

iRead



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EDITION 1



iRead's editors, Suzi Hopwood & Jack Lewis, hard at work in the iRead office- otherwise known as Y6!



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Editors Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of **iRead** - Meir Heath's new, online reading magazine. Each month we, Jack Lewis and Suzi Hopwood, will be proudly presenting a number of features, articles and puzzles, as well as finding out what kind of readers we are at Meir Heath Primary. Also, we are both delighted to be part of a project like this, and are looking forward to launching the magazine officially. Before we introduce you to the plan for this magazine, we would like to thank our awesome illustrator, Sophie Beech (Y6M) for bringing this magazine to life and introducing Miller, our very own reading mascot! A reading addict, Miller is always hunting for new things to read; fortunately, we should be able to help him out- and hopefully other readers too. We, along with Miller, will be interviewing our teachers, nominating students for reading awards and recommending books for children of all ages. But watch out, Miller loves to hide; see how many times you can spot him. Now, it's time to tell you more!

As you know, there has recently been extra enthusiasm for reading in school. The purpose of this magazine is to inspire students to read more often. Due to this we, in the higher end of the school, are now looking forward to our assessments (well, more than we used to!). Therefore, we are getting more positive test scores. Also, more children are improving their reading skills and are reading a variety of different books: sci-fi, fiction, non-fiction...you name it!! **iRead** is another great way to find out about all the amazing books you can find in school and at libraries. Other exciting features included in the magazine are...

- Book of the month- a segment in which students nominate their favourite books.
- Reading stars- Teachers nominate two students from their class who have been reading amazingly throughout the month. So, keep reading!!

Editing this magazine is an amazing opportunity and we are proud to be a part of it. We are also privileged to be able to help others with their reading. We hope this magazine will help improve students' confidence in reading, as well as improving their reading stamina, comprehension skills and concentration levels. So, enough from us, what are you waiting for? Don't forget to look out for Miller in the first issue. Over and out- for now....

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WORDS TO FIND

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WORDS TO FIND

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OZ

MAZE RUNNER

NARNIA

EMERALD CITY

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DAVID WALLIAMS

MILLER

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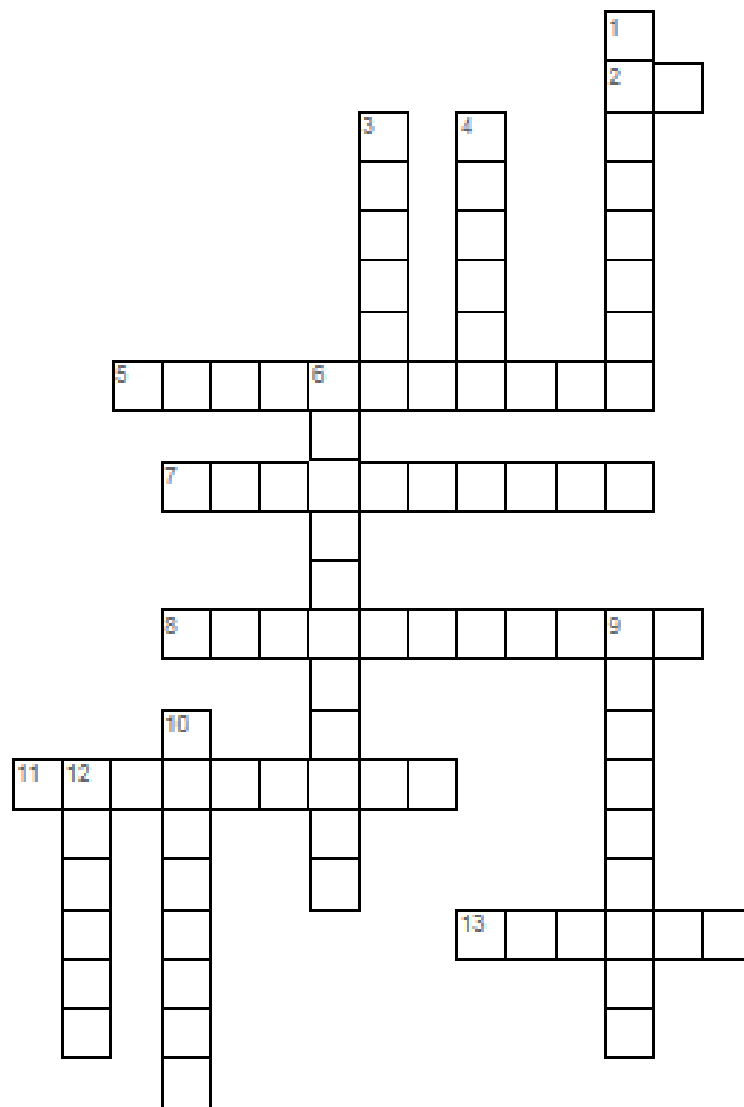
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READING RIDDLES

