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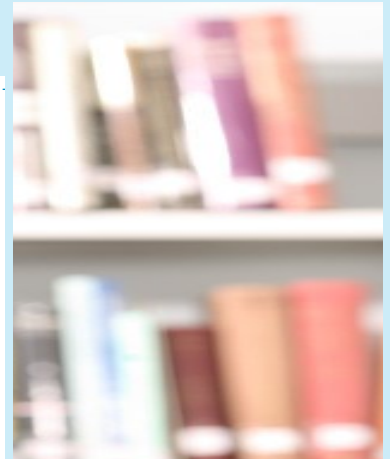
Goldington Academy Library Newsletter

354 NEW
LIBRARY
BOOKS
ADDED
SINCE
SEPTEMBER

3733 books have
been issued in
the Autumn term
3136 FICTION
597 NON-FIC

IN THIS ISSUE! IN THIS ISSUE!

**STAFF READS AUTHOR VISIT BOOK
REVIEWS CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM
CHARACTER DESIGN LIBRARY FACTS AND
FIGURES CREATIVE WRITING BOOKS
ABOUT RESILIENCE WINTER BAKING**

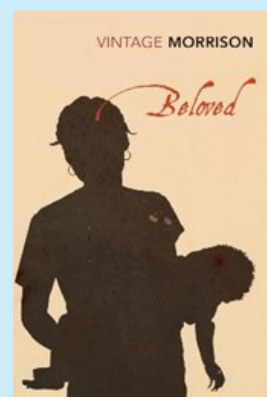


WHAT ARE WE READING?

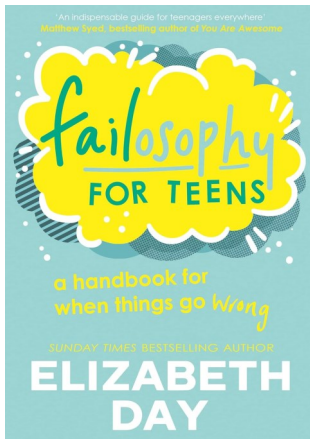
Mr Galbraith



Miss Indge



BOOK REVIEW— FAILOSOPHY BY ELIZABETH DAY



This book is a handbook for when things go wrong.

Have you ever felt that you have failed? Well you are not alone. Everyone fails, or feels that they fail, at some point in their lives whether in school, work or in your personal life.

What is important is how we deal with these feelings of failure and how we use them as a positive influence on our future behaviour.

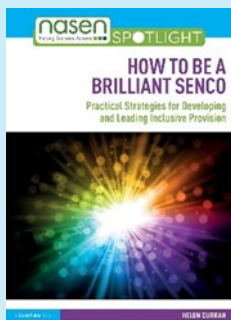
In this book Elizabeth Day, creator of the *How to Fail Podcast*, provides an inspirational and empowering guide to those moments when life doesn't go according to plan. This accessible book will encourage you to talk openly about failure, turn your perception of failure into success, build resilience for when life throws you those curveballs, and help you to reframe negative thoughts about yourself.

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book"
Groucho Marx

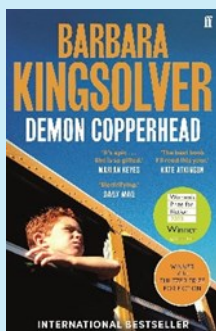
CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM

STAFF READS

Mrs Sacre



Miss Andrews



"I always deserve the best treatment, because I never put up with any other".

A classic in every sense of the word, Jane Austen's *Emma* was published in December 1815. It is commonly referred to as "a comedy of manners" and follows the title character of Emma Woodhouse, a spoilt, vain and witty young woman who attempts to organise the lives of her friends and neighbours.

It is full of entertaining and memorable characters, not least Emma herself who

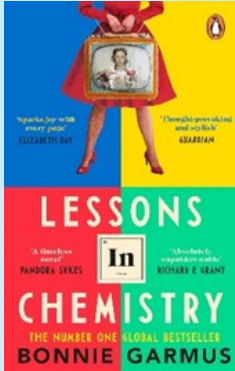
Austen describes as "a heroine whom no one but myself will much like", and Austen was at the height of her technical abilities when she wrote her fourth and final book. The book is full of emotions and relations between people that are just as relevant today as they have ever been. The book is also an interesting window into the importance of marriage (particularly for women) and social status in Georgian society.

