



LITERACY NEWSLETTER

Cams Hill School Summer 2

Welcome to our second edition of the Literacy Newsletter. We are delighted to reconnect with you! Since my last communication, there have been numerous fantastic activities that have complemented our literacy lessons and promoted a love for reading throughout the school. The standout event was the vibrant World Book Day celebration, which was a joyous occasion.

Our goal is young people to dedicate at least 15 minutes a day to reading. By engaging in this simple habit, your child's opportunities in life can significantly grow.

If you require any additional advice or support in nurturing your young reader, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Mrs Jenni Ellis - Director of Literacy

Upcoming Events

We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming academic year and have introduced some wonderful enhancements to our curriculum. We are particularly thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the new year 7 pupils and look forward to seeing them in their literacy lessons. Adding a touch of excitement to our school is the recent arrival of a book vending machine. This fantastic addition will form a part of our reward and recognition system, and we will be sharing further details very soon. We can't wait to unveil a range of class-specific events and activities – so be sure to keep an eye out for updates!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2024

World Book Day was a delightful and heart-warming event, where many teachers truly excelled in their contributions. Nexus was magically turned into the enchanting world of OZ, the English department embodied characters from the set texts, and we couldn't help but smile at the sight of so many Wallys.





LIBRARY

SUMMER 2



Break & Lunchtime activities- friendship bracelets and origami

Calm Space

The library is a designated calm space for reading, browsing, revising, quiet chatting, card games and board games.

Activities

Mrs Jones has various activities available including: drawing and colouring, jigsaw puzzles, origami, Lego and chess.



Year 9 Guided Reading - one of many guided groups held during AM Tutor time.



Dystopian Literature display - constantly refilled this year!



Reading Mentoring program - Older pupils volunteer to read with younger pupils to increase reading engagement and share their love of books!



FIFTEEN IS FANTASTIC

Young People who read for 15 minutes a day...

Will do better in life

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words per year and have a better vocabulary

Will experience and develop imagination and creativity



Will have reduced stress levels

Will have better general knowledge

Will also get better at writing and speaking

Will develop empathy and critical thinking skills

Will find lessons more accessible and improve their exam results

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a young person's future success - more than their family background, parents' educational background, or income.

STAFF READING

Blind Date with a Book

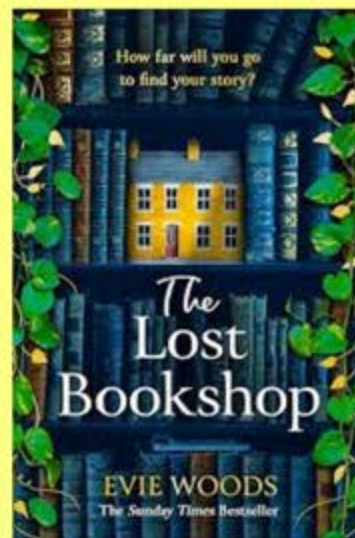
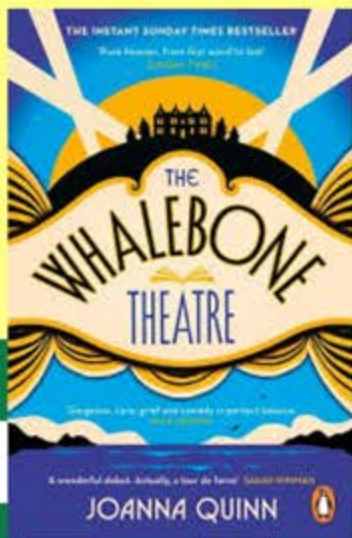
Not only are we encouraging reading among the pupils at Cams Hill School, but we are also fostering a love for reading among the staff.

In February, around Valentine's Day, we organised an activity called 'Blind Date with a Book'. The books were beautifully wrapped, and hints were provided on the cover to pique the interest of the staff members. They were then invited to choose a book, make themselves comfortable with a cup of tea and some sweets, and enjoy a cosy reading session. This event was a tremendous success, as all the books found their way to happy new owners.



We are thrilled to share that this year, we've kicked off a book club within our team. We meet up often to chat about our latest reads and enjoy each other's shared interest. Below are a few of the wonderful books we've delved into. Why not have a peek and see how you find them?

Staff Book Club



ENRICHING LEARNING

We would love to encourage pupils to listen/watch/read around the themes and ideas that they have looked at in their lessons. Here are some suggestions.

PODCASTS

<https://bookriot.com/listen/shows/heyya/>

From great new books to favourite classic reads, from news to the latest in on-screen adaptations, the Hey YA podcast is here to elevate the exciting world of young adult lit.



WATCH

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zbdjvk7>

KS3 History: The History of Women's Football

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/when-football-banned-women>

When Football Banned Women - Clare Balding uncovers the remarkable hidden history of women's football which briefly dominated the game.

Hunger Games

Ready Player One

The Swimmers - 'Common Sense Media' suggest this is for people 14+

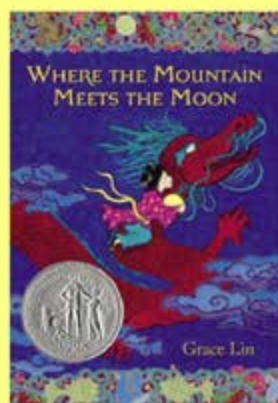


LINKED READING

Year
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If you liked 'Catfish Rolling', you may also like...

