

# Thirsk Community Primary School



## Reading Newsletter

November 2022



### Reading Ambassadors 2022

A huge congratulations to our pupils who have been chosen to be our 2022 – 23 Reading Ambassadors! These people are; Gary, Lily- Grace, Elsie, Oscar, Harry, Sabaina, Lola, and Cassidy 😊

Over the year the ambassadors will be sharing with you why they love to read, and some book recommendations. Here is what three of our ambassadors had to say.

Name : Sabaina

Year: 6

Book: The Boy at the Back of the Class

Author: Onjali Rauf

*In the story the boy moves to England because his home country was not safe. I like it because the main character wants the boy to feel welcome here.*

*I love to read because it can take you to a new world. I can understand the world with my reading.*

Name : Gary

Year : 1

Book : Shark in the Dark

Author : Peter Bently

*Sharks are my favourite animal and I love the shark in this book because he is a bit chompy! It is funny and it will make you laugh.*

*I wanted to be an ambassador because I have got really good at reading and I have tried really hard with it.*

Name : Cassidy

Year : 5

Book : Escape Room

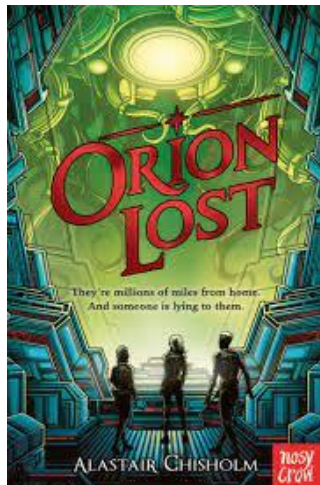
Author : Christopher Edge

*This story is about five people who have the task of escaping a room to save the world!*

*In my Reading Ambassador role, I want to show people that reading is fun. I think books can open your imagination and paint amazing pictures inside your head.*

### Mrs Walls Recommended Reads

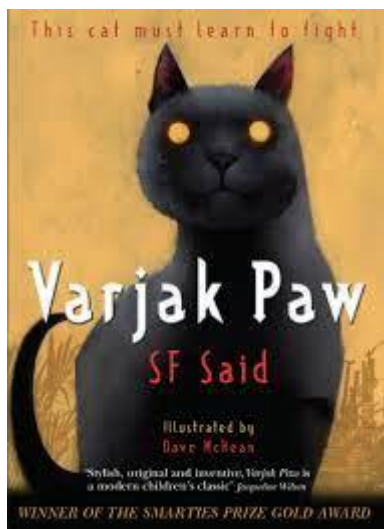
Over the October half term holiday I read many great books, here are my top three.



#### Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm

I could not put this book down and ended up reading it in one go! Set in the future, in space, this story is full of surprises. It has a great twist towards the end, one that I was not expecting! The story follows a group of children who need to work as a team. It includes spaceships, space pirates, and artificial intelligence! The end leaves you wondering about how humans treat the unknown.

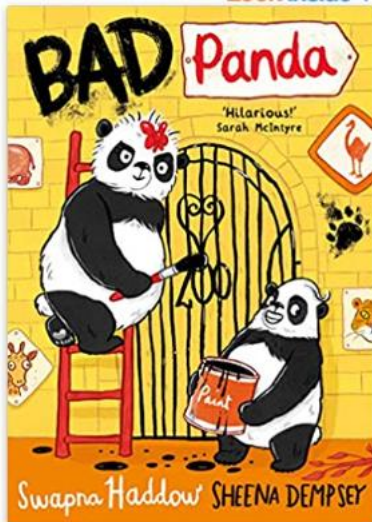
Recommended for : Years 5 and 6



#### Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Think Karate Kid/ Cobra Kai meets cat, and this is Varjak Paw! A story about belonging and not belonging, with a sense of danger and adventure. You will be rooting for Varjak as the story develops, hoping that he can learn enough about 'the way of the Paw', and about himself to emerge on top!

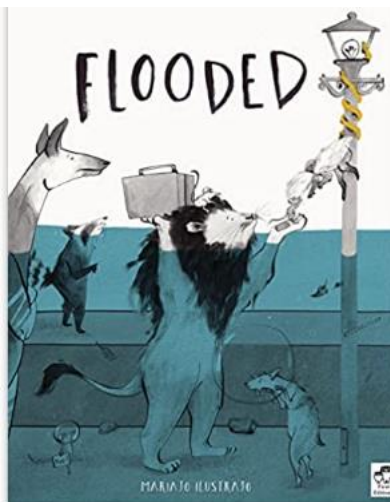
Recommended for : Years 3 plus



**Bad Panda** 1982 by Swapna Haddow

Reading how Lin the panda is 'a bit of a rotter' had me laughing out loud. The story is about Lin trying her very hardest to break away from her fluffy-wuffy image and failing! I loved how the book felt like a comic and a story at the same time.

Recommended for : Year 2



**Flooded** by Mariojo Ilustrajo

This story tells the tale of teamwork in a disaster! The animals quickly realise how they need to behave to help one another, but also how to prevent the problem happening again. With a climate change theme running throughout, the group of animals find out how to be bold when they feel their voices are small.

Recommended for : Reception – Year 4

### Reading Raffle Winners

As you will be aware, we are an Everyone Everyday school for reading. Adults at school monitor reading records, and when a pupil has read five times a week – they receive two tickets to enter in the Reading Raffle. If they read four times a week- they receive one ticket, any less and no tickets are entered. Each week a winner is picked at random at our whole school Reading Assembly. The prize is to go book shopping with Mrs Wall at the White Rose Bookshop in Thirsk.

Last terms winners were Daisy – Rae, Jacob, Harry and Kai. Unfortunately, Daisy- Rae was poorly on the bookshop visit day, but she will join Mrs Wall next time!

Jacob, Harry and Kai pictured with their chosen books. The boys read the beginning of the books back at school, and then presented them to the whole school at the Reading Assembly. They each spoke with eloquently, explaining why they chose the book and who might like to lend it from the school library.



The chosen books – available from our school library soon!