Despite not being overwhelmingly popular with the public or critics when it was first published, *Emma* remains tremendously popular today. It has been adapted for the stage and screen several times including in 1995 when it was adapted into the movie *Clueless* with Alicia Silverstone.

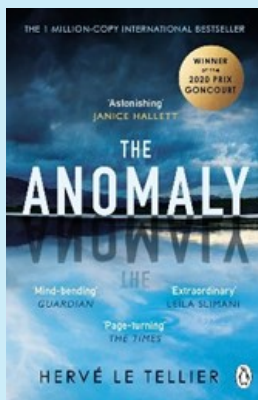
AUTHOR VISIT—MATT OLDFIELD!

STAFF READS

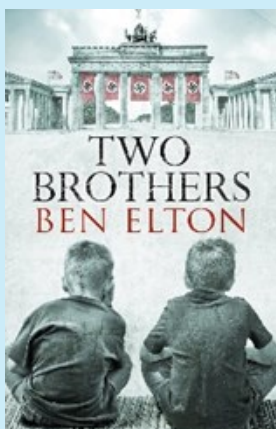
Mrs Bennett-Fowlds



Mrs Percival



Mr Atkinson



On 29th November we were very lucky to have Matt Oldfield, author of the amazing “Football Heroes” series of books, come to the school to speak to Year 7 and 8 about his career as an author and his love of football!

Matt held a workshop with competition winners from year 7 and 8 on Bouncing Back—how to plan, structure and write a story about resilience. All pupils attending got involved brilliantly and the session was a huge success.

All attendees were given the chance to complete the story and win a signed book that Matt left with us.



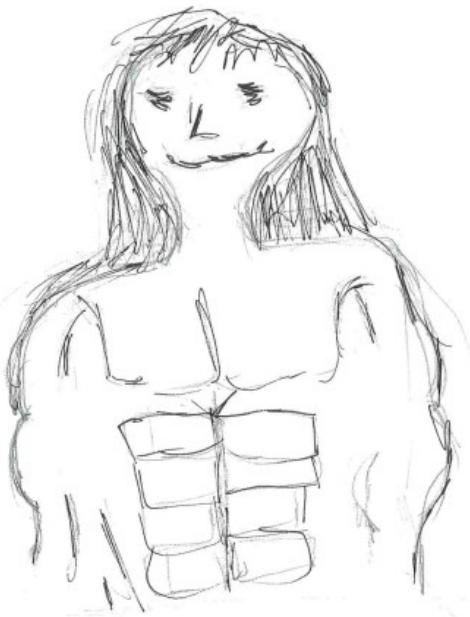
After the workshop we held a book signing in the Library that was INCREDIBLY well attended! Matt was very happy to see so many children keen to get their football books signed—either for themselves or as presents for friends and family.

On what turned out to be an incredibly busy day for Matt he finished off by delivering two talks to Year 7 and Year 8. Everyone loved hearing about how he started his career as a writer, the process of writing an exciting and engaging non-fiction book, and, of course, the all important question of who his favourite footballer is. Both Year 7 and 8 were full of interesting and thought-provoking questions!



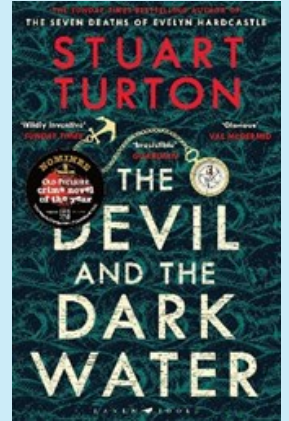
CHARACTER DESIGN

In some of our recent Library lessons pupils were given the opportunity to design a Frankenstein's monster based on Mary Shelley's original descriptions. Here are some of the brilliant designs!



