



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been given the opportunity to have a published illustrator and author in school to work with our EYFS and Key Stage One children on Friday the 30th of June 2017.

Duncan Beedie will work with the children on "The Bear Who Stared", an illustrated tale about a bear who tries to fit in with the other animals, as well as "The Lumberjack's Beard" which combines an entrancing story with environmental themes.



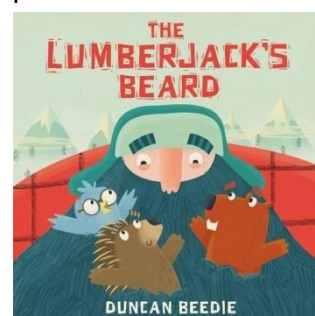
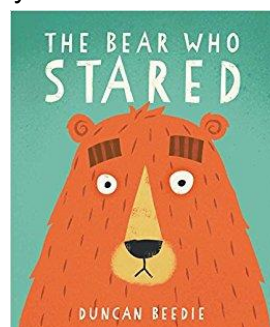
Duncan has presented his work to schools and audiences at family festivals and I will be in attendance at all sessions alongside him. We anticipate that Duncan's workshops (involving both books) will run for approximately an hour and a half for each year group from Foundation stage to Year 2 inclusive. The children will discuss the books, draw out the meaning of the vocabulary, look at the themes and take part in some illustration workshops. Each session will be tailored to the interests and abilities of the year group. In the afternoon, EYFS and KS1 will come together for a reading by Duncan of both books.

There is absolutely no charge for this experience. However, as Duncan is volunteering his time, please could I urge you to support him by purchasing a copy of one or both books which will be available for sale from the office before and after school next week? The school will also benefit by being given a proportion of the profits on each and every sale made. Duncan will be happy to sign each book with your child's name and a personal message on Friday.

The Bear Who Stared-£6.99

The Lumberjack's Beard-£6.99

I hope you will agree with me that this is a really unique and exciting opportunity to bring learning to life for our younger children. Please contact me if you have any questions with regard to the above.



Thank you for your continued support,

R. Howard, Acting Headteacher.



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