



## Goldington Academy Library Newsletter

Autumn Term

**378 NEW  
LIBRARY  
BOOKS  
ADDED  
SINCE  
SEPTEMBER**

**4,497 books  
have been issued  
in the Autumn  
term  
3,674 FICTION  
823 NON-FIC**

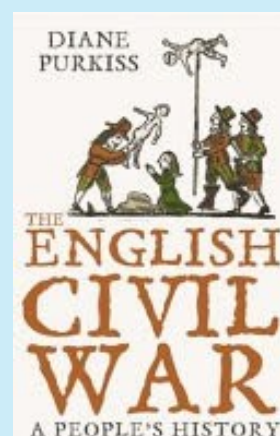
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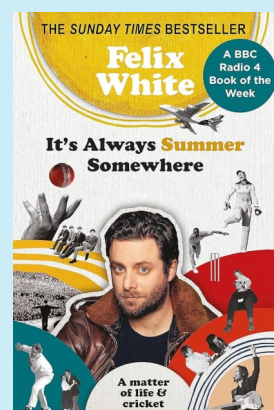


### WHAT ARE WE READING?

Miss Andrews



Mr Lucas



## BOOK REVIEW— THE COMPLETE DOG BREED BOOK



I love this beautifully illustrated book which covers over 420 breeds of dog! From established favourites like the Labrador Retriever and German Shepherd through to newer “designer breeds” including the Schnoodle and Puggle, this book has all the information you need to help you choose, train and care for your dog... or daydream about your perfect pet!

Each breed information panel

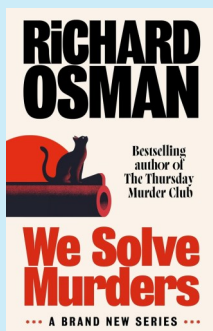
contains photos showing the dog from various angles which highlight the breed’s physical characteristics. The clear and informative text explains the main features and also a historical overview. There are reference sections offering an at-a-glance guide to key traits, such as the dog’s temperament, size, and colour. A must for any dog fan!

The Complete Cat Breed Book is also available!

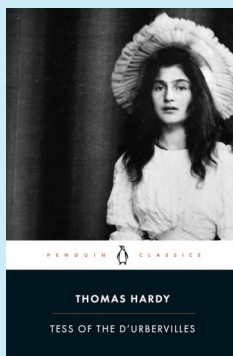
*“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.” Dr Seuss*

### STAFF READS

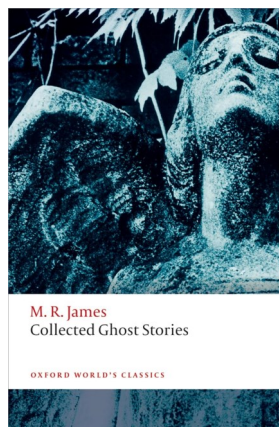
Mrs Hemming



Miss Luck



### CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM



Winter is a season which lends itself to ghost stories. The nights are longer, and the winter solstice is often thought of as a time when the barrier between the living and the dead is at its thinnest.

The tradition of ghost stories told around the fire over the winter holiday began in the Victorian times. The lack of modern technology meant that gathering with your family and friends around the warm fire and telling stories was the best way to pass the long evenings. Ghost stories, with their

hint of danger and supernatural, were the perfect fit for these gatherings, offering a spooky contrast to the warmth and safety of home.

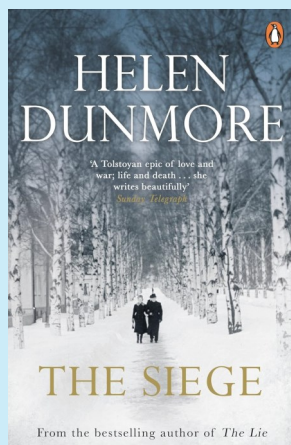
In my opinion M. R. James writes the best spooky short stories—perfect for your winter gathering. This book collects his short stories in one volume and contains some beautifully eerie tales. My favourite is “Oh ,Whistle, and I’ll Come to You, My Lad”, which tells the story of a man on a walking holiday in wintery Norfolk. He finds an old whistle, buried on a beach. When he blows the whistle, he finds himself stalked and haunted by a mysterious figure—approaching ever closer, until the terrifying night where he wakes to a ghostly figure in his room.... Then there is “The Ash Tree”, in which a man is cursed when he causes a woman to be hanged for witchcraft in 17th century Suffolk.