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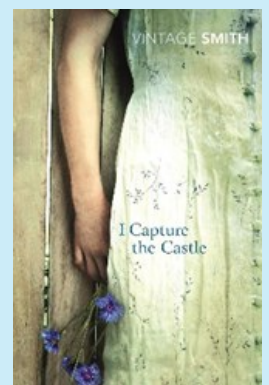
Mrs Orr



Mrs Chapman



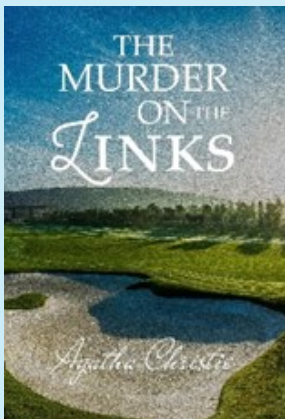
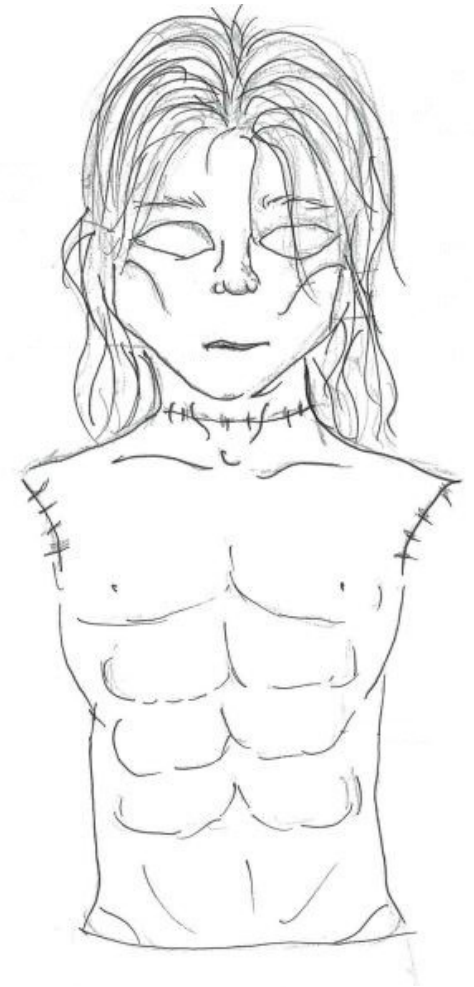
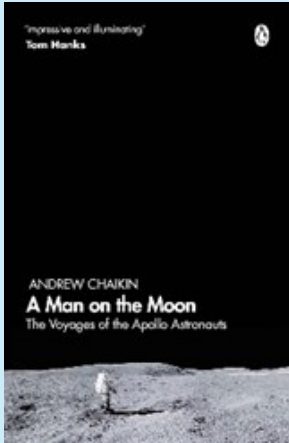
Mr Marston



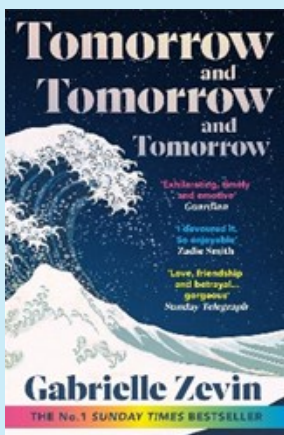
CHARACTER DESIGN – MORE IDEAS!

STAFF READS

Mr Andrews

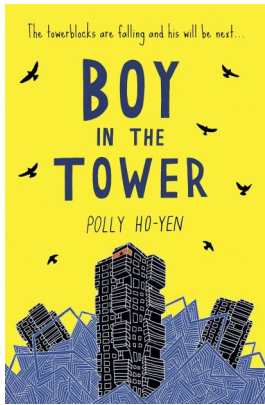


Mrs Dear



Have a look at the brilliant drawing above by Mr Andrews.

NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

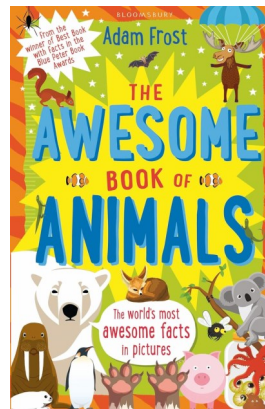
From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as a strange and terrible type of plant, The Bluchers, takes over the city one tower block at a time, pulling them down. Everyone is evacuating but his mother refuses to leave her room. So Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties, and the Bluchers creep ever closer.

A thought provoking and emotional science-fiction fable set in a dystopian future.

