

Reading Newsletter

January 2022



Author of the Month

Our new Author of the Month is Chris Riddell.

Chris Riddell is a prolific writer and illustrator. He is known especially for his distinctive line drawings with their clever caricature, fascinating detail and often enchanting fantasy elements!

As a child, Chris admired the work of John Tenniel, the first illustrator of Alice in Wonderland, and E H Shepard, the illustrator of The Wind in the Willows and Winnie the Pooh. His interest in drawing was encouraged by his mother, when she gave him a paper and pen to keep him quiet during his vicar father's sermons!

Chris has worked widely with a variety of collaborators: Paul Stewart on the Muddle Earth, Edge Chronicles and Wyrmsweald series; Neil Gaiman on The Graveyard Book, and Russell Brand on Trickster Tales. He is most popular in our school with his Goth Girl series of books. We love him because he writes and illustrates for all ages 😊

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Coming up at our Reading Assemblies.



Book Match!

When we talk to pupils about their favourite authors, we often hear the same well-known writers mentioned, for example Roald Dahl, Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson. It is great that our children can talk about these authors and that they have discovered an author they love! But, what happens when the titles run out!? To help children discover new writers that we think they will enjoy – we have Book Match in the Reading Newsletter.

This month we focus on J. K. Rowling. Harry Potter fans will enjoy these ↓



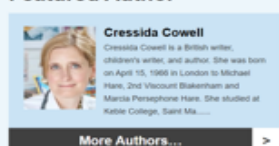


We know that reading for pleasure is high on the agenda for many of you who are Remote Learning, so we thought we would take this opportunity to remind you about the Reading Cloud.

Reading Cloud is a blockbuster of a resource that we are very proud to have at Thirsk Community Primary School. It offers so much more than a traditional library – pupils can still check out and request books, but there are many more functions to explore! It enables users to chat online with fellow class members about books and authors, pupils can blog about books, recommend resources, and write and record a video book review. Reading Cloud even lets pupils share their home library with friends. This is a great, cloud-based literary community resource that encourages reading for pleasure, which is perfect for Remote learning.

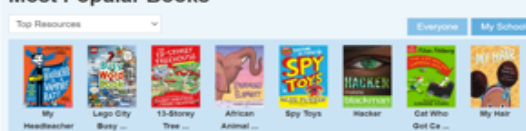


Featured Author



All of our children have a Reading Cloud log in (given to them by their class teacher) and can access the platform from home. If you are looking for ideas for Remote learning, then look no further because there is plenty to inspire on the Home Page!

Most Popular Books



The Home Page includes a Star Review segment, a Featured Author section, Post-it style notelets that feature word of the day, and a fact of the day.

It features real-life authors in the flesh talking about their books, and if pupils want to find a particular author then Who's Next? will help you. The Trending box contains words, authors and titles that are the most searched and at the foot of the page you will find a collection of the 100 most popular books to click on and read. Pupils can even search the most popular books at our school!

Pupils at home can have, take a quiz, write a review, watch an author video as well as make their own.

Mrs Wall, our Reading Lead, will be 'shouting out' any new reviews added by our pupils during the weekly Reading Assembly – which all children will have access to. So, keep calm and read on!

Star Review

