



Cubs Book Reader Badge

Well this is my dream badge, with a love of books and plenty of time to read and share my passion when I saw we (the leaders) could do badges, for me there was no other badge to do.

	Name of book	Author	Fiction or non fiction
1	Riding the waves	Jane McDonald	Fiction
2	Bicycles and Blackberries	Sheila Newberry	Non Fiction
3	Whatever Next	Jill Murphy	Non fiction
4	The Acid watcher cookbook	Dr Jonathan Aviv	Non fiction
5	A Springtime Affair	Katie Fforde	Non fiction

1	Riding the Waves; Having watched Jane on the television over the years when I saw this book on the bookshelf at the supermarket I had to buy it. It didn't disappoint. I found myself reading it in a Yorkshire accent just like Jane has. Reading about life aboard the cruise ships gave me a taste of what it's going to be like when we eventually go on our cruise.
2	Bicycles and Blackberries; This is a book about life during the war. It tells of children that were evacuated and families left behind while their loved ones went off to war. When it talked about the blackout (the blackout was something that was introduced during the war years, when at night time all windows and doors had to be covered at night, this was to prevent any escape of light that might aid enemy aircraft) it made me associate how people are feeling at the minute while in lockdown due to Covid 19.
3	Whatever Next; This is one my all time favourite children's story books. I've read it many, many times over the years to the children at Pre-school where I work. More recently I've taken to reading it to my own grandchildren. Because we can't see them at the minute last week I read them this at bedtime over facetime. I like the fact it encourages the children to use their imaginations and there are lots of opportunities during the book for them to interact with the story. As I turn each page I talk about what can be seen and ask a question. For example there's a page with stars on and I always ask 'do you know a song with stars in it' this then means we sing a song.

Although predominantly (used a dictionary to look that word up as unsure how to spell it) my favourite books are modern day romance. I also enjoy reading biographies, especially ones of people that I have seen or heard about in the news or on the television. My number one biography would have to be Cliff Richards 'My life, My way' (looked up favourite in my thesaurus and changed the sentence to reflect the new word).

I've always had a love of books. Once my children left home we turned our spare room into a library which I love escaping to.

After I had seen an old phone box at Thursford that had been turned into a book share and having read about them on the internet, I had a conversation with the committee of the Bowthorpe community garden who agreed we could set one up in the gardens. After putting out a plea for an old rabbit hutch, which the Scouts then painted, the Bowthorpe Book Share was ready to go live. A book share is a scheme where people can borrow, swap or leave a book. It's very popular and used by many local families, it can be found at the community garden of Tolye road in Bowthorpe.

I have a garage full of books that have been donated and I visit weekly to tidy and swap over, the youngsters also visit and clean and tidy it.

The young people have been gaining their community stage 1 badge while taking care of the book share.