A fantastic collection.

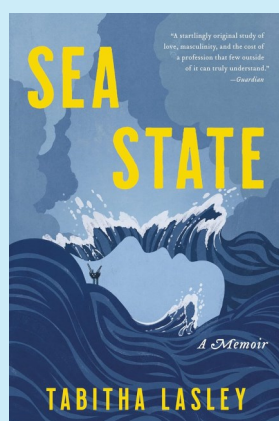


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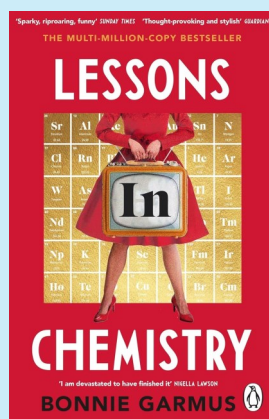
Mrs Bennett-Fowlds



Mr Marston

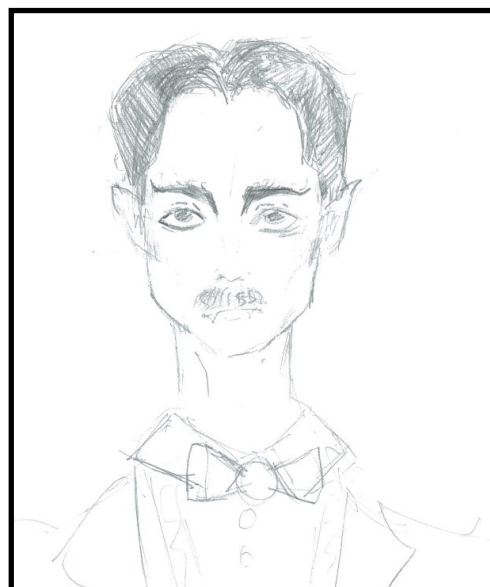


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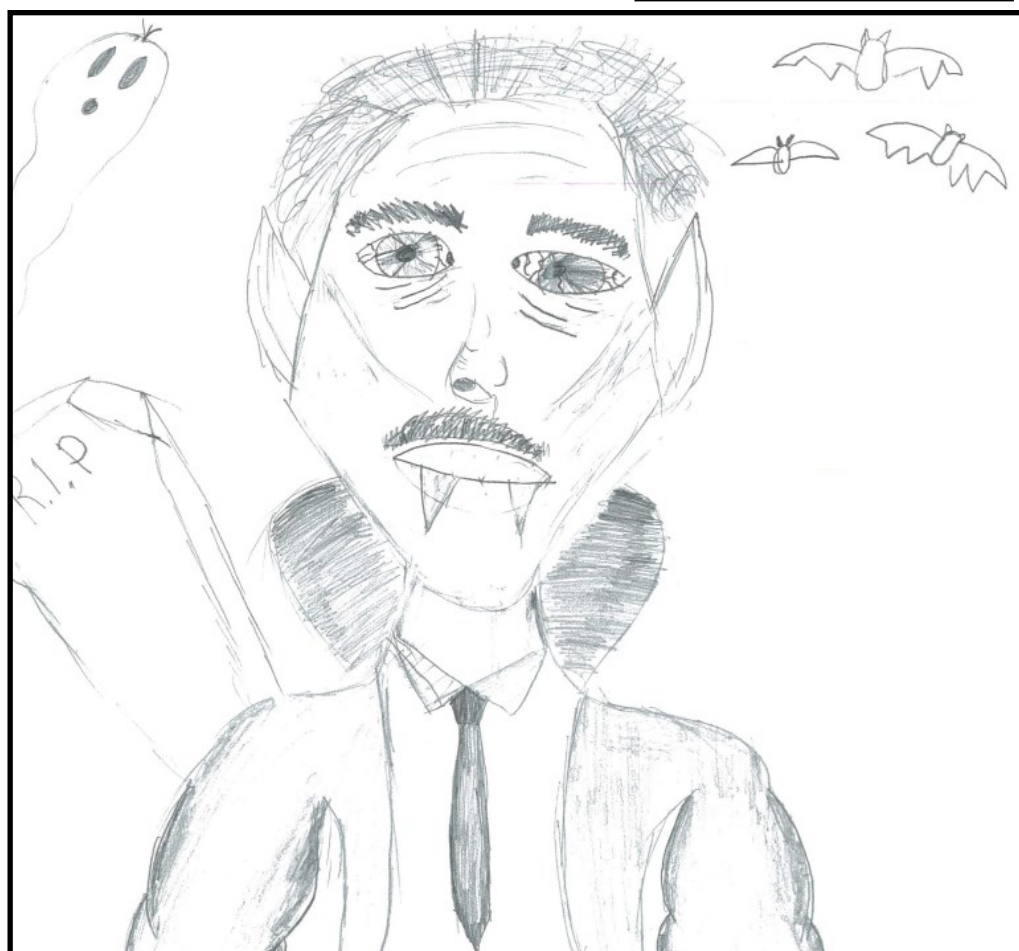
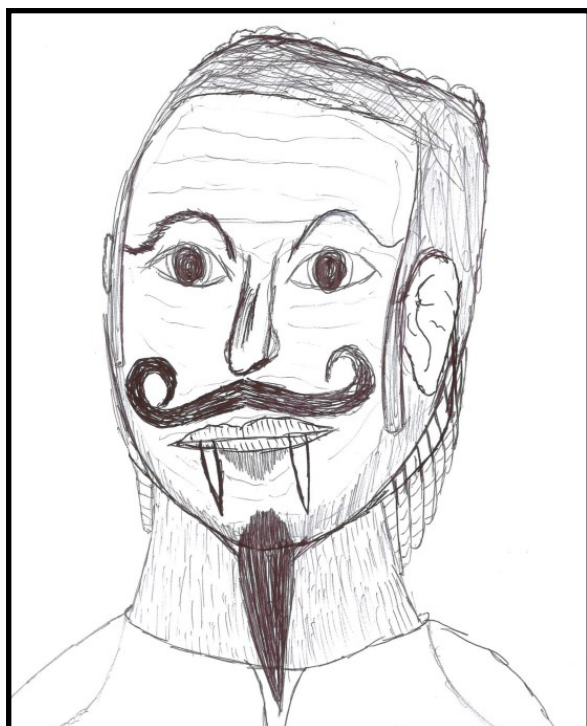
## DRACULA DESIGNS

**In some of our recent Library lessons pupils have been given the chance to draw their own interpretation of Dracula based on Bram Stoker's original description. Here are some of the fantastic results!**



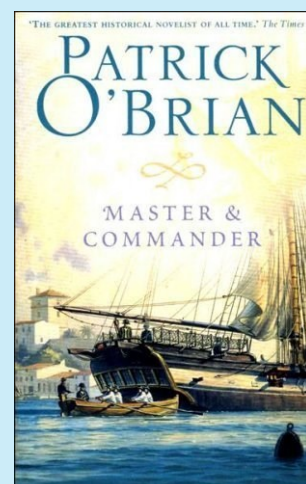
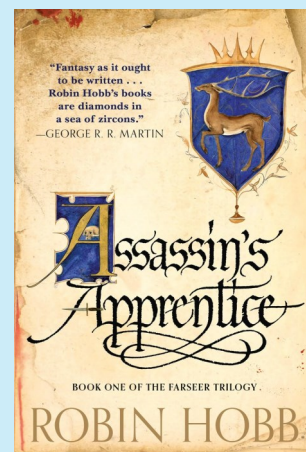
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More amazing Dracula designs...

