

ST. BERNADETTE'S

# BOOK CORNER

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NEWSLETTER

## Author Interview

By SLG English

Rachel Delahaye

Author of Jim Reaper series

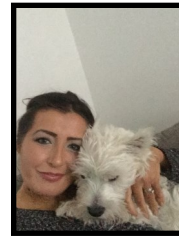
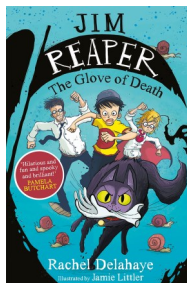
Mrs Canning's English set were very excited to be given the opportunity to interview Rachel Delahaye, author of the Jim Reaper series. We worked in groups to come up with questions, thinking carefully about the responses we wanted and making sure to avoid repetition. We then voted on whether we wanted to 'Kill or Keep' each question until we narrowed it down to five 'killer' questions. After sending our questions, we only had to wait a few hours for super-speedy Rachel to get back to us. We loved hearing her responses—she is very funny and made us laugh lots! We have ordered some Jim Reaper books for our bookshelf and can't wait to read them.



The interview is attached—we hope you enjoy it!

Thank you to Rachel Delahaye for being so generous with her time.

We can't wait to hear what Year 4 think of their Book of the Month—Jim Reaper: The Glove of Death.



### Teachers As Readers

Mrs Harston

Year 5 Teacher

*What was your favourite book when you were in primary school?*

I had many favourite books when I was in primary school. I was really lucky when I was younger because my parents would read to me every night. I used to love hearing new stories, but I also really enjoyed returning to my old favourites. Some of the stories I knew word for word. My absolute favourite was a book about twin ponies, because horses are my favourite animal. Another book that I treasured when I was at primary school was a book that my Year 5 teacher bought for me, it is called Rhinoceros Success. Would you believe I still have it in my desk?

*What are you reading at the moment?*

Over the Summer I read some of our wonderful Year 5 books and I really enjoyed them all. At the moment I am reading Horse Boy, Mrs Canning got it for me! She knew I'd love it because it's about a horse. I guess some things never change no matter how old you get!

*Where is your favourite place to read?*

My favourite place to read is on my pink sofa with a dog (or two) curled up by my side.

We may have had a year of being unable to travel far, but we can still escape to new lands and wonder filled places through books! Brightstorm includes three of my favourite things: adventure, exploration and invention.

I'm looking forward to welcoming Year 5 of St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School to the crew of the Aurora. Pack your resilience, bravery and cold weather clothes Year 5; we're heading for the South Polaris!

Vashti Hardy



## Quote of the Month

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."

J.K. Rowling

## Top Tip

If you are a member of your local library, consider downloading the Libby app—this will give your child access to a wide range of eBooks.

Message from Vashti Hardy

Author of Brightstorm

(Year 5 Book of the Month)

Message from

Victoria

Williamson

Author of The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle.

(Year 6 Book of the Month)

**Victoria Williamson • Author**

Hello! My name's Victoria, and I've been told *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* is your Year 6 Book of the Month for October, which is very exciting for me!

I grew up in Kirkintilloch, north Glasgow, surrounded by hills and books, and started writing adventure stories at an early age, with plots and characters mostly stolen from my favourite novels and TV shows! These days my stories are all my own, featuring the voices of some of the many children I've met over the years on my real-life adventures around the world.




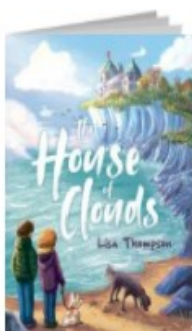
I've been a teacher for many years, working in all sorts of exciting places from Cameroon and Malawi in Africa, to China and the UK.

I became an author because I LOVE reading – stories have been my favourite thing from a very early age. The best way to become a writer is to read lots – it doesn't matter whether you like fiction (made up stories), non-fiction (facts and true stories), or even comic books, just as long as you enjoy reading!

*The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle* is my first published novel, and tells the story of twelve year old Syrian refugee Reema and her friendship with Scottish school bully Caylin.

Twenty percent of the author royalties for this book are donated to the Scottish Refugee Council.

Find out more at: [www.strangelymagical.com](http://www.strangelymagical.com)

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**The House of Clouds**

**Review by Charlie 5LC**



I recommend this book to ages 7 to 11. My favourite part was exploring the house. My favourite character was Buster because he is cute. The story is about a girl called Tabitha (Tabby) who tries to investigate her grandad's perplexing tales when she finds a strange house while out on her day's walk. Was he really telling the truth? I loved this book because it made me intrigued and eager to find out what was next in the story. I read it in one day! I really liked the way the book took me through different emotions, from happiness to sadness, all with a touch of suspense.