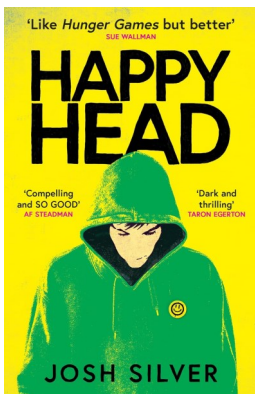
The Awesome book of Animals by Adam Frost

I love this bright and beautiful book chock full of funny and interesting animals facts! This book is perfect for dipping into (you don't have to read it cover to cover) and it's certainly a book you will want to come back to.

Some of my favourite facts show the difference in spider webs, animals with unfortunate names (the poor Stinkbird for example) and a page detailing how long it would take you to die if you are stung by various venomous animals!



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Happy Head by Josh Silver (14+)

Did you like *They Both Die at the End* or *Squid Game*? Then you will love this fantastic dystopia from Josh Silver.

When Seb is offered a place at a radical treatment centre for "unhappiness", he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud. But the challenges they are set get progressively more difficult, strange, and dangerous, and Seb begins to question the true nature of the retreat. Soon, it becomes clear that there may be no escape at all....

Kyle Thomas: Guardian of the Realm

You don't have to know anything about TikTok influencer Kyle Thomas to enjoy this beautifully illustrated graphic novel.

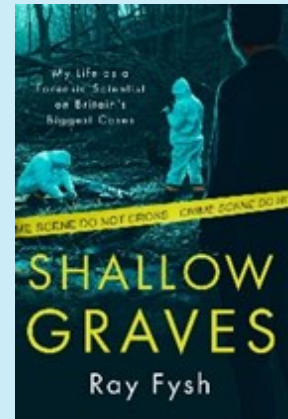
It follows Kyle and his beloved meerkat Mylo as they stumble into an extraordinary and magical alternate world filled with strange and wonderful creatures. Everything seems perfect....but danger is lurking!

A dark creature has found its way through an open portal and is wreaking havoc in the real world. Can Kyle and Mylo work together to save the world?

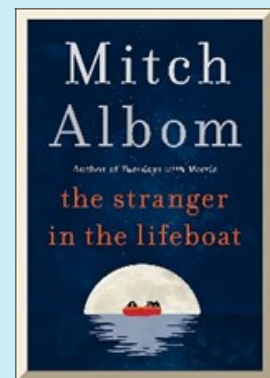


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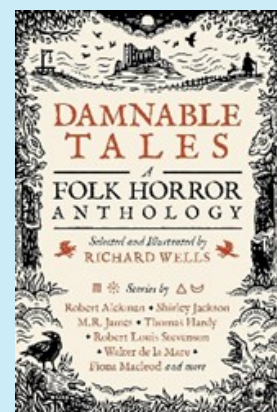
Mrs Catrambone



Miss Luck



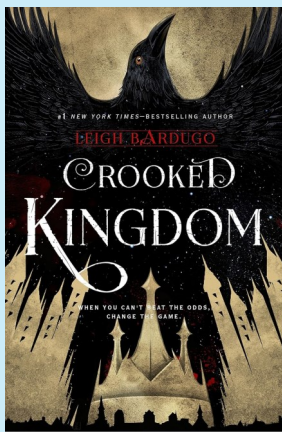
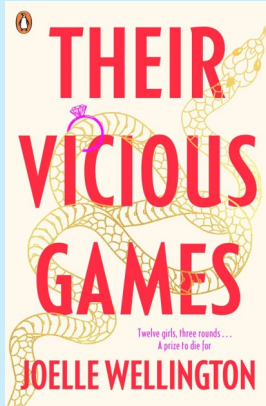
Miss Embling



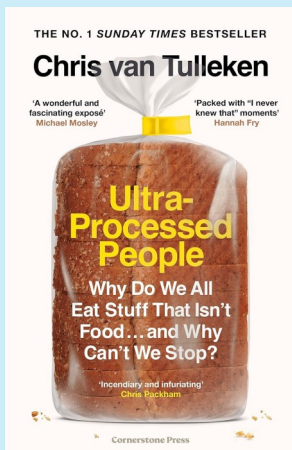
LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES AUTUMN TERM 2023

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Mrs Kelly



Miss McCarthy-Gardner



MOST POPULAR BOOKS

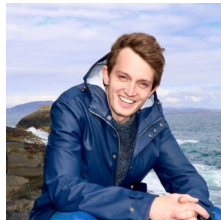


BEST BORROWING ENGLISH CLASS
YEAR 7 MR ANDREWS

BEST BORROWING FORM GROUP
YEAR 7-7W

BEST BORROWING YEAR
YEAR 7-1715 ISSUES!