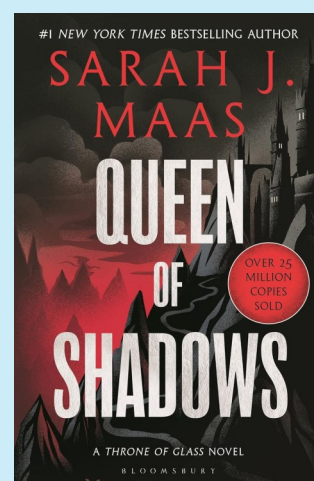


### STAFF READS

Mr Kite



Mrs McCarthy-Gardner





## NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



*We are Hunted* by Tomi Oyemakinde

Just how far are you prepared to go to get power? What lengths will you go to survive? These are the questions that Tomi Oyemakinde asks in this compulsive thriller.

When seventeen-year-old Femi accompanies his dad to a top secret island he is looking forward to an unforgettable summer. Filled with amazing animals and technology the island welcomes them with open arms. But beneath the sparkle and wonder, a terrible secret is waiting.

When the island is put on lockdown, Femi has to decide who he trusts, and how far he will go to survive.

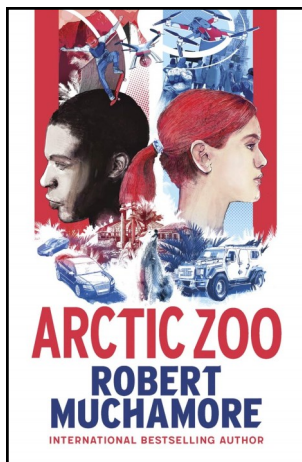
*Signed, Sealed, Dead* by Cynthia Murphy

The always reliable thriller writer Cynthia Murphy does it again with this explosive new mystery. Paige is obsessed with true-crime, and when her family move back to her dad's eerie home town—it isn't long before she starts digging up info about a string of unsolved murders.

Full of plot-twists to keep you guessing!



## NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



*Arctic Zoo* by Robert Muchamore, 14+

From the author of the amazing Cherub series comes this compulsive thriller about protest and change.

Georgia and Julius are worlds apart. Georgia the straight 'A' student heading for medical school, Julius in Nigeria where poverty is rife. Both of them living in an increasingly hostile world.

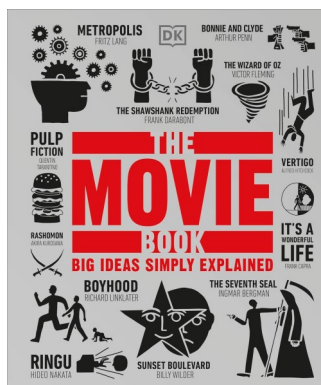
Following two teens living very different lives, *Arctic Zoo* is an arresting thriller about protest, mental health and flawed leadership.

*The Movie Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*

If, like me, you are a fan of movies, then this great book is a must!