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Across

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- 5 The world with the Mokingjays.
- 7 James Dashner wrote this exiting seeries of books.
- 8 The DEAD famous skeleton detective.
- 11 The author of Harry Potter.
- 13 Our fabulous illustraitor.

Down

- 1 Where the boy with a scar went to school.
- 3 Our reading mascot.
- 4 A world in a wardrobe.
- 6 A green city in OZ.
- 9 Born in Cardiff, but his parents were Norwegian
- 10 The writer known by writing War Horse.
- 12 The person who wrote 'Diary of a Whimpy Kid'.

READING RIDDLES

THIS IS A PICTURE SPOT THE DIFFERENCE OF *THE HUNGER GAMES*. SEE HOW MANY DIFFERENCES YOU CAN SPOT!



GOOD LUCK!

READING

CHUCKLES

**WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND
READ ALL OVER?
A NEWSPAPER!!!**

**WHAT DO LIBRARIANS USE WHEN
THEY GO FISHING?
BOOKWORMS!!!**

Pheobe - Year 2

When did your interest in reading start?

When I was two years old.

What book; would you recommend for other reader; your age?

Diary of a wimpy kid by Jeff Kinney

Who is your favourite author?

Jeff Kinney

What kind; of book; do you like to read?

Comedy books

Were you always; interested in reading?

Yes

What is your all-time favourite book?

Diary of a wimpy kid

Do you buy book; or borrow them from the library?

Both

Who is your favourite character from any book?

Greg Heffely

Do you buy book; or borrow them from the library?

Both

How often do you go to the library?

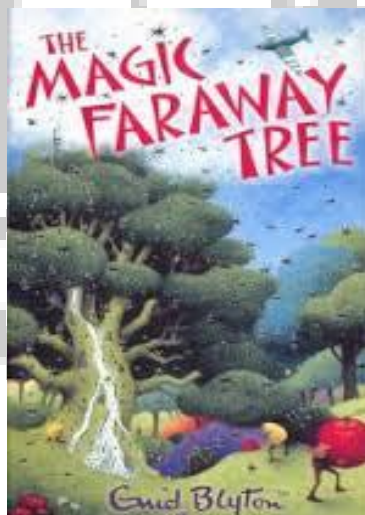
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Teacher Talk-Mrs Southern



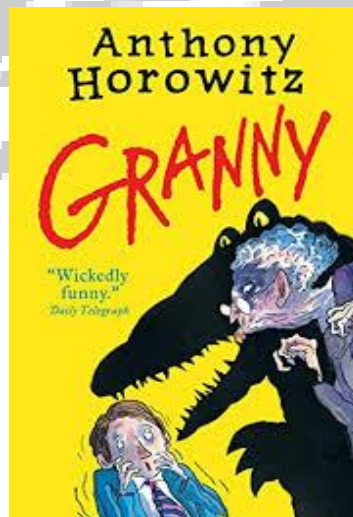
Q1) When did your interest in reading start?

