

# The Redmile Reader

## Reading Newsletter



### Autumn Term

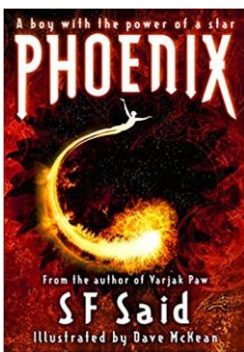
#### Author Spotlight

A message to our school from **SF Said!**



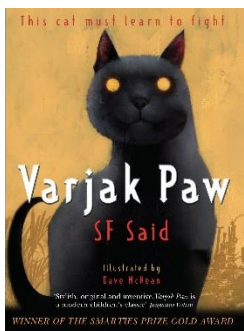
I'd like to say a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the children, parents and teachers at Redmile Primary School! I understand you've been reading my books, *Varjak Paw* and *Phoenix*. This means a huge amount to me. The books I read and loved when I was at school changed my life; they made me a reader and a writer, and they've always stayed with me. That's why children's books are the most important books of all, and why I decided to write them myself.

I don't find writing easy. *Varjak Paw* took me 5 years, and *Phoenix* took 7. But all the hard work feels worthwhile when I hear that young readers like you at Redmile have enjoyed my work.



All the evidence shows that reading really is life-changing. Children who read for their own enjoyment are more likely to succeed in every way than children who don't – not just at school, but also later on in life. So the best thing schools can do for kids is to build a real reading culture, and it's crucial that parents are part of this. So thank you all for working so hard to inspire the love of reading! I hope my next book will be ready for you to read soon. This one is called *TYGER*, and I'm currently 6 and a half years into writing it. I think it's nearly there – but it takes as long as it takes to make a book as good as you possibly can, and that's always my ambition. Children's books are too important to give it anything less!

With best wishes,  
SF Said



#### Grantham Library Opening Hours

Monday	9:00 – 5:00
Tuesday	9:00 – 5:00
Wednesday	9:00 – 5:00
Thursday	9:00 – 6:00
Friday	9:00 – 5:00
Saturday	9:00 – 4:00
Sunday	Closed

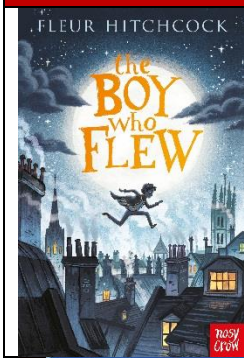
#### Mobile Library

Visits the second Thursday of every month outside the school.

11 Apr	11 Jul	10 Oct
9 May	8 Aug	14 Nov
13 Jun	12 Sep	12 Dec



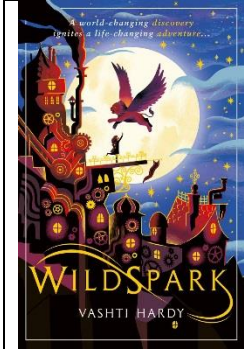
## Fiction: What's New...



### 'The Boy who Flew' by Fleur Hitchcock

Aimed at: Year 5 & 6 readers.

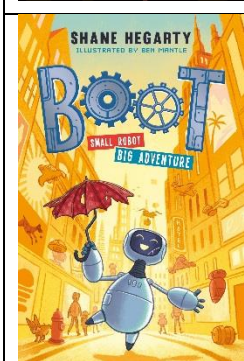
If you enjoy mystery and excitement, then this book is for you! Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose - flight or family?



### 'WILDSPARK' by Vashti Hardy

Aimed at: Year 4, 5 & 6 readers.

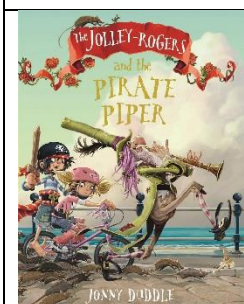
*Wildspark* is set in a world of incredible technology where the spirits of the dead can be given a second chance at life within animal-form mechanical bodies. Prue, with her aptitude for the mechanical, takes her brother's place at the school of mechanical science in the city of Medlock. Prue's secret goal is to find a way to bring back her brother, complete with the memories that other second-lifers lack.



### 'BOOT: Small Robot, Big Adventures' by Shane Hegarty

Aimed at: Year 3 & 4 readers.

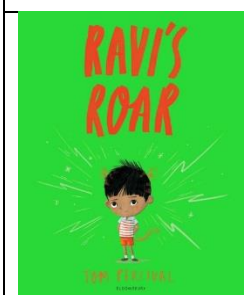
When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyard, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. With new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth and the gang set off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers...



### 'The Jolley Rogers and the Pirate Piper' by Jonny Duddle

Aimed at: Year 2 & Year 3 readers.

One morning, the townspeople of Dull-on-Sea wake to find that their town is overrun with rats. Just when everyone is at their wit's end, a nautical stranger who plays the pipe turns up and offers to get rid of the rodent problem - for a fee. Once that rats have gone, the greedy mayor refuses to pay - so the Pirate Piper plays an enchanted tune and leads the children away. It's up to Matilda, Jim and Nugget to save their friends.



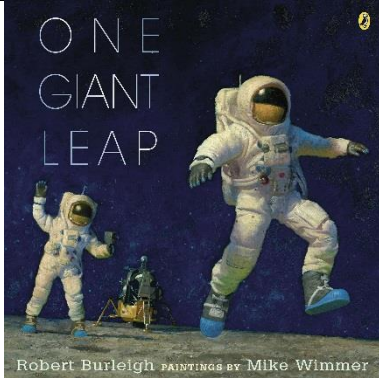
### 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival

Aimed at: Reception, Year 1, Year 2.

