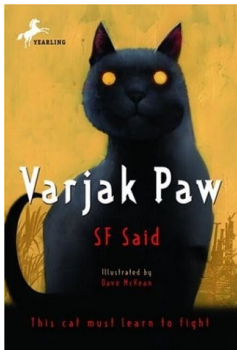




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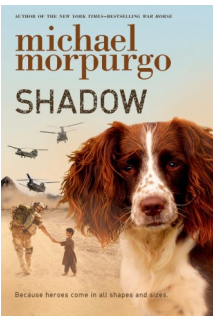
# Reading Newsletter

I was lucky enough to have some books for Christmas and so my pile of books to read is getting taller! That's my reading goal for 2022. I wonder what you are hoping to read this year? Why not try a new author for a new year. There are so many books for you to discover in our library. Chat to Mrs Breen or the Junior Librarians for recommendations. They may just find you the book you have always wanted to read! Happy Reading.



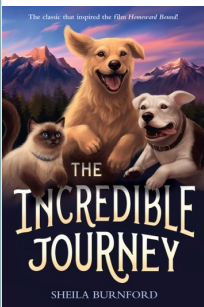
## Cats and Dogs!

**Varjak Pak** by **SF Said** is an award winning book about a cats journey out into the world, away from his safe pampered homelife, into the scary city. Travelling with his Grandfather, Varjak must seek help to protect his family from the mysterious Gentleman and his two black cats and face the evil Sally Bones!



**Michael Morpurgo** is the master author for animal stories, there are so many to choose from. **Shadow** is about a brave dog and the boy he is destined to protect, Aman. They are thrown together in the chaos of the Afghan war. Both boy and dog need each other to survive and escape the dangerous situation they are both in.

Other cat and dog related books by Michael Morpurgo include; Born to Run, A Medal for Leroy, Kasper Prince of Cats and The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips.



**The Incredible Journey** by **Sheila Burnford** is the heart-warming story of three friends, two dogs and a cat who are forced to set out to find their owners across the wilderness of Canada and all the dangerous obstacles they must overcome to find them again. This great story has been turned into a Disney film twice!

**Dog Man and Cat Kid** by **Dav Pilkey**, the author of Captain Underpants is a fun graphic novel. The library has a whole collection of Dog Man books. They are great easy reads and very popular. See if you can find one to read!



A favourite book quote: 'A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly... if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.' Roald Dahl from The Twits.

## My Book Choices By Mrs Yates.

### What did you like to read as a child?

As a child I loved to read The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. My Nan would visit us and sleep over at the weekends and she would read me the stories using all the funny voices. My mum would never let me stay up late but my nan would sneak into my room especially to read with me. I felt like we were being really naughty!

### Who is your favourite book character and why?

I love the character of Hermione Grainger from the Harry Potter series probably because I think that is who I am most like. I love reading and I like to follow the rules just like Hermione, I just wish I was as smart as she is.

### If you could only keep one book which would it be?

I would never be able to part with any of my Harry Potter collection. My favourite copies are the illustrated versions but I do love my signed pop up ones that have been designed by the actual Harry Potter set designers Mina Lima. I even make my family listen to the audio books when we are in the car!

### Which book would you like to read next?

This year I have been reading a series of books with my daughter Rose called Marshmallow Pie, about a Cat, a very glamorous cat who loves to be the centre of attention because he is so purrrfectly gorgeous. The next book he stars in a stage show and I cant wait to read it.



Book Week  
is coming!

Monday 28th February—  
Friday 4th March

### Three Owls.

Can you name the owl from the description and in which book they are found?

1. 'She hadn't brought him anything so far. She sometimes flew in to nibble his ear and have a bit of toast before going off to sleep in the owlery with the other school owls.'
2. 'He rang and he knocked and at last Owl came out and said "Go away I'm thinking. Oh, it's you" Which is how he always began. "Owl," said Rabbit shortly, "you and I have brains. The others have fluff.'
3. 'He was fat and fluffy. He had a beautiful heart-shaped ruff. He had enormous round eyes. He had very knackety knees. In fact he was exactly like every baby barn owl that had ever been except for one thing.'