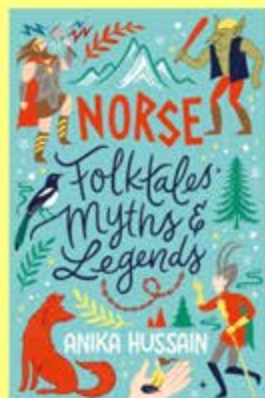
When the Mountain Meets the Moon



Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer.

Norse Folktales myths and legends

A beautiful new edition of retellings - including legends from Norse mythology. Enjoy a rich collection of folktales, myths and legends from Scandinavia, retold for young readers with charm, warmth and gentle humour. This book contains traditional favourites, including the legends of Norse gods Loki and Thor and the fairy tales.



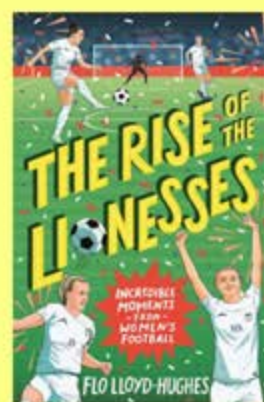
If you liked 'Our Beautiful Game', you may also like...



Kick by Mitch Johnson
Impeccably researched and vividly portrayed, this award winning debut will really make your aspiring football stars think about wider global issues and the reality of other lives.

The Rise of the Lionesses By Flo Lloyd-Hughes

Packed with football facts, tournament stats and player profiles, this brilliant book is essential reading for all young football fans and players.



If you liked 'Will Shakespeare and the Pirate Fire', you may also like...

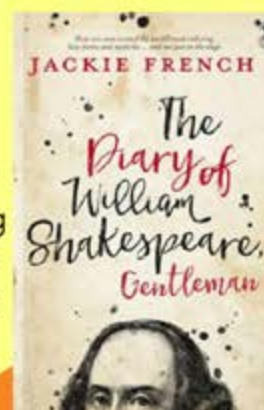
The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow By Katherine Woodfine



Enter a world of bonbons, hats, perfumes and mysteries around every corner. Tremble as the most dastardly criminals in London enact their wicked plans! Our bold heroines, Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose, crack codes and vow to bring the villains to justice...

The Diary of William Shakespeare, Gentleman by Jackie French

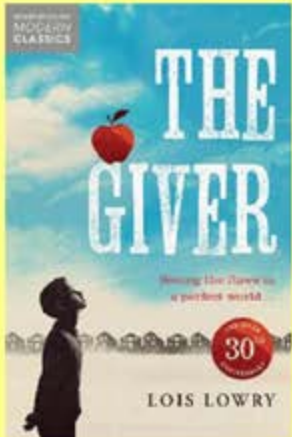
Based on new documentary evidence, as well as textual examination of his plays, this fascinating book gives a tantalising glimpse at what might have been: the other hands that helped craft those plays, the secrets that must ever be hidden but - just possibly - may now be told.



LINKED READING

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Please find a range of dystopian texts



The Giver by Lois Lowry

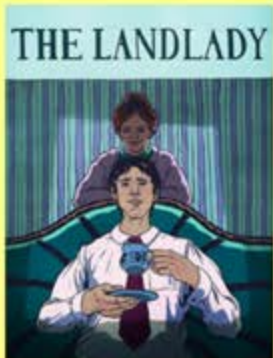
In a perfect world, Jonas begins to see the flaws...

THE GIVER is the classic award-winning novel that inspired the dystopian genre. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided.

Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.

The Lottery by Shirley Jackson

In a small American town, the local residents are abuzz with excitement and nervousness when they wake on the morning of the twenty-seventh of June. Everything has been prepared for the town's annual tradition—a lottery in which every family must participate, and no one wants to win.



The Landlady by Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl's 'The Landlady' is a dark and terrifying look at 17-year-old Billy Weaver's first and last stay at a bed and breakfast. After asking the porter for a recommendation, he opts for the boarding house, where the landlady looks good on the surface but has a dark secret tied to her taxidermy skills.

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games is a searing novel set in a future with unsettling parallels to our present. In a dark vision of the near future, The Hunger Games is set in the ruins of a place once known as North America. The cruel Capitol keeps order in its twelve outlying districts by forcing them each to send one boy and girl to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a terrifying reality TV show broadcasting a live fight to the death. Without really meaning to, 16 year old Katniss becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love. Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever.



Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

IN THE YEAR 2044, reality is an ugly place.

But when Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize. The race is on, and if Wade's going to survive, he'll have to win—and confront the real world he's always been so desperate to escape.



LINKED READING

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We have continued to use 'Boy, Everywhere' as a stimulus for creative writing and also transactional writing.

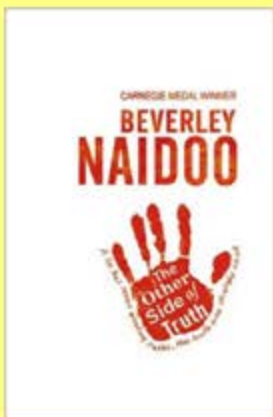


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The Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment. Seen through the eyes of Sade, the novel explores what it means to be classified as 'illegal' and the difficulties which come with being a refugee

Illegal by Erin Colfer and Andrew Donkin

Twelve-year-old Ebo's terrifying story of travelling alone from his home in Africa in order to have the chance of a childhood, education and ultimately a safe way of life is brilliantly told in this graphic novel. In words and pictures, Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin and Giovanni Rigano tell how Ebo, along with so many others in the same plight, makes his way across the treacherous Sahara Desert before he even begins on the desperate journey across the sea. Told with great sympathy and warmth and propelled by Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel's powerful quote, "You, who are so-called illegal aliens, must know that no human being is illegal", Ebo's story which is shared by millions of migrants, should be read by all.