Matt Oldfield
(Football Heroes)



Koyoharu
Gotouge (Demon
Slayer)



Kohei Horikoshi (My
Hero Academia)



MOST POPULAR AUTHORS

CREATIVE WRITING

To win a space in the author workshop with Matt Oldfield Year 7s and 8s were invited to write about their favourite sports or sports people. Here are some of their fantastic pieces of work.

Let Girls Play

By Ella Russell, Year 8

We are fearless,
We are outstanding,
We work as a team,
Let girls play!
We are creative,
We are electrifying,
We are strong,
Let girls play!
We are loyal,
We inspire,
We are encouraged,
Let girls play!
We are hopeful,
We want change,
Listen to our voices,
Let girls play!

I've Got to Score by Lazzarro Pasquariello, Year 8

As I stand with my studs imbedded firmly into the ground,
The famous home ground called "The Stadio Olimpico"
The ground to many Roma fans.
The sound of the crowd booing and cheering
The football lays still, I am sweating and searing.
The burden lies on me to score this one goal,
What technique do I use?
So long as I'm in control.
I must win us this Champions League Trophy.
So people will want to know Roma the team.
As I take position to kick the ball,
I know I must kick it over the oppositions wall.
I swing my leg and powerfully shoot the ball,
There it went into the top corner of the goal.
Now I'll win the golden boot and the Ballon D'Or,
I'll get a chance to wear my Roma suit once more.

LEAH Williamson!



Leah was born on the 24th March 197 in Milton Keynes and grew up in Newport. She plays for Arsenal and England. I went to her book signing and got her book signed.

She spent her entire school domestic career at Arsenal and she represented Great Britain in the Olympics in 2010 and became the England Captain in 2022.

Random Facts:
her favorite sandwich is Ham and her favorite Harry Potter is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. she has endometriosis which makes her anxious. She started playing football.

She plays Midfield and Center back and is number 6. her full name is Leah Cathrin Williamson.

I chose to write about Leah because she just released a new book called "Play Under the Sun and the Sky". I was lucky enough to get a chance to meet her in Milton Keynes for her book signing and I have a copy of her book. Her book is about Leah's journey from getting frustrated ten years back in time, when she realised that women's football has been banned! I think this is how she really feels as if it really is girls and women weren't given the chance to play professional football. When England won the Euros in 2022 this opened up the women's football and gave girls and women the opportunity to play in a team and in a sport they loved. Leah Williamson inspires me as she has given a lot of women and girls hope.

Isla Hayes, Year 7

CREATIVE WRITING

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Today I woke up and I knew it was today to show the world who I really am. I went down the stairs step by step, worry travelled down my spine, but I felt it was going to be fine.

When I was ready I picked up my car keys, slid into the driver seat, put my seatbelt on, and started the engine. But with a rumble the car stopped and turned off. I was so scared knowing the car was the only thing that could get me there, I tried it over and over again. Worrying I made my way back into the house looking for some oil or anything that would make it start. I ran over to the garage, I found a bottle of oil and a gallon of petrol, I dashed over to the car and emptied the petrol and filled the oil to the top.

I tried again with a bit more hope, but it didn't start. As I was about to give up, I pulled the key out, twisting, expecting nothing, the car jolted forwards, the engine roared. I hit the accelerator and it sped off. I quickly snatched my seatbelt on, speeding out of my drive. I couldn't be late. It's time, I thought to myself, I finally arrived.

About an hour later I walked out the locker room and got to the end of the tunnel, the beaming lights blinded me. My team mates got into position as I passed the ball—taking kick off. Hoping to win to redeem myself.

Rayyan Beg, Year 7

Lavinia Jiurjiu, Year 7

Neymar

Full name: Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior.

Date of birth: 5 February 1992 (Age 31).

Height: 1.75m (5ft 9in).

A prolific goalscorer and playmaker renowned for his dribbling skills, he is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world.

