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Reading Newsletter



this MONTH in history

JUNE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2004 William Manchester dies.	1935 Carol Shields is born.	1926 Allen Ginsberg is born.	1932 Charles Stevenson Wright is born.	1941 Spalding Gray is born.	1875 Thomas Mann is born.	1979 Forrest Carter dies.
8 George Lamming is born.	1870 Charles Dickens dies.	1933 Peter Blue Cloud is born.	1911 Josephine Miles is born.	1929 Anne Frank is born.	1865 William Butler Yeats is born.	1811 Harriet Beecher (Stowe) is born.
15 George Starbuck is born.	1922 "Blossomsday," in honour of James Joyce's novel <i>Ulysses</i> , is celebrated around the world.	1986 William Attaway dies.	1932 Geoffrey Hill is born.	1937 Sir James M. Barrie dies.	1952 Vikram Seth is born.	1948 Ian McEwan is born.
22 Octavia E. Butler is born.	1936 Richard Bach is born.	1938 Lawrence Block is born.	1918 P. H. Newby is born.	1938 James Weldon Johnson dies.	1926 Frank O'Hara is born.	1712 Jean-Jacques Rousseau is born.
29 Ronald Frederick Delderfield dies.	1936 Margaret Mitchell publishes <i>Gone with the Wind</i> .	30				

Welcome

Welcome to our June edition of the Reading Newsletter! I hope you enjoyed our last edition. This month's is packed with even more reading-related information. I hope you enjoy what is included, but if there is anything you want to see that isn't here yet, why not drop the Academy and email and let me know what you would like to be included?

This newsletter is a chance to find out about:

- fiction
- non-fiction
- poetry
- authors and their work
- Vocabulary
- how to help your child with their reading journey
- what's new in reading
- local libraries
- and much more...

So, sit back, grab a cuppa and enjoy our Reading Newsletter.

As always, your support is hugely appreciated,

Mrs Chapman-Jones



Author spotlight

This month's author: Daisy May Johnson

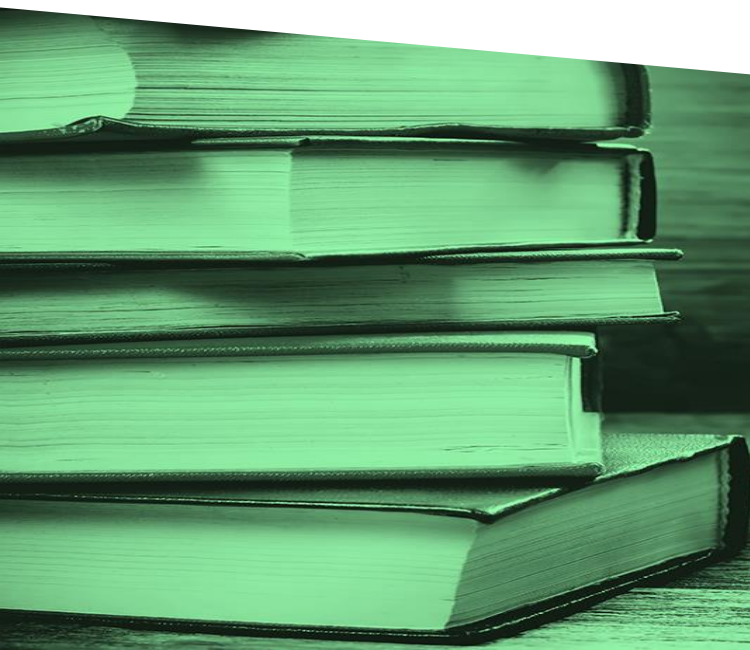


This month, we are shining the spotlight on the fabulous Daisy May Johnson.

Johnson has been writing for a few years and specialises in children's literature.

Her most recent novels, *How To Be Brave* and *How To Be True* are available to buy in local bookshops or online.

If you're looking for some uplifting adventures to get stuck into next, this could be perfect for you!



DAISY MAY JOHNSON

Hello readers!

My name is Daisy May Johnson and I am writing to you to say hello. Hello!! Hang on. Let me put that bit in capitals so you can all hear it. HELLOOOOOO!! :-)) I hope you heard it!

I'm an author and I write books for readers like you. My first was called How To Be Brave and my second is called How To Be True. If you like books about best friends and cakes and adventures and code-cracking and adventures and lots (and lots) (and lots and lots) of puns, then you might like my books. I hope you do! (They are best read with biscuits, so make sure you do have some handy).

