



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School  
Doing the little things well

Reading Newsletter  
Autumn Term 1  
2021



Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely holiday and managed to do lots of reading.

This half term we meet author Abi Elphinstone the author of books including The Dream Snatcher series, The Snow Dragon, Sky Song and The Unmapped Chronicles.

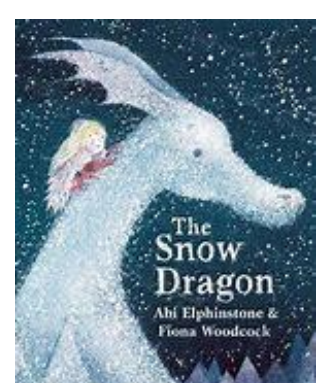
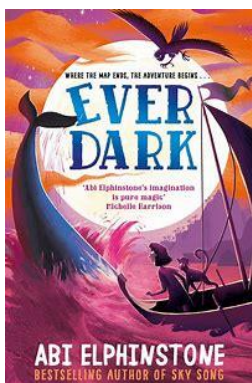
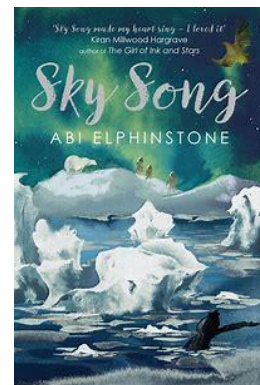
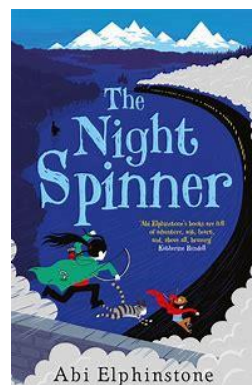
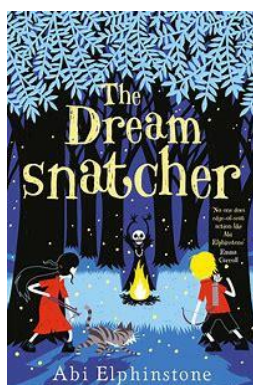
I love Abi's books and I am sure you will too!

I'm Abi Elphinstone and I write adventure books filled with magic. From glow-in-the-dark rainforests to castles built on the backs of sleeping cloud giants, there's a lot to discover. So, come on in and explore...

To all the brilliant kids reading my books,

I'm just this minute reading the end of the first draft of my brand-new book – a snowy adventure this time. I can't wait for you to read it but in the meantime, keep reading. Books make you kinder, braver, and infinitely more interesting.

Abi Elphinstone



## New book recommendations



We Are All Under One Sky by Deborah Wiles

Aimed at 3+

Children will learn to both celebrate diversity and embrace how much we all have in common. In *We Are All Under One Wide Sky*, Deborah Wiles beautifully weaves together images from the natural world in a lovely, lyrical poem.

Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds

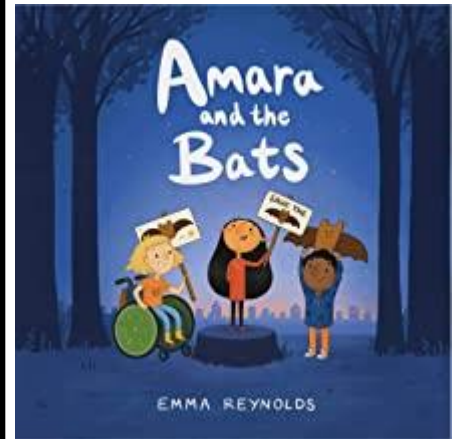
Aimed at 5+

Amara loves bats! Her favourite thing to do is to collect bat facts and watch the amazing mammals fly at night by her house. But when Amara moves to a new town, she learns that her beloved bats no longer roost nearby because they are losing their habitat.

Amara is upset. What can she do to help? She's just one person, and the problem feels so much bigger than her.

But after doing some research, she discovers that there are many young people making big changes all around the world. Inspired to take action, Amara gathers her new friends to help save the bats.

Together, she knows they can make a difference!



When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

Aimed at 9+

1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?

Inspired by a true story.





## Pupil recommendations



Jessica recommends!

Jessica (Class 10) recommends The Everything Machine by Ally Kennan

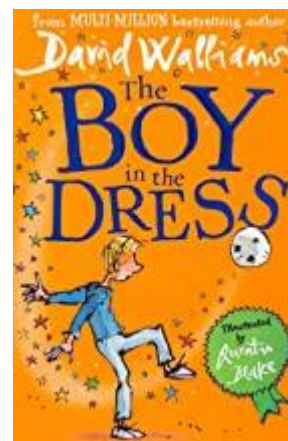
"Three children receive the wrong parcel that they didn't buy. Inside the box is a talking machine with its own name and it can print anything (from action figures to video games to never ending sweets). What could go wrong?"



Leighton recommends!

Leighton (Class 7) recommends The Boy In the Dress by David Walliams

"Because it a funny story when you read it you really feel the story, when it is exciting you feel it and when it is sad you feel sad. It has a funny ending. I enjoyed it so much I have read it three times."



Jimmy recommends!

Jimmy (Class 6) recommends The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas

"It's very creative and colourful. It shows us our feelings and what they can make us do. It's really good."



George recommends

George (Class 3) recommends The Dinosaur Who Lost His Roar by Russell Punter

"He keeps scaring his friends. He roared and got splashed by water and lost his roar. A dinosaur got his friends and he let out the biggest roar and he breathed out fire."

