

# Royal Reading!

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Ruby and Daniel (Year 6 pupils), attended the celebration of a project involving a collaboration between the Primary School Library Alliance and the National Literary Trust (NLT).

Shirehampton Primary School in Bristol welcomed Her Majesty Queen Camilla on Her Majesty's first solo engagement since the Coronation, to officially open their new school library, and the first in a series of 50 special primary school libraries to mark the 2023 Coronation...and we were invited. Joined by Mrs Bunn and Miss Gooch, Ruby and Daniel took part in a special workshop where they worked with other pupils from different primary schools from around the country, to design their dream library. We reflected on how fortunate we are at Dashwood to have our new library in 'The Grove' that is filled with so many wonderful page-turners and features our enchanting tree that umbrellas the reading area. Their dream library also included a stream and flying books. We'll see what Mrs Gordon-Weeks, our Principal, says about those creative ideas and whether we can get a stream running through The Grove!



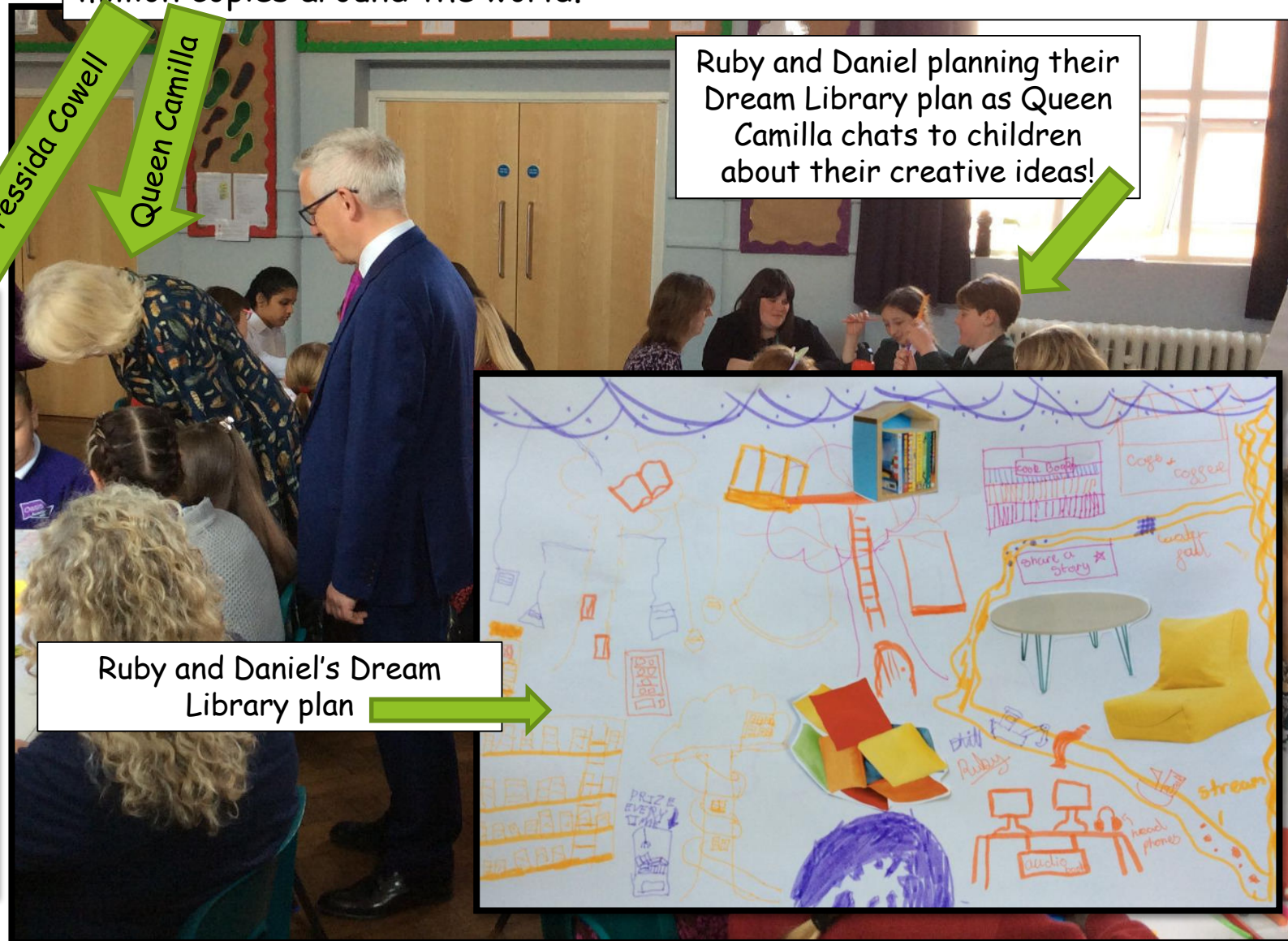


On the day, we also met Malorie Blackman and Cressida Cowell - two very famous children authors.

**Malorie Blackman** OBE is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She writes literature and television drama for children and young adults. A fantastic book of hers, for older children, is *Noughts and Crosses*.



**Cressida Cowell** MBE is a British children's author, popularly known for the book series, *How to Train Your Dragon*, which has subsequently become an award-winning franchise as adapted for the screen by DreamWorks Animation. As of 2015, the series has sold more than seven million copies around the world.



Ruby and Daniel planning their Dream Library plan as Queen Camilla chats to children about their creative ideas!

Ruby and Daniel's Dream Library plan



Meeting children's author Malorie Blackman...



Find out more about this day at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-65632254>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/her-majesty-queen-camilla-launches-national-literacy-trust-coronation-library-initiative-at-bristol-primary-school/>

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2023-05-18/queen-camilla-sketches-crown-for-bristol-school-kids-on-first-solo-trip>

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...and children's author Cressida Cowell





# Reading recommendations!

To mark the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort in May, the National Literacy Trust, in partnership with digital bank, Chase, ran a very special 2023 Children's Book Celebration to crown the top 23 children's books. They invited all primary-aged pupils from across the UK to vote for their all-time favourite book to create the Chase Coronation Booklist.

We know that reading for pleasure can change future prospects for you, our pupils, and ultimately help you to unlock your true potential. Here are some books to spark your love of reading! Look out for some that you can borrow from our Dashwood library!



You may also like to read these best-sellers by the authors that we met:

| Books by Malorie Blackman           | Books by Cressida Cowell                         |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Pig Heart Boy (10 - 11 years)       | How to train your dragon (7 years +)             |
| Hacker (10 - 11 years)              | Which way to anywhere (8 - 10 years)             |
| Noughts and Crosses (10 - 11 years) | The wizards of once (9 -11 years)                |
| Cloud busting (7 years +)           | That rabbit belongs to Emily Brown (3 - 8 years) |



## The Chase Coronation Booklist

The top 23 books voted for by children across the country to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



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