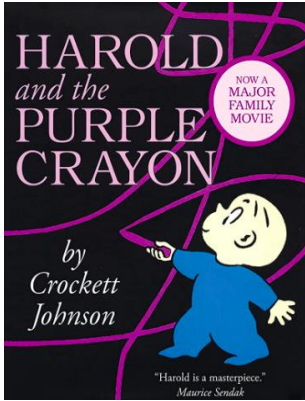
My books are all set at a boarding school called The School Of The Good Sisters. The Good Sisters are not the sort of sisters who are related to each other. They are the sort of sisters who are Nuns and they teach Very Important Things like how to order a cake in five different languages (including Klingon), and how to abseil down the side of a building in case of an emergency.

I am going to end this letter with two Top Tips for you. The first is this: never put jam inside a chocolate cake (V IMPORTANT), and the second is this: always write your stories about the things you want to write about. If you're interested in them, then we will be as well. Happy writing!



Daisy May Johnson x

From page to screen



Follow the adventures of Harold as he creates magical fantasies with his purple crayon.

Originally written in 1955, *Harold and the Purple Crayon* became wildly popular with younger audiences and is loved by generations today.



Starring the likes of Zooey Deschanel, Zachary Levi and Lil Rel Howery, this would be perfect if you're looking to spend an afternoon at the cinema with the kids.





It has been shown that reading books and engaging in mentally challenging activities, like playing puzzle games, helps slow down the cognitive decline in old age. That results in lower chances of Alzheimer's disease or other age-related neurodegenerative diseases for people who read regularly. A study from the University of California shows that people with a high literacy level are 4 to 5 times less likely to suffer mental declines with old age.

A study from Yale University concluded, after studying over 3500 people over the age of 50, that participants who read at least 30 minutes per day, lived on average 23 months longer than non-readers. 30 minutes of reading per day for living almost 2 years longer? That sounds like a great deal.

By surveying more than 4,000 adults, the University of Liverpool that readers are happier, less stressed, cope better with challenges, and have more close friends than non-readers.

Reading can help alleviate depression. Especially reading fiction, since it can help people temporarily escape their own world and immerse themselves in the adventures of the characters they read about. Not only that, but studies have also shown that reading can have a positive effect on anxiety symptoms too.



2023 Reading Challenge

The 52 Book Club's

2023

READING CHALLENGE

1. A BOOK WITH A SUBTITLE
2. FEATURING AN INHERITANCE
3. TITLE STARTING WITH THE LETTER "G"
4. TITLE STARTING WITH THE LETTER "H"
5. TITLE STARTING WITH THE LETTER "I"
6. UNDER 200 PAGES
7. A CITY OR COUNTRY NAME IN THE TITLE
8. DYSTOPIAN FICTION
9. A BOOK WITH A DEDICATION
10. TAKES PLACE DURING THE ROARING TWENTIES
11. A BOOK ABOUT SECRETS
12. HIGH FANTASY
13. PUBLISHED POSTHUMOUSLY
14. A SURVIVAL STORY
15. SET IN AUSTRALIA
16. FEATURING ONE OF THE "SEVEN DEADLY SINS"
17. BY A CARIBBEAN AUTHOR
18. SET DURING A WAR OTHER THAN WWI OR WWII
19. TYPOGRAPHIC COVER
20. A BOOK ABOUT SIBLINGS
21. A SECOND-HAND BOOK
22. A BODY-POSITIVE MESSAGE
23. AN ALLITERATIVE TITLE
24. NORDIC NOIR
25. A FASHIONABLE CHARACTER
26. HAS AN EPILOGUE
27. NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER
28. INCLUDES A FUNERAL
29. SENDS YOU DOWN A RABBIT HOLE
30. AN AUTHOR WITH A SAME NAME AS YOU
31. SET IN A WORKPLACE
32. PUBLISHED BY MACMILLAN
33. A BANNED BOOK
34. FEATURING MYTHOLOGY
35. A BOOK YOU MEANT TO READ LAST YEAR
36. CHAPTERS HAVE CLIFFHANGERS
37. WRITTEN IN PRESENT TENSE
38. AN ENEMIES-TO-LOVERS PLOT
39. THE FINAL BOOK IN A SERIES
40. WRITTEN BY A COMEDIAN
41. A CHARACTER WHO IS A REFUGEE
42. TIME IN THE TITLE
43. A BOOK "EVERYONE" HAS READ
44. A CONTEMPORARY SETTING
45. FIRST WORD IN THE BOOK IS "THE"
46. SCRIPT FONT ON THE SPINE
47. SET IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN
48. A BOOK BY OCTAVIA E. BUTLER
49. BOOKS ON THE COVER
50. RELATED TO THE WORD "MURDER"
51. DOESN'T FIT ANY OF THE OTHER 51 PROMPTS
52. PUBLISHED IN 2023

