



Bredon Hill Academy Reading Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Book Buzz (Booktrust)



Every year, our Year 7 pupils are lucky enough to receive a free book, thanks to the **Booktrust**). This year, there have been some great books to choose from! Once the book has been finished, why not swap it with a friend? This is a great idea because then you get to read two (or more) books for free! Not only that, but once you've both read the books, you'll be able to chat about them and discuss what you liked.

Talking about what you are reading to others is really important:

- It shows your understanding of what you've read
- It enables you to hear about other books that you might not normally choose yourself
- It allows you to share your enjoyment of the book you have read

Go to the Booktrust website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> for up-to-date news about books, age-appropriate reading lists and so much more!

Book Review Contributions

Book reviews in the newsletter are submitted by members of staff and pupils. If, as a pupil, you have read a book and would like to share your thoughts on it, please contact Mrs Oakley, who would be happy to help you write your review.

Spotlight on Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman was Children's Laureate from 2013 -15. She writes both literature and television dramas for children. Her most famous series is Noughts and Crosses – a young adult story that is set in a dystopian world and explores the issue of racism. It was recently made into a TV series for BBC One. She lives in Kent with her husband and daughter.

Reading for Pleasure - Tips for Parents:

Reading Role Models:

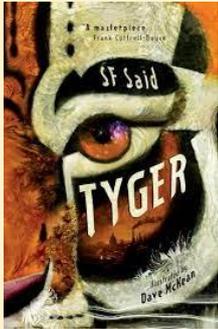
As parents, we can encourage our children to read by being role models.

Why not:

- Set aside a specific time where the whole family sits down and reads for 15 mins
- Read aloud from your children's books and then ask your children to read the same passage. Your children will copy your reading style and will read more fluently because they have already heard any new vocabulary.
- Spend time discussing your reading with your children (if appropriate!).
- As a family, read a news/magazine article together and then discuss its contents.

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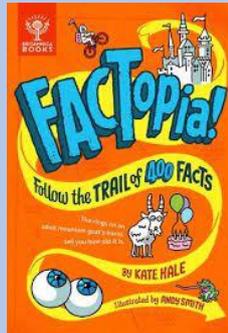
Tyger by SF Said

I have to admit, I was drawn to this book by the cover – I love tigers! However, as soon as I read the blurb, I knew I would enjoy the story too.

It takes place in an alternate London in which the British Empire has continued to thrive and now covers most of the world. London is segregated and all non-British people live in the ghetto, an enclosed and deprived area off Tottenham Court Road. Adam and his friend Zadie find a magical, mythical creature in a rubbish dump – a tyger. The tyger shows them how to use their powers to see the bigoted world in which they live in a different light. However, the tyger is in danger...can Adam and Zadie use their powers not just to save the tyger but also to rescue their world?

This book is great for anyone in KS2 upwards who likes fantasy and adventure stories.

Mrs Oakley



Factopia by Kate Hale

We got this non-fiction book from BookBuzz this year.

It is a book full of what appears to be different facts and information but, in fact, all the ideas are linked together! The front cover gives you the idea of what the book is about – facts!

Every page has at least one fact on it and there are usually picture clues to help understand the fact. Some of our favourite facts are: The loudest sound ever made was from the eruption of Indonesia's Krakatoa volcano in 1883; birds that migrate long distances sleep when flying.

Harry & Freya Year 7



Orion Lost by Alistair Chisholm

We chose this from BookBuzz because it seemed like the type of book we would read, especially because it was of the Sci-fi genre. The main character, Beth, is on a colony ship with her parents heading towards EOS-5 in order to find a new place to live. She makes new friends called Mikkell, Luarny and Vihaan. On their journey, several things go wrong with the ship and they also meet an alien spacecraft! Neither of us have finished yet but we both think that Beth will pass her command training exams and become captain of a ship. As the colony ship is called Orion, the title suggests that they might get lost in space...

By Jacob and Jude Year 7