Neymar Júnior is a Brazilian professional footballer who plays as a forward for Saudi Pro League club Al Hilal and the Brazil national team.

He has a son and a daughter. Neymar is a Christian. In 2018, France Football ranked him the 3rd highest-paid footballer.

Lavinia Jiurjiu 7D

Marcus Rashford

Marcus Rashford, born October 31, 1997, is an English footballer. He plays as a forward for Manchester United and the England national team. Rashford has been with Manchester United since he was seven years old. He made his debut for the first team in 2016 in a game against Midtjylland. He scored two goals in that game, and two more in his next game against Arsenal.

Early life and Career!

Marcus Rashford was born in Wythenshawe, a town in south Manchester. He started playing football at the age of five for Fletcher Moss Rangers. When he was seven, Rashford started the pre-academy program at Manchester United. Rashford was playing with the Manchester United under-13 team when he got recall to the first team. Rashford has said that the Brazilian football player Ronaldo was his childhood idol.

Facts

He also teamed up with poverty and good waste charity, Foreshare, to provide meals to poor school children in the Greater Manchester area. Because of COVID-19-related lockdowns, school children were not receiving free school meals during that time. Eventually the charity was able to earn enough money to reach four million children across the country.

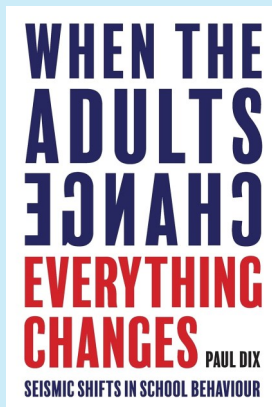
Ruby D'Arcy, Year 7

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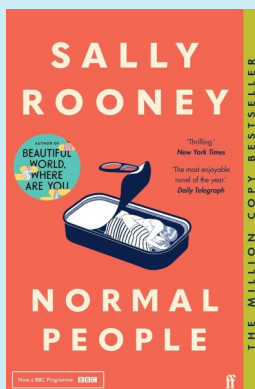
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Mirs Millington

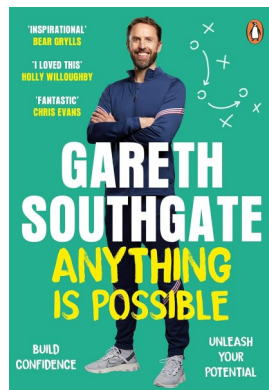
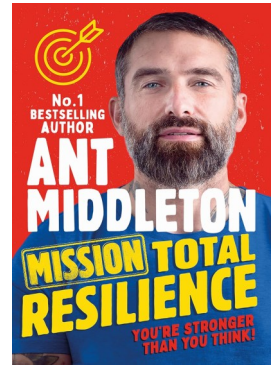


Miss Chapman



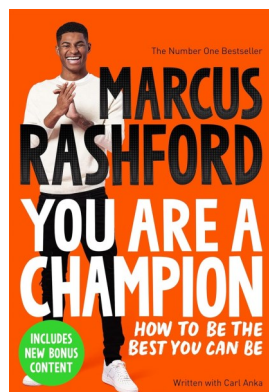
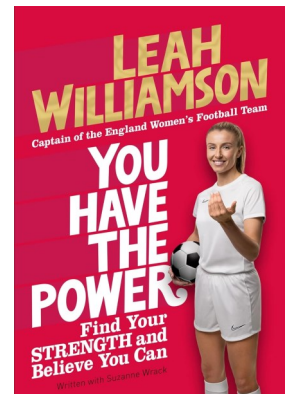
FOCUS ON: BOOKS ABOUT RESILIENCE

Former UK Special Forces soldier Ant Middleton certainly knows about resilience. He is a successful soldier, adventurer and TV personality but he has made mistakes and has had to overcome obstacles. This very practical book is full of motivating tasks and challenges, mood-boosting physical activities and inspiring personal stories—all designed to set you on a positive path to achieving your dreams whatever life throws at you.



Gareth Southgate, successful footballer and England manager, has not always been a success. In fact when he was a teenager he was told he would never make it as a footballer. Despite this he persevered, and his resilience was rewarded with success. In this book he shares his inspiration message to encourage us all to achieve our potential by being BRAVE, being KIND, and following your DREAMS.

