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Recommended Reading

October - November | 2025 | KS3

Welcome to our half termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups. All are available on our website.

The English Department

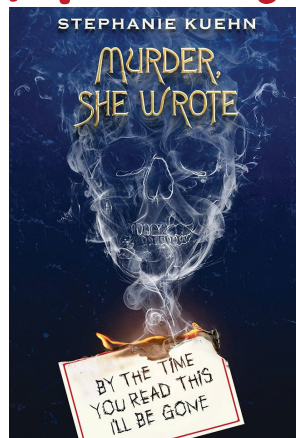
Birdie



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Birdie Bagshaw has never known her parents. Having grown up in a children's home for mixed race children in 1950s Leeds, now she has come to live with her great-aunt in the Yorkshire Dales. From her arrival, Birdie is treated like an outsider by the local children. When their bullying drives Birdie to hide in the nearby coal mine, she finds an unexpected rescuer in the form of Mr Duke, the last remaining pit pony in the village. . .

Murder She Wrote

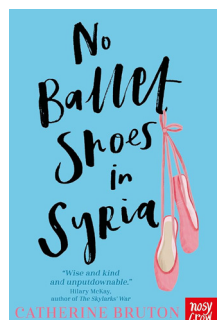
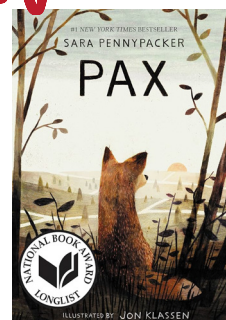
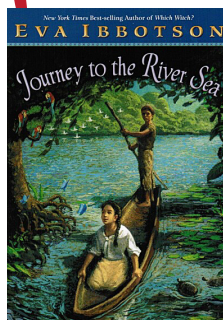


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"Killers walk among us. Statistically, at least one of them knows your name..."

Beatrice Fletcher is obsessed with unsolved murders in her small town of Cabot Cove, Maine like her great-aunt Jessica, the famous mystery writer. But when her best friend Jackson goes missing, this time the mystery is personal.

What about a 'Read Around the World' book?



A selection of books promoted in our in-housenreading scheme. Each of these books are worth a gold reading award and worth 15 Pride Points.

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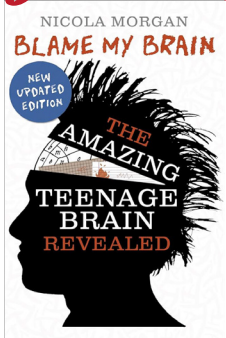


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Recommended Reads about Science

As well as studying a range of material in your science lessons, why not explore the following texts and learn more?

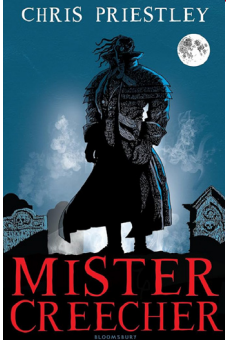
Blame My Brain



Non-Fiction

From an award-winning author and expert on the teenage brain, this reassuring book answers the questions every parent and teenager wants to know. Why do teens spend so much time on their phones? Why do they sleep late? And why do they take so many risks? This bestselling classic is packed with explanations, advice and quizzes, and has been recommended by teachers, parents and social workers for 20 years.

Mister Creecher

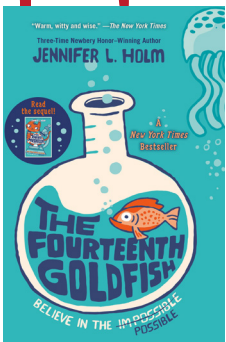


Science-Fiction | Thriller | Adventure

Billy is a street urchin, pickpocket and petty thief. Mister Creecher is a monstrous giant of a man who terrifies all he meets. Their relationship begins as pure convenience. But a bond swiftly develops between these two misfits as their bloody journey takes them ever northwards on the trail of their target ...Victor Frankenstein.

Friendship, trust and betrayal combine to form a dangerous liaison in this moving and frightening new book from Chris Priestley

The Fourteenth Goldfish



Science-Fiction | Comedy | Adventure

If your kids think middle school is tough, after reading this book they will be glad that at least their grandfather isn't going to school with them in a teenager's body! That's what happens to Ellie when her brilliant scientist grandfather discovers the secret of youth.

Lots of fun and science make up this wonderful story told by a well-loved author. And now there is a sequel.



A student who reads is a student who succeeds.

We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!

All of our summaries are taken from Goodreads' website: www.goodreads.com

Book of the month

Each month, staff and students recommend a book to read. This month's recommended read is by Isla Barwick and Isla Cooke (Y7).



Josie always liked visiting her grandmother in the countryside. But when her mother loses her job in the city and they're forced to relocate along with Josie's sister, Annie, she realizes she doesn't like the country that much. Especially because Grandma Jeannie has some strange rules: Don't bring any dolls into the house. And never, ever go near the house in the woods behind their yard.

Soon though, Josie manages to make friends with the most popular girl in the sixth grade, Vanessa. When Vanessa eventually invites Josie back to her house to hang out, Josie doesn't question it. Not even when Vanessa takes her into the woods, and down an old dirt road, toward the very house Grandma Jeannie had warned her about.

As Josie gets caught up in her illicit friendship with Vanessa, Annie is caught in the crossfire. What follows is a chilling tale of dark magic, friendship, and some verrrrrry creepy dolls.

Borrow a copy from the LRC!