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YEAR 5 HAD A VISIT FROM DEBORAH ABELA

On Friday 2 March, we had the first visit for the year from an author.

Well-renowned author, Deborah Abela came to talk to Year 5. She is a prolific Australian author and some of her books include: *Max Remy Superspy* books, *Jasper Zammit Soccer Legend*, *Wolfie: An Unlikely Hero*, *The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee*, *Teresa - A New Australian - New City*, and *Grimsdon*

Deborah told the students the secret to writing stories: it has to have three basic ingredients: Characters, location and a complication. She also said that she is always thinking 'I wonder what would happen if...' The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and felt inspired to write.

One of her novels, *Teresa A New Australian*, tells the story of a young girl and her family who survive the bombing of Malta during WW2, before migrating to Australia to start a new life. The following video uses footage from a trip to Malta in October 2016, where the book was launched by President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca at her palace. https://youtu.be/0gll0DfCil8

Deborah is busy writing the third and final book of *Grimsdon*, which is due out in August of this year.

Deborah's site: https://www.deborahabela.com/

The students were extremely polite and engaged and represented our College well. Deb's visit is the first author visit for the year. Every year group in P-2 will be meeting an author during 2019.

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