In year 1 with my teacher Miss Clare; she would read to us every day in class read time. I remember her reading *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton.



Q2) What books would you recommend to read?

Granny by Anthony Horowitz. I enjoyed it because of the humour and Granny's personality. You would expect her to be sweet and nice; but she is far from it. My favourite part is when she gets her own back on a train worker, who may have suggested that she was old and senile, by supergluing his hands to a train door!



Q3) Who is your favourite author?

Michael Morpurgo, who wrote my all-time favourite book, Kensuke's Kingdom. This was one of the first texts that I used to teach Year Six. Fortunately, we were able to go and watch it at a theatre in Birmingham. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story, the way that the characters' relationships built over time, finishing with an emotional ending that brought a tear to my eye.



Q4) What other kinds of books do you like to read?

Cookery books because I love cooking. I don't look in them for full recipes- I use them as inspiration to create my own meals.



Q5) How many books do you read per month?

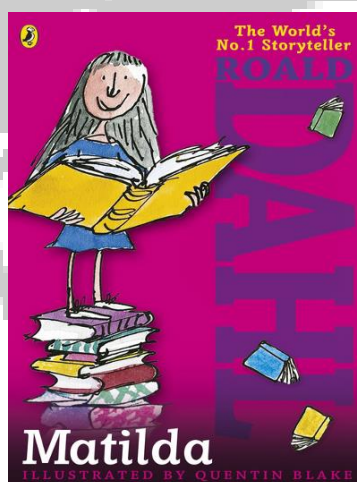
Normally three at a time because I've got two reading groups, read with my daughter and pick my own book to read on holiday.

Q6) Do you buy books or borrow them from the library?

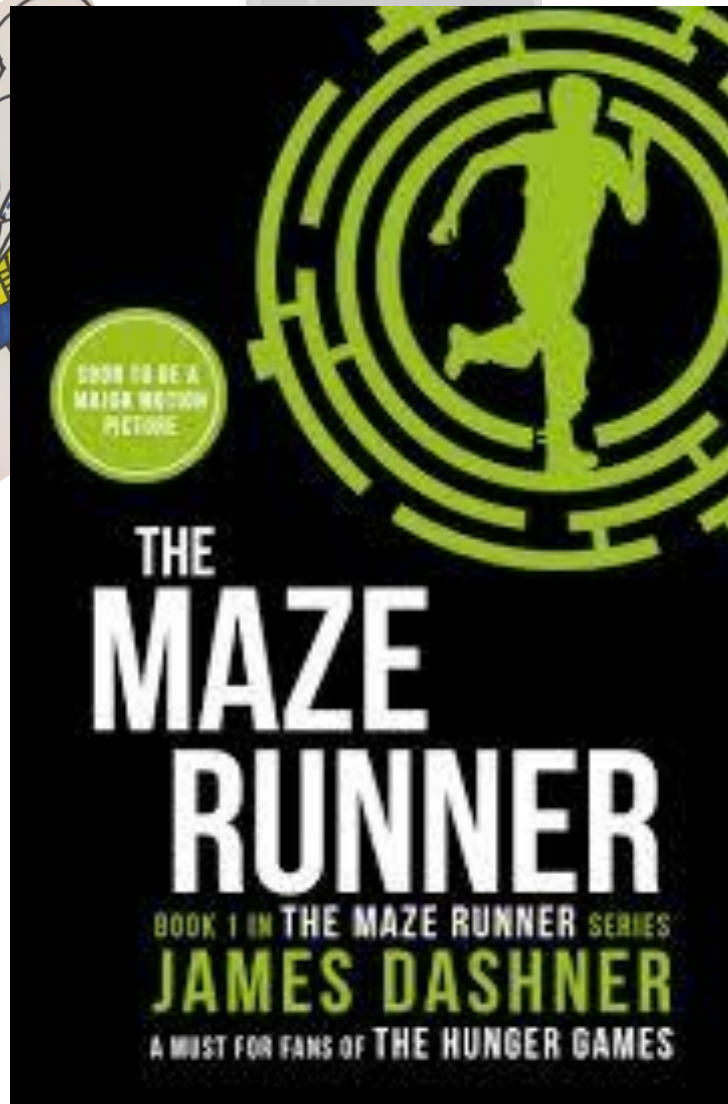
I buy them on Amazon and then download them on my Kindle.