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June Reading Challenge

My Reading Challenge June Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 A horror	02 A book about an animal	03 A ghost story	04 Made into a movie	05 A thriller	06 A book about perseverance	07 A banned book
08 About a superhero	09 Recommended by a friend	10 A gifted book	11 A new release	12 An old favourite	13 About a famous artist	14 A true story
15 About mental health	16 A classic	17 A book set in the future	18 A local story	19 A graphic novel	20 About World War II	21 A book under 200 pages
22 A book about a musician	23 Set in fictional town	24 a book about a place	25 A book from your local library	26 A lesser known book	27 Set in the Victorian era	28 About healthy eating
29 Poems	30 A fantasy novel	31 Recommended by friends				



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• MEDIOCRE LIST:

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• LESS FAVORITE LIST:

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Bishop of Durham Reading Award

The Bishop of Durham Award is exclusive to pupils at Ian Ramsey CE Academy.

This award is named after the Bishop of Durham, The Right Reverend Paul Butler. He has always believed that reading is a hugely important skill for everyone. He said '*I love reading and encourage others to do so*'.

There are three main levels to the award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level has a series of reading tasks to complete with badges and certificates awarded along the way.

Each task must be signed off by a teacher or adult. Once a level has been completed, you can start the next level.

Awards will be given at the end of each year.



Bishop of Durham Reading Award

Bronze Award:	Silver Award:	Gold Award:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a fiction text • Read a non-fiction text • Listen to an audio book • Review a book that has been made into a film • Read the reading in at least one worship each term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read one non-fiction text and one poetry anthology • Read two fiction texts • Complete 50% of the Reading Passport • Prepare and read the reading and prayer in worship once a term • Listen to an audio book and read the book at the same time • Enter readathon and raise money for charity by reading • Read to someone within your family regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Y7 reading for pleasure scheme for a book of your choice • Create an audio book to send to a local care home for residents to listen to • Write the script for and deliver a worship • Organise a readathon for Y7 • Take part in the Ian Ramsey CE Academy Peer Readers scheme
<p>Bronze House Certificate</p> <p>+ 50 Positive Points</p>	<p>Silver House Certificate</p> <p>+ 100 Positive Points</p>	<p>Gold House Certificate</p> <p>+ 250 Positive Points</p>

Ian Ramsey Writers

IAN RAMSEY WRITERS **SHORT STORY COMPETITION**



We invite submissions of short stories **5,000-10,000 words** in length on the theme of **COURAGE**. The deadline for submissions is **Friday 16th June**. This competition is open to all year groups!

Stories could explore many different kinds of courage, such as:

- The courage to stand up for your beliefs and values
- Courage in the face of danger or uncertainty
- Finding or losing courage at a critical moment

Three winners will be selected from submissions, and will receive an **Ian Ramsey Writers certificate** (gold, silver or bronze) and a **£5, £10 or £15 book token!**

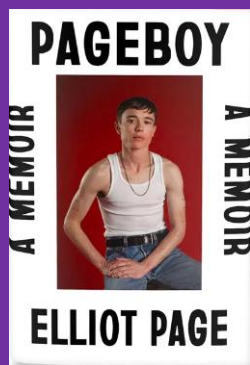
Please ask Dr Leatherland in 210 for more information.

What's new?

Non-fiction:

Pageboy by Elliot Page

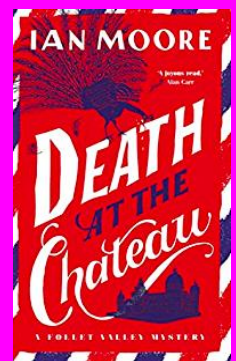
As Elliot Page navigated criticism and abuse from some of the most powerful people in Hollywood, a past that snapped at his heels, and a society dead set on forcing him into a binary, he often stayed silent, unsure of what to do, until enough was enough. Full of behind-the-scenes details and intimate interrogations on sex, love, trauma, and Hollywood, *Pageboy* is the story of a life pushed to the brink.