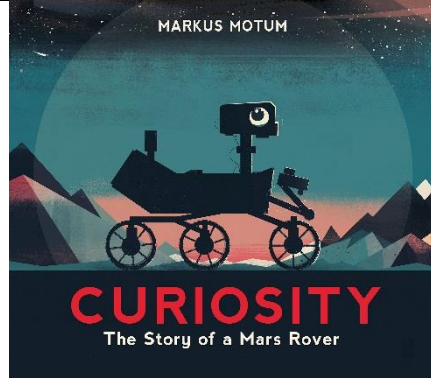
Most of the time, Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within. Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends.

# Non-Fiction

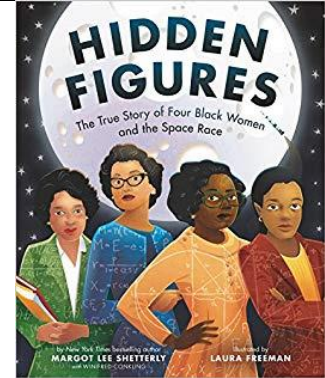
With the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful Apollo landing on the Moon earlier this year, take a look at these wonderful books all with a 'Space' theme!



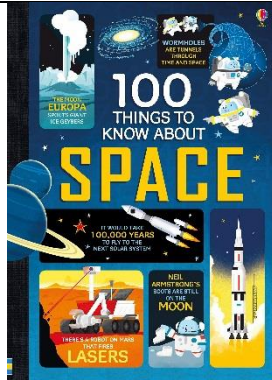
One Giant Leap: A Historical Account of the First Moon Landing by Robert Burleigh



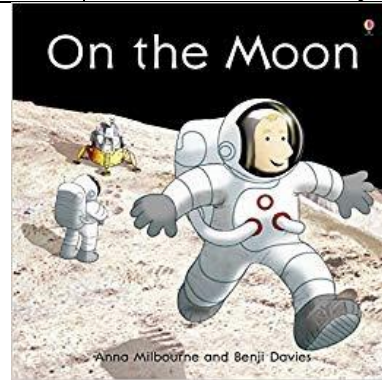
Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum



Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly



100 things to know about Space by Alex Frith et al.



On the Moon (Usborne Picture Books) by Anna Milbourne

## Have you tried...?

### Reception

'The Bumblebear' by Nadia Shireen

### Class 2

'The Dragon in the Library' by Louie Stowell

### Class 1

'There's a Tiger in the Garden' by Lizzy Stewart

### Class 3

'Beetle Boy' by M.G Leonard

### What are YOU reading?

Have you read a book you'd love to recommend in the newsletter?


Write a recommendation with the title, author, your name and a reason why you'd recommend it to be in with a chance of it being featured in our next newsletter in the spring!

Please pass your recommendation onto Mr Cope in Class 3.





# Important Dates, Events & Competitions


## September

<p><b>Roald Dahl Day</b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> September 2019</p>	 <p>September is Roald Dahl's birth month and this year on the 13th, a wonderful mixture of events will be taking place. If Roald Dahl were alive today, he'd be 102 this year. That's a ripe old age, much older than Grandpa Joe, who was only ninety-six and a half.</p>
<p><b>Never Such Innocence Writing Competition</b></p> <p>September</p>	<p>For the 2019/20 academic year, the <i>Never Such Innocence</i> competition will be bigger than ever! There is a new speech-writing category. The age range is 9-18. The <i>Never Such Innocence</i> competition invites young people to write a poem, speech, or song, or create a piece of art responding to war or conflict.</p> <p><a href="https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/2019-20-competition">https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/2019-20-competition</a></p>

## October

<p><b>National Poetry Day</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019</p>	<p>National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. Each year there's a different theme and in 2019 the theme is Truth. National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. 2019 is the 25th anniversary of this day. <a href="http://www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk">www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk</a></p> 
<p><b>Wicked Young Writer Awards</b></p> <p>October 2019 – March 2020</p>	<p>The "prestigious <i>Wicked Young Writer Awards</i>" (The Times) was established by the long-running musical <i>WICKED</i> to link the important messages of the production with a competition that would inspire young people to use creative writing to look at life a little differently. The Award recognises excellence in writing, encourages creativity, and helps develop writing talent in young people between 5-25 years old from all backgrounds and areas of the UK.</p>  <p><a href="http://www.wickedyoungwriterawards.com">www.wickedyoungwriterawards.com</a></p>

## November

<p><b>The Blue Peter Book Award</b></p> <p>Shortlist announced; winner announced on World Book Day.</p>	<p>Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential <i>Blue Peter Book Awards</i> have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children. The <i>Blue Peter Book Awards 2019</i> celebrates children's books published in the last year in two categories: the Best Story and the Best Book with Facts.</p> <p><a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/</a></p>
<p><b>Costa Book Awards</b></p> <p>Shortlist announced; Winner announced in January 2020.</p>	<p><i>The Costa Book Awards</i> honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. There are five categories: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book, with one of the five winners chosen as Book of the Year. The 2018 winner was Bart van E's for his novel <i>The Cut Out Girl</i> (Fig Tree). The winner is announced every January. <a href="http://www.costabookawards.com">www.costabookawards.com</a></p> 

## December

<p><b>Letter to Santa</b></p> <p>Early December (tbc)</p>	<p>Each year, Santa's elves at the Royal Mail can help you get a letter from Santa, if kids write to him by early December.</p> <p><a href="https://www.postoffice.co.uk/write-to-santa">https://www.postoffice.co.uk/write-to-santa</a></p>
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