



## Would you like an owl to read you a story?

An owl robot designed to read story books to children at bedtime will go on sale in the America later this year. The owl, named Luka, will be targeted to children between the ages of two and eight. The idea behind the story reading owl is to encourage children to learn to read themselves but some may feel that the task should be carried out by their parents.

*Do you think this is replacing the role of adults? Let us know!*



*Pictured: Children reading their own books.*

## What's the UK's favourite car colour?



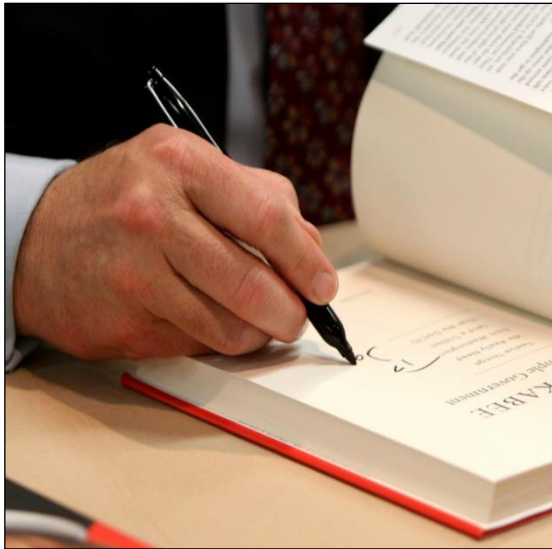
*A silver car and a blue car.*

In 2017, black was the most popular colour of new cars purchased according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. More than half a million black cars, 1 in 5 of all new sales, were sold last year. White was the most popular colour in 2016, but is now in third place, with grey in second.

The fastest growing colour of 2017 was gold! Although it remained quite a low choice with only 2 out of every 1000 new cars being sold. Aside from colour, 2017 wasn't a great year for car sales, as new purchases fell for the first time in six years.



## Future authors take note!



An author signing his book.

The annual short story competition for children aged 5 to 13, called '500 Words' has launched on Chris Evans's BBC Radio 2 Breakfast show. The winners will be revealed on 8 June at the Hampton Court Palace Festival. Their prize will include a ride around the palace in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, plus Tea on the Thames on the Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana. The rules simply ask that entries are no more than 500 words long. The Duchess of Cornwall is judging, along with authors Malorie Blackman, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Charlie Higson and Francesca Simon.

To enter and to find out more, visit the website found here:  
<http://bbc.in/2FCQAVb>

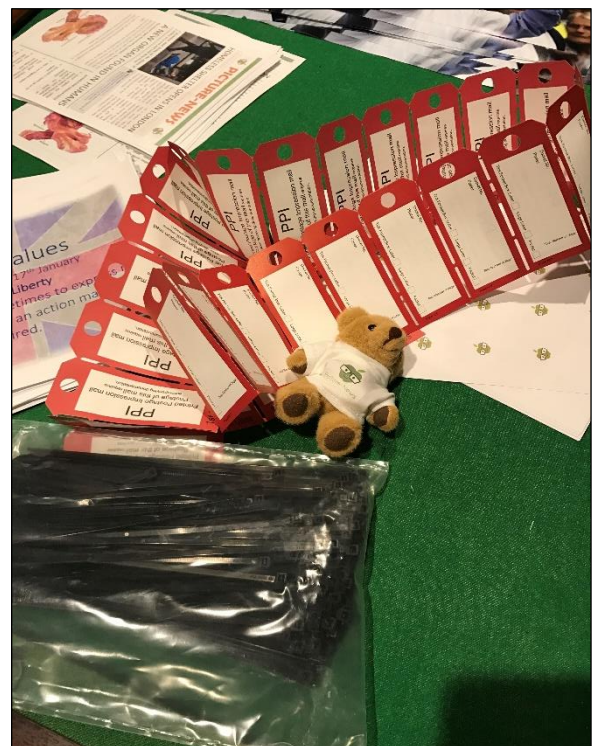
## Peter the Picture News bear is back!

We're delighted to bring back Peter the Picture News bear for 2018! He's been keeping busy helping to prepare the resources at the Picture News office over the past few months but he's ready for some new adventures now we're into the New Year!

Peter loves to visit new places and experience new things so if you have any exciting trips or events planned at your school, get in touch!

We also love to hear about his adventures and will publish the best articles and photos taken by future journalists!

*If you'd like a bear for your class or school, please send us a letter or an email using our contact details below.*



Peter, pictured at the Picture News office.



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