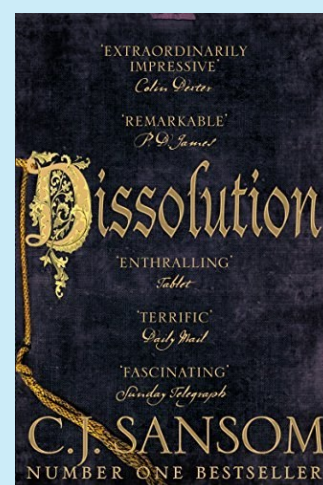
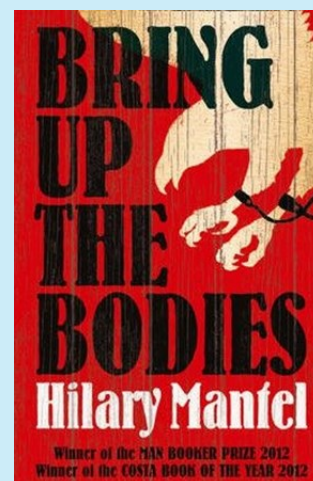
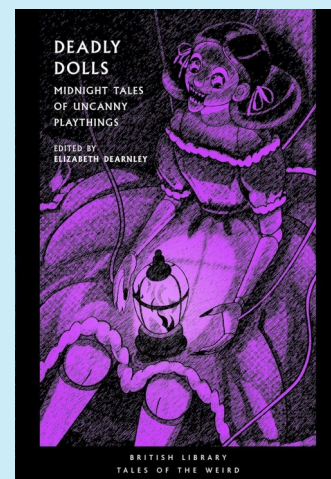
The book takes a chronological look at movies from the very beginning of the late 19th century, to contemporary movie-making. It is full of info on some of the best movies ever made from all over the world, exploring their themes and the film-making techniques that they pioneered.

A brilliant intro to films and film-theory in a visual and accessible style!



### STAFF READS

Mrs Kelly



## WINTER READING—POETRY

This beautiful poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, evokes the winters of his childhood in the 19th century

### Winter-Time

Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,  
A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies,  
At morning in the dark I rise;  
And shivering in my nakedness,  
By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

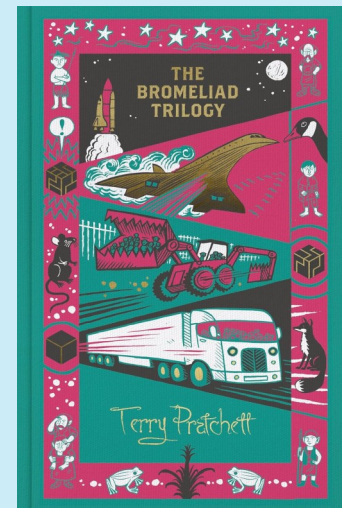
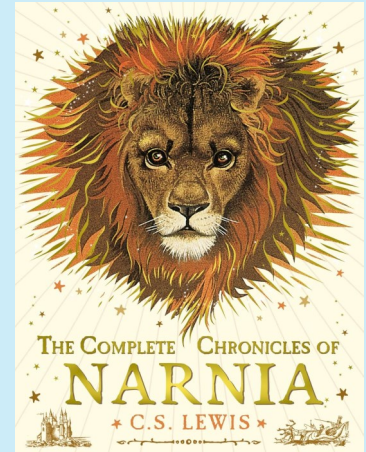
Close by the jolly fire I sit  
To warm my frozen bones a bit;  
Or with a reindeer-sled, explore  
The colder countries round the door.

When to go out, my nurse doth wrap  
Me in my comforter and cap;  
The cold wind burns my face, and blows  
Its frosty pepper up my nose.

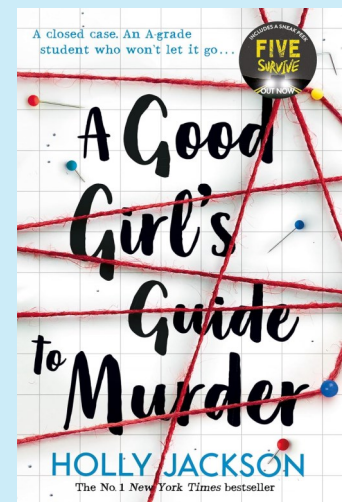
Black are my steps on silver sod;  
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;  
And tree and house, and hill and lake,  
Are frosted like a wedding cake.