Fiction

Death at the Chateau by Ian Moore

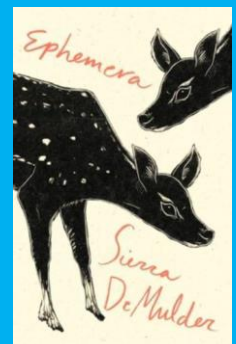
Richard Ainsworth's French B&B has been taken over by a production company shooting a historical film at the Chateau de Valencay. But everything grinds to a halt with the sudden passing of an actor under suspicious circumstances.



Poetry

Ephemera by Sierra DeMulder

In Sierra DeMulder's melancholic yet beautifully hopeful poetry collection, *Ephemera*, she writes with the wisdom of someone who has learned to love and lose. Each poem reads delicately and elegantly, just fleeting memories on the page. Taking experience from her own life, this paints a beautiful picture on love, loss and everything in between.

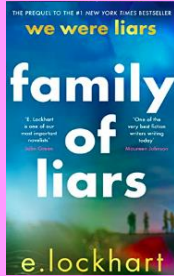


Pupil Recommendations



Family of Liars by E. Lockhart

An unputdownable prequel to E. Lockhart's runaway-hit *We Were Liars*, *Family of Liars* leads the reader back in time to another summer, another generation, and the insidious effects of the secrets they sow.



The Hummingbird Killer by Finn Longman

Teen assassin Isabel Ryans now works for Comma, and she's good at it: the Moth is the guild's most notorious killer, infamous throughout the city of Espera. But Isabel still craves normality, and she won't find it inside the guild. She moves in with a civilian flatmate, Laura, and begins living a double life, one where she gets to pretend, she's free.



Roar by Beth Mead

Drawing on her amazing trajectory from playing with the boys' team on the pitches of North Yorkshire to becoming a football champion and role model, Beth Mead will inspire girls and boys everywhere to dream big, work hard and never give up.



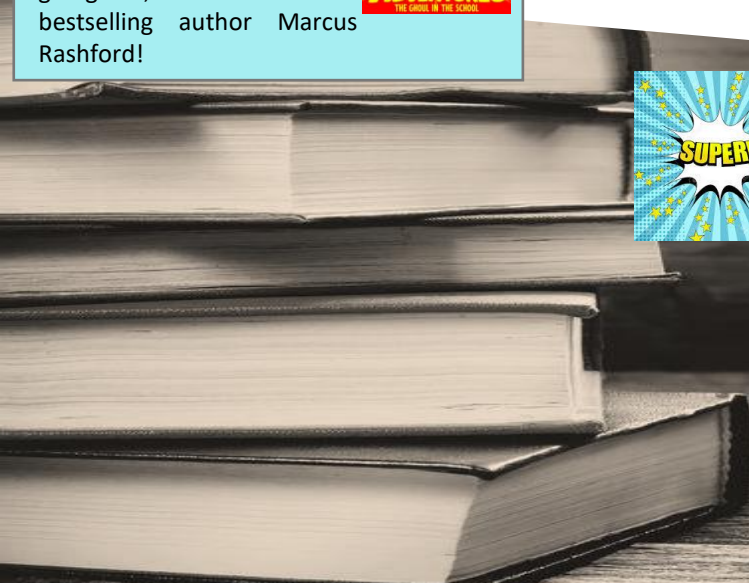
The Breakfast Club Adventures by Marcus Rashford

The Breakfast Club Investigators are back! Join Marcus, Stacey, Lise and Asim on another exciting adventure full of fantastic friendships, high-stakes mysteries and strange goings-on, from #1 bestselling author Marcus Rashford!



If He Had Been With Me by Laura Nowlin

A heart-rendering romantic story of lost love and second chances that has taken TikTok by storm, *If He Had Been With Me* charts the ebb and flow of Autumn and Finn's feelings for each other.



Staff Recommendations



The Wild Card by Judy Murray

A scintillating debut thriller from Judy Murray, *The Wild Card* finds a faded tennis star on an unexpected winning streak as a dramatic secret from her past comes to light.



The Seven Moons of Maali Amieda by Shehan Karunatilaka

Mordantly funny and utterly unique, Karunatilaka's maverick novel dissects the painful truths of a brutal and dark chapter in Sri Lanka's recent history through the titular protagonist's afterlife quest to find out who murdered him.



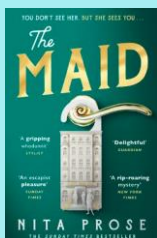
Before The Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a cafe which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time.



