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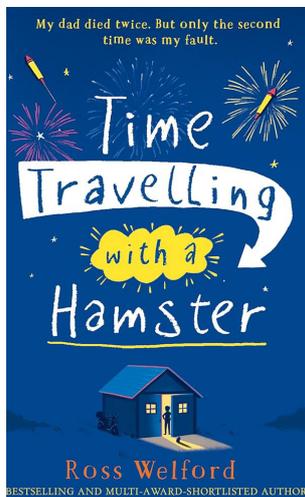
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Welcome to our half termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

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

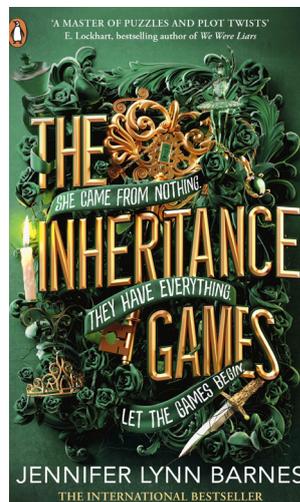
The English Department

This month's TOP recommended reads in your LRC



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“My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve. The first time had nothing to do with me. The second time definitely did, but I would never even have been there if it hadn't been for his 'time machine'...”. When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires courage and imagination. It also required lies, theft, burglary and setting his school on fire. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

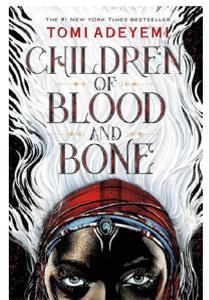
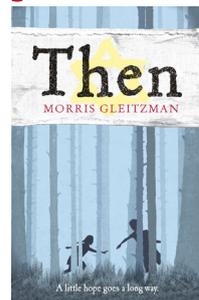
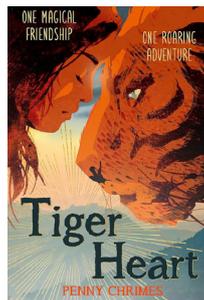
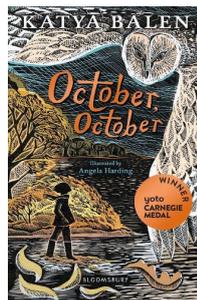
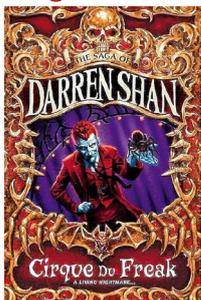


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Nominee for the Readers' Favourite Young Adult Fiction Award (2020)

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why - or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.

What about a 'Read Around the World' book?



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

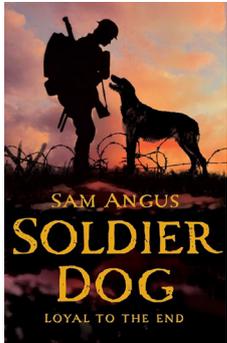
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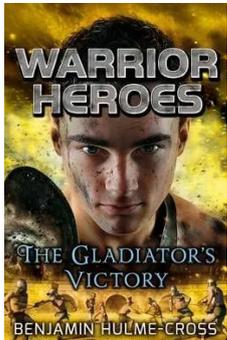
Recommended Reads about Science

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



Historical-fiction | Animals | War

A tale inspired by a true story follows the World War I experiences of 14-year-old Stanley, who upon joining the war effort to escape his father's rages is assigned to the experimental War Dog School, where he trains a problematic Great Dane with whom he attempts to find his missing soldier brother.



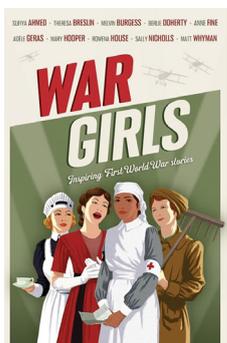
Historical Fiction | Adventure

Travel back in time with brothers Arthur and Finn to convince a powerful gladiator to escape the confinement of the amphitheatre while he has the chance. Fascinating historical facts combined with action packed fiction to create a dramatic and gripping adventure. This fast paced and exciting narrative will leave the reader wanting more and more. Will the boys manage to persuade the gladiator to break free and escape the clutches of powerful and evil Roman Lords?



Historical Fiction | War

Nathan's father has been arrested. He works for the Ministry of Defence and is accused of leaking top secret information. But as he is dragged into a police car, he gives Nathan a message. It leads to a riddle, but it's not from Dad. It's from an ex-Bletchley Park employee, Lily Kenley, and was written in 1940. Nathan begins to follow the clues left behind by Lily. But how can this war-time story link to his father's fate? Hope for Dad's appeal is fading fast. He must solve the puzzle. Time is running out.



Historical Fiction | War

1914: war has broken out across Europe and beyond. Nothing will ever be the same again for those caught up in the conflict. This collection of short stories explores how the First World War changed and shaped the lives of women forever. A courageous nurse risks her life on the Front Line; a young woman uncovers a spy in wartime London; and grief-stricken sister comes to understand the heroism and sacrifice of the forgotten Indian soldiers. Through these and other tales, War Girls presents a moving portrait of loss and grief and of hope overcoming terrible odds.

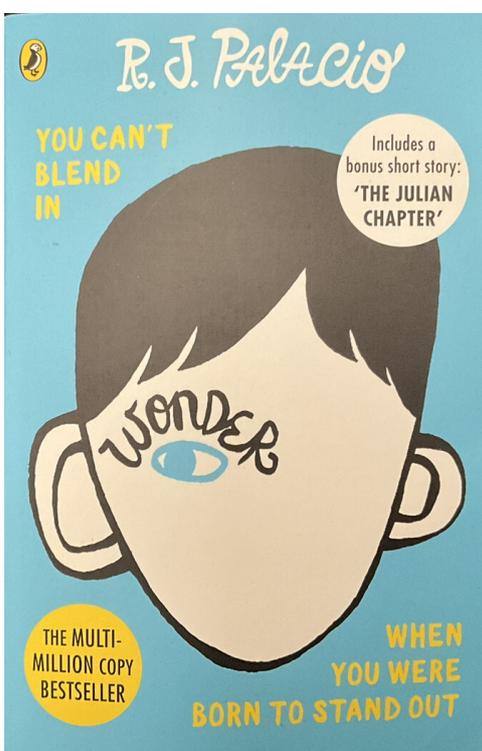
A student who reads is
a student who succeeds.

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 Francesca and Amelia (Year 7)



“I loved everything about this book. It literally tells you that it is okay to be different” - Amelia Tows

August Pullman, a ten-year-old born with a severe facial abnormality, has been home-schooled. He's starting at a real school for the first time and wants to be accepted by his new classmates.

This debut novel is described as funny, frank and moving.

Told from multiple perspectives, the story explores themes of kindness, friendship and acceptance as Auggie faces bullying and navigates the challenges of 5th grade, proving that you cannot blend in when you were born to stand out.