



Hello everyone in Year 3 at Galliard Primary and welcome to the superhero squad!

Thank you so much for sharing some of the wonderful work you've been doing around my book. Your display and diary entries are just wonderful and I absolutely love your dragon nests!

I'm delighted that the story has inspired you to get so creative and I do hope you'll grow a few stories too.

I certainly had a lot of fun writing these books. I love dreaming up all the different dragons that grow on the tree and often get inspired by real animals. If you read on in the series you might spot dragons inspired by puffer fish, chameleons, birds of paradise, sharks, cuttle fish and many more.

You may already know that there really is a dragon-fruit tree. They originally came from Mexico, but now you can find them all over the world. They are amazing-looking trees and as soon as I saw a picture of one I knew it deserved to be in a story. That's the wonderful thing about writing, you can

find inspiration in the real world and then bring your own imagination to it, and when you do you never know what might grow.





I hope you have fun reading the rest of the stories about Tomas and the superhero squad. In the later books, we find out more about where the dragons came from, what secrets the superhero squad find under Grandad's shed and what they need to do to keep the dragon-fruit tree and the dragons safe. Tomas also grows a few new dragons - and meets a few new friends along the way!

Thanks again for sharing my story in class and getting so creative.

Happy dragon growing and wishing you all a wonderful holiday!

Andy

P.S My story started with a 'What if?' question. What if dragons really did grow from dragon fruit? But what if you had a tree in your garden that could grow whatever you liked - what would you most like to grow? And what would that tree look like?





This is my dragon, *Glint*, as drawn by my sons. He's great fun and curls up on my shoulder while I write. Of course I do have to keep my eye on him. He's always leaving scratch marks on my desk and today I found he'd done a poo in my sock drawer. So now I have shredded and scorched socks! Luckily, along with the damage he is pretty helpful. He breathes these really cool blue sparks that send wonderful images into my mind and make my imagination buzz with ideas.

Happy dragon growing!