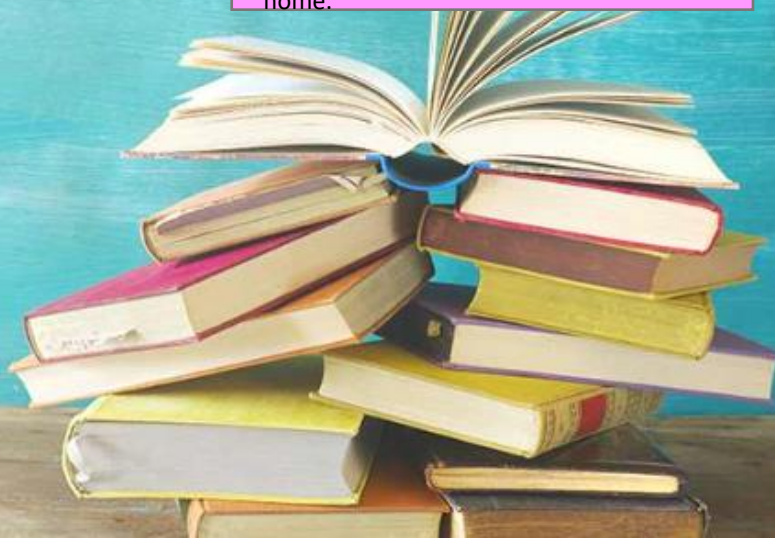
The Maid by Nita Prose

Molly the Maid is all alone in the world. A nobody. She's used to being invisible in her job at the Regency Grand Hotel, plumping pillows and wiping away the grime, dust and secrets of the guests who pass through. She's just a maid - why should anyone take notice?



Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow

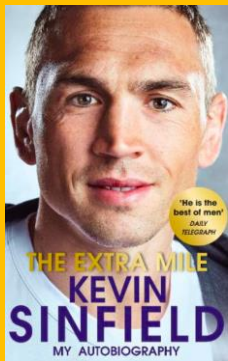
Memphis is a celebration of the enduring strength of female bonds, of what we pass down, from mother to daughter. Epic in scope yet intimate in detail, it is a vivid portrait of three generations of a Southern black family, as well as an ode to the city they call home.



House recommendation: Cuthbert

Mr O'Boyle (House Captain) *The Extra Mile* By Kevin Sinfield

The inspirational, heart-rending memoir of a true Rugby League legend, *The Extra Mile* documents not just Sinfield's sporting achievements throughout an illustrious career but also the heroism he has displayed in raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease that has afflicted his best friend and fellow rugby star Rob Burrow.



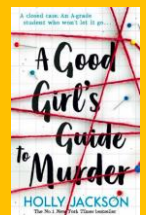
House Prefect *The Hunger Games- Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins

After winning the brutal Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta return to their district, hoping for a peaceful future. But their victory has caused rebellion to break out ... and the Capitol has decided that someone must pay.



House Pupil *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden.



What are they reading?



MEREDITH GREY

This Is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay

As she starts her new life in Boston, this would be the perfect read for Meredith if she's exploring medicine across the pond. Hilarious and painfully honest, this is a no-holds barred account of one junior doctor's time on the frontline of the NHS.



CRISTINA YANG

Do No Harm by Jack Jordan

We all know that Dr. Yang loves a gritty medical drama. *Do No Harm* is a compulsive, edge-of-the-seat thriller about a surgeon forced to murder a patient to save her son from a ruthless kidnapper. A perfect way for her to wind down from the stresses of the day.



IZZIE STEVENS

At the Table by Claire Powell

Whilst advancing through the world of medicine to be one of Kansas' top surgical oncologists, Izzie also had to take time to deal with relationships within her family. Powell's newest novel blends troublesome family relationships with dinners and cooking (another one of Izzie's passions). Set across 12 months of increasingly combustible meals and drinks gatherings, Powell's witty and relatable debut novel picks apart the complexities of family dynamics with scalpel sharp aplomb.



DEREK SHEPHERD

The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

After a long day of being Seattle's top neurosurgeon, Dr Shepherd would have loved nothing more than settling down in his trailer with a juicy murder mystery. Bringing all the appeal of an Agatha Christie-style house-party whodunit to a thoroughly modern thriller, Lucy Foley's impressive thriller casts her readers to the lonely outreaches of the Scottish wilderness.



