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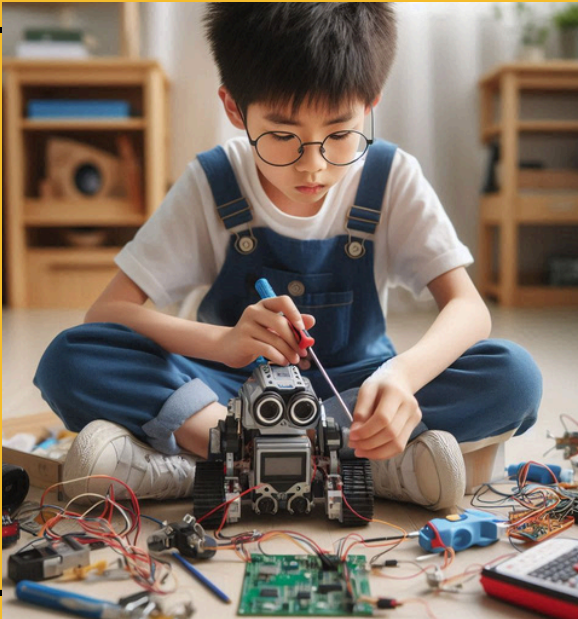
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What's new and EXCLUSIVE in this month's newsletter? You will find

- writing prompts
- Lexi's diary
- quizzes
- exclusive author interview
- character profiles!

WRITING PROMPTS

At the bottom of your newsletter email you will find a collection of writing prompts. But, what is a writing prompt? It's a bit of text, or a picture, that gives you an idea for a story. Sometimes you have to think about it before you can start writing, or sometimes an idea strikes you in an instant! If you find writing prompts tricky, you can ask yourself questions about the picture and try to answer them yourself! A lot of authors create novels this way.



Tim
Chen

CHARACTER CLOSE UP : Tim Chen

In How Lexi Walker Almost Saved the World, Tim Chen is the 12 year old best friend of Lexi Walker, the Chosen One. Tim LOVES engineering, making things and tinkering with electronic toys. He's already taken apart the drone his mums bought for him - and he put it back together! They were a bit cross about that, but they were also super impressed! Tim's biggest dream is to have a robot friend that he's made all by himself.

Tim thinks he isn't quite as brave as Lexi, but when she goes to investigate the world hidden beneath the library, he is right there by her side, even though he's incredibly scared to be there.

Tim would do anything for Lexi. They've been best friends since they were babies, so they feel like brother and sister.



Lexi's Diary



Saturday 1st August

Tim and me were in the Mystery Hunter's hut. I was just about to take the last biscuit 'cause Tim wasn't looking when I saw this golden flash go past the window. I thought I was seeing things, or it was the sunshine reflecting on something, but then it went past again!

I leapt out, flung open the hut door and ran out into the garden. I could not believe my eyes. It was like something from a book! There, floating in the sky above Tim's garden was a golden orb. It could have been another sunshine, but it was closer, I could almost reach out and touch it!

Before I could, it shot up into the sky and vanished into the clouds. I don't know what it was, but I hope I see it again. Next time I see it, I'm going to catch it and get to the bottom of what it really is.



AUTHOR QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you write a book?

Frances Wong: Wow, a lot goes into writing a book. When I first started writing novels, I'd get a pen and paper and sit down and start writing. That gave me a lot of experience. Now, I plan all my stories. You know at school when you have your planning days in English? That's what I do too! But my plan takes weeks and weeks and has lots of ideas on it.

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One of my favourite parts of being a children's author is seeing all the fantastic pictures children draw of my books!

This picture, drawn by Henry (9) is of the Hub, and all the fantastic aliens that live and work there! I was especially impressed with all the little details that really bring the picture to life!

Remember, if you ask your parents or carers to send in a picture you've created based on one of my books, you will receive a digital certificate!



QUIZ TIME



1. If you saw a spaceship parked on the grass outside your house would you:

- A: Jump in it and start learning how to fly it?
- B: Run away screaming that the aliens were invading?
- C: Tell your grown up?

2. Your robot is broken. Do you:

- A: Complain and ask your friend to fix it for you?
- B: Find some tools, open up the robot and see why it's broken?
- C: Take it to a repair shop?

2. You are given the chance to go to school in space, in a far away and distant moon. Would you:

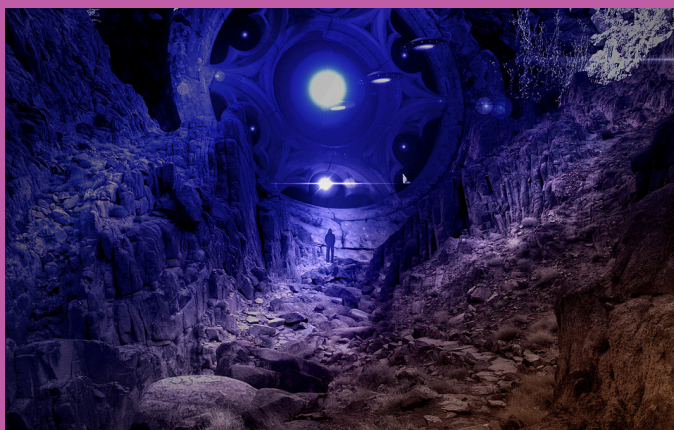
- A: Jump at the chance to go and say yes immediately?
- B: Take some time to think it over but ultimately go to the space school?
- C: Say no to going to a school in space.



Mostly A's: You're more like Lexi! Lexi knows what she wants and she is always excited for an adventure.

Mostly B's: You're more like Tim! Tim is a big thinker and likes to understand everything, he's always asking questions.

Mostly C's: You're more like you! Well done for choosing your own destiny.



NEXT TIME in the COSMIC ZONE newsletter:

More from Lexi's diary! And we'll be exploring Tasha's Christmas Wish, complete with a letter to Father Christmas.

You will find more writing prompts and find exclusive Lexi news!

Remember to check out my website for fun, friendly and most of all free resources for writing and reading.

- Take part in the reading challenge.
- Write your own story!
- Plan your books with my planning cards.

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You're in a science museum and accidentally pick up a mysterious, blue rock. What happens next?



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One day, you wake up and the pretend plane you built can really fly! Where are you going to go?



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You discover a mysterious pirate map with your friends. Do you follow it? Where does it lead you?



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