Q7) Who is your favourite character from any book?

Matilda from Roald Dahl's Matilda because she is smart and loves to learn.



Book of the month



Awakening in an elevator, remembering nothing of his past, Thomas emerges into a world of about thirty teenage boys, all without past memories, who have learned to survive under their own set of rules in a completely enclosed environment, subsisting on their own agriculture and supplies. With a new boy arriving every thirty days, the group has been in "The Glade" for three years, trying to find a way to escape through the Maze that surrounds their living space (patrolled by cyborg monsters named 'Grievors'). They have begun to give up hope when a comatose girl arrives with a strange note, and their world begins to change with the boys dividing into two factions: those willing to risk their lives to escape and those wanting to hang onto what they've got and survive.....

What am I?

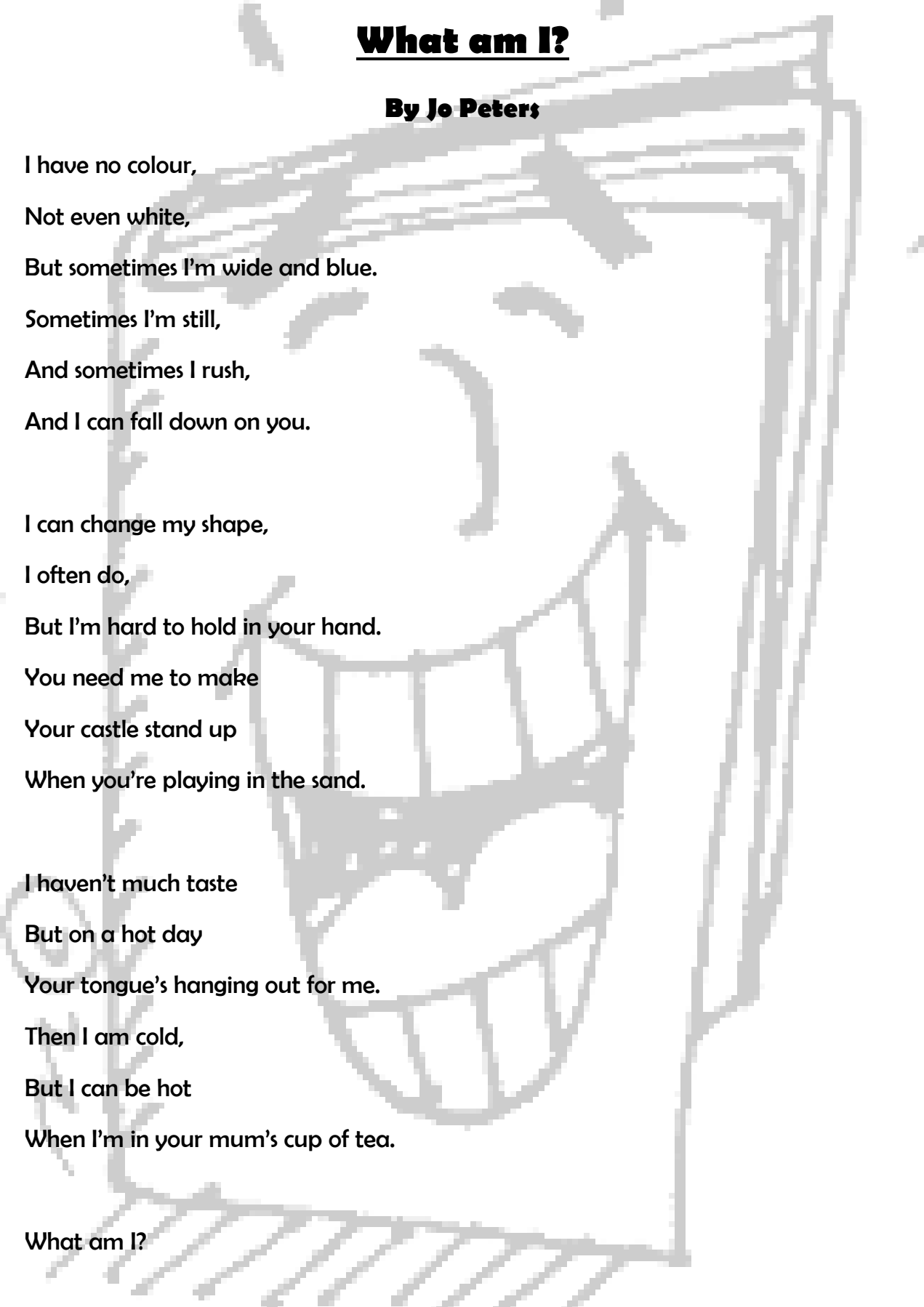
By Jo Peters

I have no colour,
Not even white,
But sometimes I'm wide and blue.
Sometimes I'm still,
And sometimes I rush,
And I can fall down on you.

I can change my shape,
I often do,
But I'm hard to hold in your hand.
You need me to make
Your castle stand up
When you're playing in the sand.

I haven't much taste
But on a hot day
Your tongue's hanging out for me.
Then I am cold,
But I can be hot
When I'm in your mum's cup of tea.

What am I?



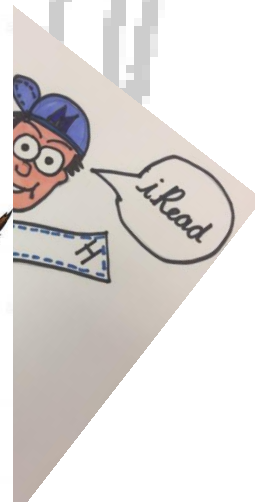
Carrot Conundrum

Five pieces of coal, a carrot and a scarf were lying on the lawn. Nobody put them on the lawn. How did they get there?



Rider's Riddle

A man rode into town on Friday. He stayed for three nights and then left on Friday. How was this possible?



