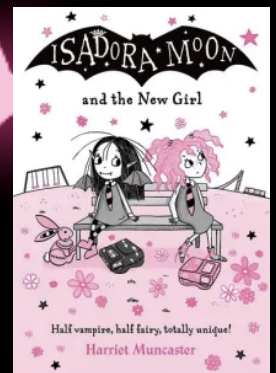
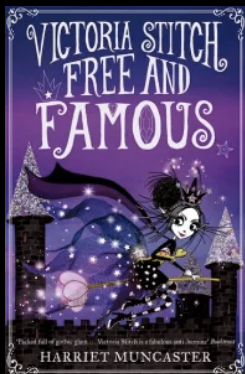
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## ISADORA MOON

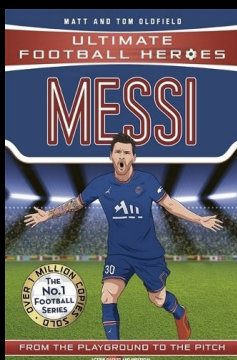
### Author of the Month

Harriet Muncaster is the author of the Isadora Moon series as well as Mirabelle, Emerald and Victoria Stitch. Harriet loves everything magical, sparkly, and teeny-tiny. She has a passion for creating miniature people and worlds.

Harriet studied Illustration at college and completed a Master's Degree in Children's Book Illustration. Harriet has illustrated all of her own books including picture books!



### Non-Fiction Reads



#### Ultimate Football Heroes, Messi by Matt and Tom Oldfield

Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world.

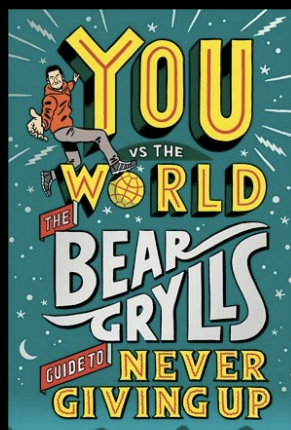
Lionel Messi is a legend - Barcelona's star player and the world's best footballer. But when was young, he was so small that his friends called him 'Little Leo' and coaches worried he wasn't big enough. Messi tells the

magical story of how the tiniest boy in South America grew up to become the greatest player on earth.

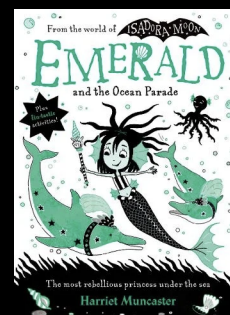


#### You vs The World by Bear Grylls

The Bear Grylls Guide to Never Giving Up retells Bear Grylls' most extreme adventures in a kid-friendly way. He shares the life lessons he's learned along the way, and how the skills needed to survive in the wild can be used in everyday life. From finding confidence to bouncing back from failure, Bear gives children the tools they need to survive and thrive in their own lives.



### Fiction Reads



#### Emerald and the Ocean Parade by Harriet Muncaster

From the world of Isadora Moon, Emerald is learning how to be a mermaid princess, but she doesn't feel like one at all. She's not very good at waving to crowds and royal

headdresses just aren't her thing - her hair is too spiky and wild. Emerald's wriggly pet octopus, Inkibelle, doesn't much like living at the royal palace either.



#### Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her?



With her friends - Robert and Malkin, (her mechanical fox), Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.