

Thirsk Community Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Author of the Term

To help discussion around our School Values of Compassion and Respect, our first Author of the Term is R.J Palacio, author of the story Wonder.

With a mixture of humour, sadness, and relatable themes, the book has the reader on a roller coaster of emotions. Auggie, a ten year old who has been home-schooled until now, is beginning school for the first time.

Auggie was born with facial abnormalities and dreams of being ordinary, fitting in, and making friends at his new school. The book chronicles his unbelievable first year at school, where he learns what his talents are and what friendship is.

Wonder Reviews

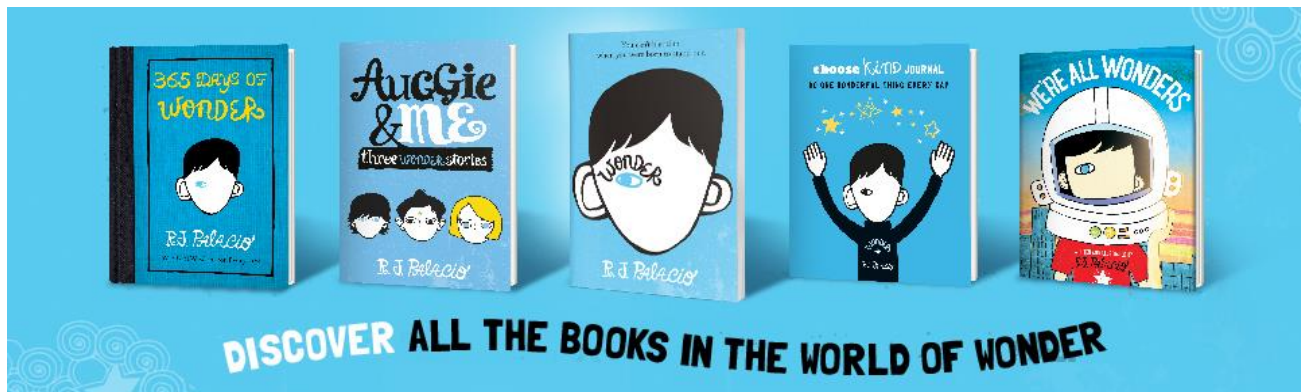
"An amazing book... I absolutely cried my eyes out", Tom Fletcher.

"This book made me laugh, made me angry, made me cry, then made me laugh again", Malorie Blackman.

"Dark, funny and touching", The Guardian

"I want to travel back in time and give this book to my younger self, then maybe I would have acted more like Jack", Tom Gates.

A recommended read aloud to 7 – 10 year olds, read independently 9 – 11 year olds.



Key Stage 1 Reading Assembly (Picture book) Key stage 2 Reading Assembly (Chapter book)

Thirsk Pop-up Library

As you may already know, our school works in close partnership with Thirsk Community Library. Staff from the Library visit children in the Early Years and Key Stage One each half term. They bring with them some beautiful picture books for the children to lend. In order to do this, adults need to have completed a sign up form – this ensures your child receives a library card. Each new starter from across Early Years and Key Stage One have had a sign up form sent home. Please return these to the class teacher by Thursday 14th September – their first visit is Friday 15th.

Children are welcome to keep the Thirsk Library book until they return the following half term, but you may choose to hand it over to a school member of staff before this if you wish.

Book Club

Mrs Wall will be running a book club on a Tuesday lunch time in the library. She has some exciting projects planned, or you can choose to use the time to relax with a book! Class teachers will be advising on how to sign up for this.

Autumn Class Core Text – Key Stage 2

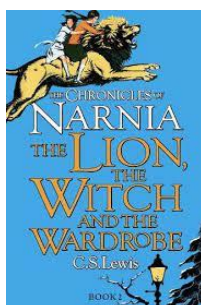
Year 3



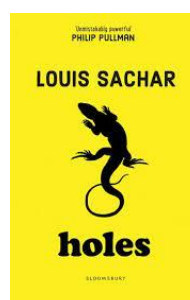
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Reading Ambassadors 2023- 24

A huge congratulations to our new Reading Ambassadors; Charlotte, Leo, Ben, Esme, and Archie. They will be working to support Mrs Wall with Reading for Pleasure at school.



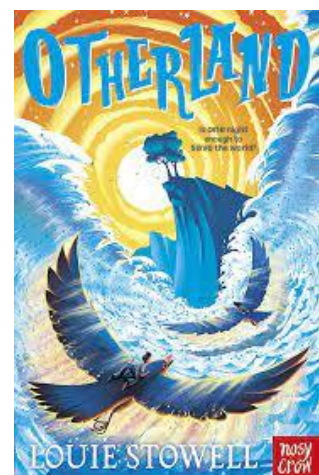
Recommended Reads by Mrs Wall

Over the holiday Mrs Wall was able to double her intake of books – she actually read 13 books over the 6 weeks! Here are her top recommendations.

Year 5 and 6

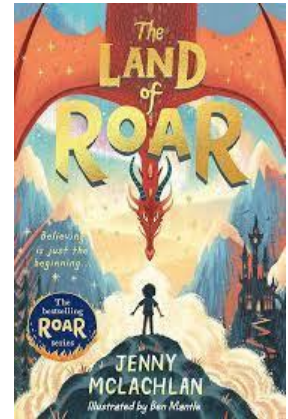
Otherland

Otherland has a dangerous magical underworld – a place appearances can be deceiving and anything can happen. A world of gods, vampires and fairies.



The Land of Roar

Dragons, a scarecrow army, AND unicorns – this book has them all! A magical mystery that will have you hooked from chapter 1!



Year 3 and 4

The Shark Caller

A spell binding adventure of friendship, forgiveness and bravery, set on the shores of Papua New Guinea.



Agent Weasel

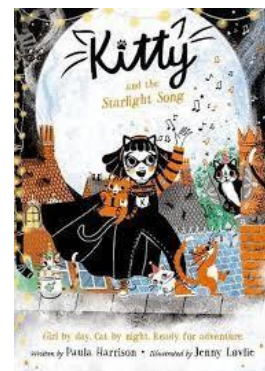
It's opening night of the Winter Games, but all is not well in the United Woodlands. Top animal athletes are disappearing, and there are whispers of a beast on the prowl!



Year 2

Kitty

Girl by day. Cat by night. Ready for adventure! This chapter book series is purrfect for newly confident readers who are looking for superhero stories.



Peanut and Jones

Some legends are born, some are drawn . . .

Famous works of art are disappearing from all over the world. One moment they are there, the next, they have crumbled to dust. Peanut Jones, artist and adventurer, and her friends suspect it might have something to do with the magical world of Chroma and the wicked Mr White's plot to wipe out colour, art and creativity!



Reception and Year 1 – Laugh out loud reads!

