‘Celebrating A World of Stories’

**Featured books** There are so many exciting books to choose from and here are some titles which have caught my eye -

**Hilary McKay’s Fairy Tales.** Macmillan

A re-imagining of some favourites tales creating new, imaginative and lively stories delightfully illustrated by Sarah Gibb

**The Sorry Tale of Fox and Bear,** by Margrete Lamond and Heather Vallance. Old Barn Books

A story of trickery and friendship from Australia, with atmospheric charcoal illustrations.

**A Jigsaw of Fire and Stars** by Yaba Badoe, published by Zephyr/ Head of Zeus

Sante was washed ashore in a sea chest and now a teenager and performer in Mama Rose’s unique circus, she is determined to discover her past whatever horrors it might reveal. (YA)

**Elise and the Second Hand Dog** by Bjarne Reuter, Kirsten Raagard and Sian Mackie. Wacky Bee books

Elise persuades her father to let her have a dog and is delighted when he talks. A amusing tale of their adventures in Copenhagen.

**The Parrot and the Merchant,** by Rumi, Pipa Goodhart and Marjan Vafaian. Tiny Owl

Exquisite illustrations tell the story of the merchant who learns a lesson about looking after the things you love.

*Here are some useful links -*

**Tiny Owl Publishers** - www.tinyowl.co.uk

**Firefly Press** - www.fireflypress.co.uk

**EmpathyLab** – www.empathylab.uk have produced a list of 30 stories encouraging empathy

**Book Trust In Other Words** initiative – encouraging publishers to publish books in translation – www.booktrust.org.uk

**Riveting Reads, A World of Books in Translation** by Joy Court and Daniel Hahn

**www.kidsout.org.uk** – a collection of traditional and original stories from around the world

**www.restlessbooks.com** - literature from around the globe.