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Year Six Share Reading Experiences



From left to right: Evan Pugh, Kieran Longmore,
Dylan Morris and Jake Holden

Many of our readers will be aware that there have recently been three Parent Reading Workshops, to promote enthusiasm and boost specific skills. But how many of you realised that four of the boys in Year Six spoke to parents in the hall, at all three workshops? iRead caught up with the boys after the experience.

How did you feel about speaking to a hall of adults?

Evan: 'Nervous, but kind of happy as well.'

Dylan: 'I was happy to do it, I wanted to do it and I felt proud after I'd done it.'

What would you say got you into reading?

Jake: I would say the Alex Rider teenage spy books by Anthony Horowitz, because you never know what's coming next.

Kieran: After I'd watched all the Harry Potter films, I then wanted to read all of the books. Now, I can't put them down.

What do you like about reading?

Dylan: 'Reading is like a movie in your head and it lets you imagine things that you would not normally think of.'

Evan: 'To me, reading gives you a lot more detail than a film.'

What else would you recommend for our readers?

Dylan: 'War Horse- it's the best book in the history of the universe! What's unusual is that it's written from the perspective of a horse.'

Jake: 'I recommend the David Walliams books because they're really funny.'

Evan: 'I also like Harry Potter, especially Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone.'

Kieran: 'Don't forget Malorie Blackman's books, such as Pig Heart boy, where the main character has a major problem with his heart.'