Leah Williamson is a successful international football player for the Lionesses and also for Arsenal. In this book she shares advice and tips on achieving your full potential—on the pitch or off it!



Footballer Marcus Rashford presents an inspiring, positive and practical guide to help you be the best that you can be. Amongst other practical tips he discusses the importance of resilience, focusing on how to think positively, overcome adversity, and building confidence in yourself.

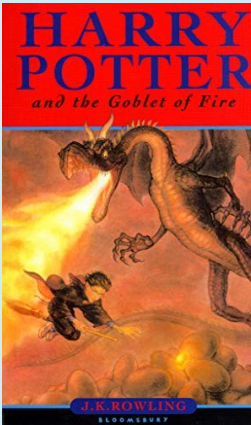
There's lots to love about this book and loads to learn about yourself too!

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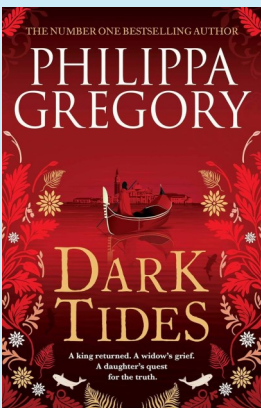
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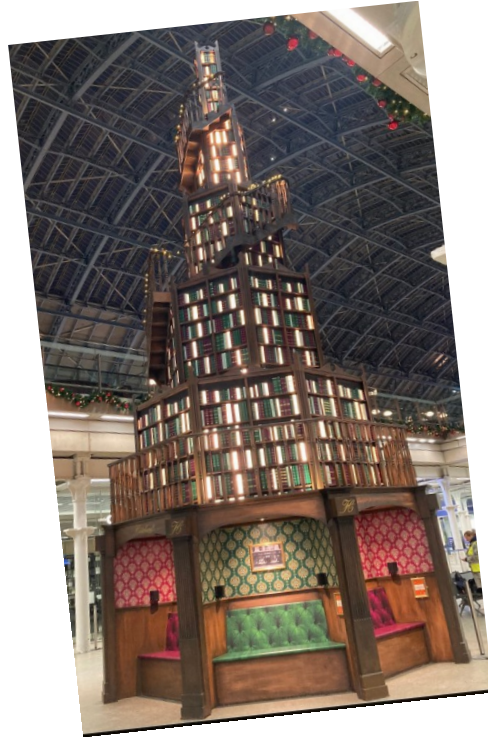
Mr Murray



Mrs White



BOOK ART—BOOK CHRISTMAS TREES!



CHRISTMAS COOKERY!

THERE'S NOTHING I LOVE MORE THAN BAKING SWEET TREATS IN THE HOLIDAYS. WHY NOT TRY THESE DELICIOUS HARRY POTTER INSPIRED BUTTERBEER COOKIES? REMEMBER TO LEAVE ONE OUT FOR SANTA!



Ingredients

125g Unsalted butter, melted (melting the butter really helps the texture)

120g light brown soft sugar

100g granulated sugar

1 medium free range egg

2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

240g plain flour

3 teaspoons of baking powder

50g butterscotch pudding (such as Angel Delight—but any powdered butterscotch pudding will do!)

150g white chocolate—chopped

Edible glitter (optional)

Method:

1. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, combine the butter and both sugars on medium speed for 3 minutes until fully combined (you can use a hand whisk it will take about 6 minutes). Add the egg and vanilla and mix again.
2. Add the flour, baking powder, butterscotch angel delight/pudding mixture and chopped chocolate, and fold until combined. The dough should be fairly solid at this stage (it ought to almost form a ball).
3. Cover and chill in the fridge for at least 30 minutes (I know waiting is boring but chilling the dough is very important!)
4. Preheat the oven to 200c, 180c if using a fan oven, gas mark 6. Line a baking tray with greaseproof baking paper (you may need more than one baking tray!). Roll the dough into about 12 balls (use a tablespoon to scoop balls of dough). Place the dough onto the lined baking sheets and press down a little.
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until golden and just crisping up at the edges. Let them cool on a wire rack before adding the glitter if you're using it.
6. Eat!

Recipe credit: <https://tasting-thyme.com/harry-potter-butterbeer-cookies/>

Wishing you all a lovely winter break!
Mrs Kelly

