



PRESS RELEASE

Wellington Eagles Primary Academy Wins Lit in Colour Award

After a big win, Wellington Eagles Primary Academy receives 100 books by authors of colour from Penguin Books UK.

The Wellington Eagles were successfully chosen by Penguin to receive 100 books by authors of colour as well as 15 copies of Sharna Jackson's *The Good Turn*. The school has now received the books and has started to put them to good use. They have been put into our library for all of our children to access, included are authors such as Adeline Yen Mah, who has written a Chinese Cinderella trilogy, and Benjamin Zephaniah's story of *Funky Chickens*.

Lit in Colour was created in 2020 by Penguin Books UK and the Runnymede Trust. Their aim was to provide schools with the support and tools they need to introduce more books by people of colour into classrooms for all ages. Penguin has supported schools to make change through Lit in Colour by publishing free interactive teaching resources for all ages as well as donating thousands of books to schools across the country.

The Runnymede Trust quoted, It is vital that the books we read in our formative years reflect the rich diversity of the society we live in. Books create a sense of belonging. They assist us in seeing and understanding one another. They shine a light on the world.

The School is proud to be part of Ascend Learning Trust. For more information on the Trust please visit ascendlearningtrust.org.uk



Head of School Sarah Johnson-Motyl finished by saying, **"It is such an honour to not only be recognised by Penguin Books, but to win is just the next step to helping our school become the best it can. These new books will help us actively promote British values through a rich and diverse curriculum. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that teaches elements of democracy, civic responsibility, rules and laws, the monarchy, equality, values and virtues, environmental awareness, and understanding of other faiths."**