Can you identify the Owls?  
(See below for the answers)

### Two Picture Books for Older Readers!

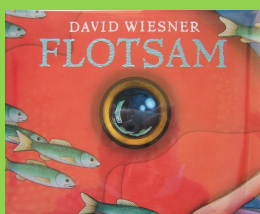
#### The Arrival by Shaun Tan.

This is a captivating book which really taps into the imagination of anyone who picks it up! The images reveal the emotions and realities of immigration and being a stranger in a new land.



#### Flotsam by David Wiesner.

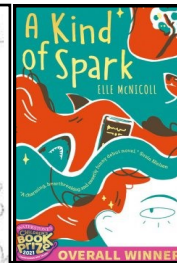
I love this book, and others too, by this author who has created other great picture story books. In this one readers need to use their inference skills to solve the mystery within from the photos taken by a camera washed up on a beach.



WHAT AN ASTONISHING THING A BOOK IS.  
IT'S A FLAT OBJECT MADE FROM A TREE WITH FLEXIBLE PARTS ON WHICH ARE IMPRINTED LOTS OF FUNNY DARK SQUIGGLES.  
BUT ONE GLANCE AT IT AND YOU'RE INSIDE THE MIND OF ANOTHER PERSON, MAYBE SOMEONE DEAD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.  
ACROSS THE MILLENNIA, AN AUTHOR IS SPEAKING CLEARLY AND SILENTLY INSIDE YOUR HEAD, DIRECTLY TO YOU.

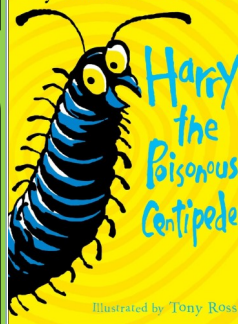
WRITING IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST OF HUMAN INVENTIONS, BINDING TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO NEVER KNEW EACH OTHER, CITIZENS OF DISTANT EPOCHS.  
BOOKS BREAK THE SHACKLES OF TIME.  
A BOOK IS PROOF THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF WORKING MAGIC.

CARL SAGAN

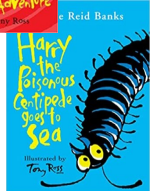
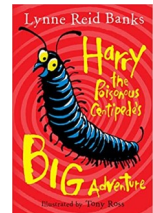


Winner of the Waterstones Book of the Year 2021, **A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicoll is a brilliant new book. Addie campaigns to change people's ideas about the witch trials that happened in her hometown many years ago and establish some kind of memorial to them. She hopes also to change their hearts and minds about her too! A great book which tackles bullying and personal courage.

Lynne Reid Banks



**Harry the Poisonous Centipede** by Lynne Reid Banks is a great story for Yr3/4 especially. Funny and engaging as the story is told from Harry's point of view. Follow him on his adventure, as Harry is not a very brave centipede, and is scared of those Hoo-Mins that live above ground. There are two more books about Harry the Poisonous Centipede you might also like to check out! 'Big Adventure' and 'Goes to Sea.'



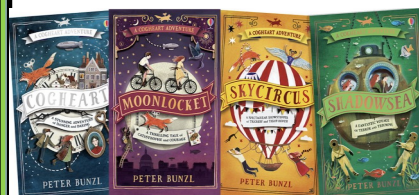
### Author Profile.— Peter Bunzl.

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I have recommended the wonderful Cogheart Series of books to you in a previous newsletter. They really are a fantastic read! You can find the books in our school library. Cogheart, Moonlocket, Skycircus and Shadowsea. I am so looking forward to reading his latest book, Featherlite. A great read for everyone. The story of Deryn, who lives on an island with her parents in a lighthouse. A magical story, where she has to keep the lighthouse light shining, to protect the boats in danger off the treacherous rocky coastline. See if you can find his website or follow him on twitter for information about his books!



1. Hedwig—The Philosopher's Stone 2. Owl—The House at Pooh Corner 3. Plop—The Owl who was afraid of the dark

Thank you for reading! Mr Rotherham.