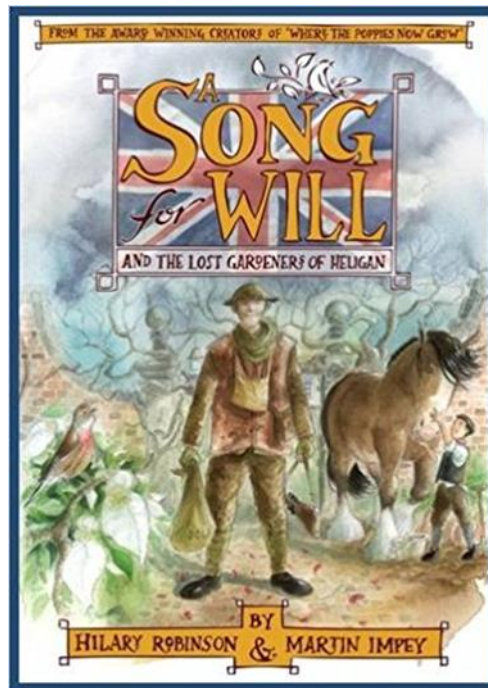


## Author visit: Hilary Robinson



Last Friday, the author of this beautiful book agreed to come and talk to groups of our Year 7 and 8 pupils.

As you will be able to see, the book reflects on the experiences of men during the war which fits very well with our study of war poetry and Private Peaceful in Year 8.

It was also topical, coming so soon after Remembrance Day, and an opportunity for the Year 7s to listen to someone explain how a book comes into being in preparation for their creative writing work.

We learnt about the collaboration between the author and illustrator, and the need for meticulous historical research, even when the target is younger children.

Did you know that the verb 'to chat' did not exist before the First World War? A chat is a slang name for a louse...so, when the men were idly talking, whilst de-licing each other, it came to be known as 'chatting'.

If you would like to get a flavour of the morning, please click on the picture to access an introduction to the book on Youtube.