



Our fourth annual Stockbridge Primary BookFest in March 2023 explored 'Togetherness'. Hugely popular guest visits brought children together with some of their favourite authors, illustrators, storytellers and comic makers...

Morag Hood

Our Nursery children enjoyed a wonderful session with picture book superstar Morag Hood, thanks to the Scottish Book Trust's Live Literature programme. This warm, engaging and hands-on session was such a treat!



Morag is an award-winning picture book author and illustrator. Her many books include *I Am Bat*, *Spaghetti Hunters*, *Brenda is a Sheep*, *Aalfred and Aalbert* and the *Sophie Johnson* series. Her books have been included in the BookBug bags three times and are well-loved by preschoolers, so it was amazing for our Nursery children to meet her in person!

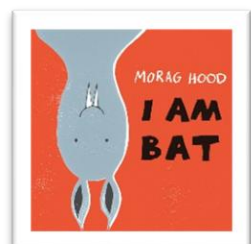
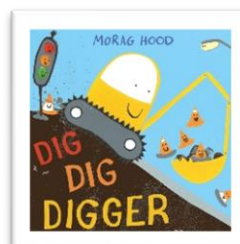
Morag read fan-favourite *I Am Bat*, much to the children's delight. It was lovely to hear the story read by the person who created it!



Morag then showed the children how she draws Bat. They really enjoyed seeing the character appear before them as Morag drew!



Morag introduced her brand-new book, *Dig Dig Digger*, which had only been published a few weeks before! She read the story to the children.



Finally Morag led the children in a collage activity, where they created their own diggers. The children let loose with their own boundless creativity, making an angry digger, a digger with two arms, a digger with luxuriant hair and a digger entirely hidden by mud, among many others! It was a hugely enjoyable activity.



Bookfest has gifted copies of *Dig, Dig, Digger*, *I Am Bat*, *Spaghetti Hunters*, *Brenda is a Sheep*, *Aalfred and Aalbert* and *Grandad is a Penguin* to the Nursery, to be enjoyed by Stockbridge children both now and in the future.



Thank you, Morag, for coming to spend time with us in Stockbridge Primary Nursery! We had so much fun!



Thank You...

- ... to Morag Hood
- ... to Scottish Book Trust's Live Literature fund
- ... to everyone who supported BookFest's 'Bakes into Books' fundraising bake sale
- ... to Julie Richardson at Ginger and Pickles Children's Bookshop
- ... to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Ashbrook and the Nursery team
- ... to the BookFest volunteer organising team of Meredith and Hazel, and to Jenny

Stockbridge Primary School

Stockbridge Primary School is a City of Edinburgh non-denominational local authority school and nursery, with approximately 275 pupils aged 3 to 12 years. Stockbridge Primary's Parent Council works in partnership with staff both to fundraise for the school and to deliver events and resources that enrich pupils' experience and the school environment. BookFest is organised by members of the Stockbridge Primary teaching staff, parent volunteers and members of the Parent Council.