APRIL KEPNER

Darling by India Knight

After separating from Matthew and reconciling with Jackson Avery, it appears that Dr. Kepner has finally found her happy ending. After years of working through the trials and tribulations of medicine, she quickly became one of the most respected surgeons at Seattle Grace and even took her expertise to international levels. More often than not, it was her own independence that led to her successes. With that in mind, she might also be able to relate nicely to protagonist, Linda Radlett as she learns the ways of the world on her own.



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First liners



Can you guess the title of the book from the first line?

1. Your house glows at night like everything inside is on fire.

2. When I stepped out into the bright sunlight from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind: Paul Newman and a ride home.

3. Hale knew, before he had been in Brighton three hours, that they meant to murder him.

4. Life changes fast. Life changes in the instant. You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends.

5. Once upon a time...

6. The first time I saw Catherine she was wearing a vivid crimson dress and was nervously leafing through a magazine in my waiting room.

7. Like most people I lived for a long time with my mother and father.

8. In case you hadn't noticed, you have a mental dialogue going on inside your head that never stops.

9. All stories are love stories.



Word of the Month

Enthral

(Origin: Middle English)

Enthral means “to hold the attention of someone by being very exciting, interesting, or beautiful,” or in other words, “to charm.” It is often used in its past participle form, as in “I was enthralled by the beauty of the landscape.”

The history of enthral appeals far less than the word as we use it today might suggest. In Middle English, enthralled meant “to deprive of privileges; to put in bondage.” Thrall then, as now, referred to bondage or slavery. An early figurative use of enthral appeared in Shakespeare’s 'A Midsummer Night's Dream': “*So is mine eye enthralled to thy shape.*” But we rarely use even this sense of mental or moral control anymore.

More often, the word simply suggests a state of being generally captivated or delighted by something.



Reading for Pleasure

Reading is a huge part of our academy. Throughout our school, we have implemented numerous reading strategies that will give pupils access to a wide range of literature both inside and outside the classroom.

Our *Reading for Pleasure* lessons have been met with fantastic positivity and enthusiasm from our KS3 pupils. Texts have been specifically chosen that link not only to our curriculum, but to our Christian values as well. This year, pupils will enjoy a range of texts such as:

Year 7

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Once by Morris Gleitzman

Year 8

The Shadow in the North by Philip Pullman
Then by Morris Gleitzman

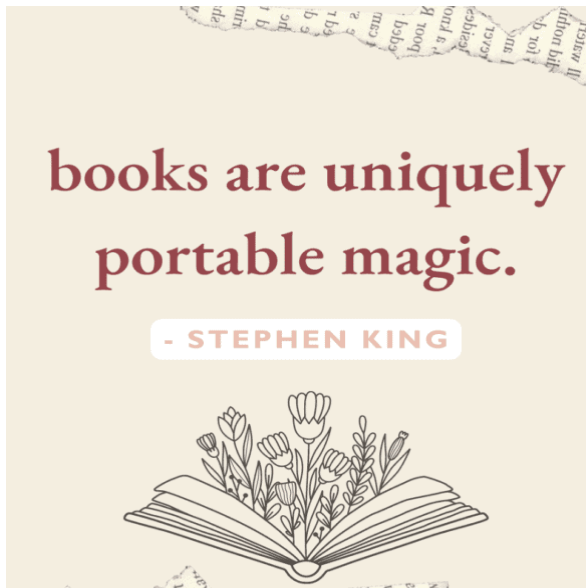
Year 9

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf



Final Notes

Reading is so important to our Academy. The key aim of our reading drive is to encourage Reading for Pleasure. I leave you with the words of Stephen King:



I hope you've enjoyed reading this month's newsletter. As an Academy, we believe you should never be stuck for reading information and recommendations - visit our dedicated reading section on our website for ideas, competitions recommended lists and more. Click on 'Curriculum' and 'Reading' (or click on this link: <https://ianramsey.org.uk/curriculum/reading/>) to uncover a world of books and recommendations and challenges including:

- Book recommendations. These change every term and are thematically linked to all the topics covered by each subject that term.
- Reading challenges
- Desert Island Book lists
- Reading quotes
- Recommend a book

I hope you've enjoyed June's newsletter and look forward to sending you July's edition!

*Answers to First Lines:

1. *The Push* by Ashley Audrain
2. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
3. *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene
4. *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
5. *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
6. *Many Lives, Many Masters* by Dr. Brian Weiss
7. *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit* by Jeanette Winterson
8. *The Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself* by Michael A. Singer
9. *Eureka Street* by Robert McLiam Wilson