### STAFF READS

Mrs Bounds



Mrs Percival





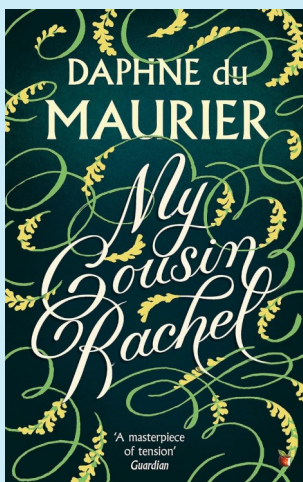
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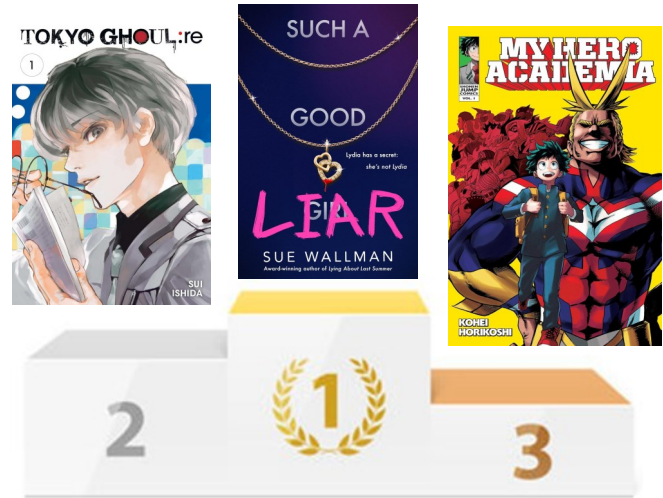
Ms Taylor



Mrs Ferguson



### MOST POPULAR BOOKS



### MOST POPULAR NON-MANGA AUTHOR

JEFF KINNEY



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### MOST POPULAR AUTHORS

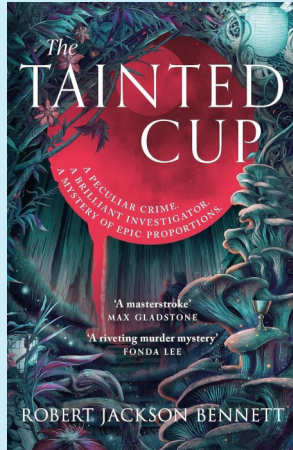
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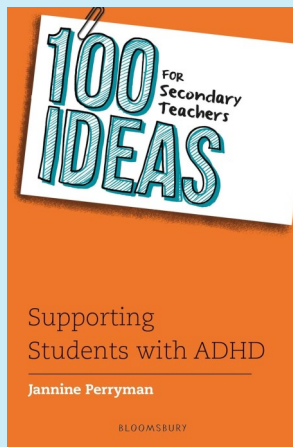


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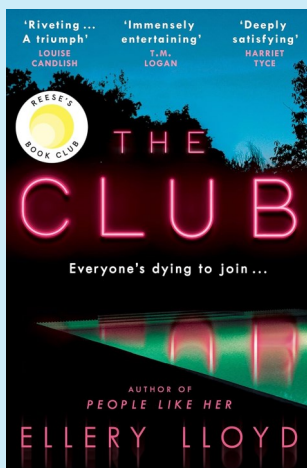
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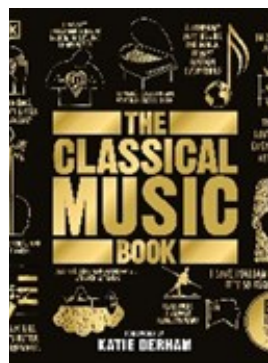
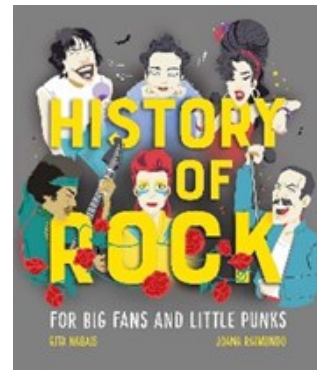


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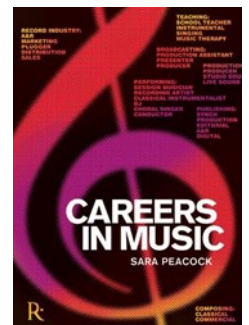
## FOCUS ON MUSIC

What are the greatest rock songs of all time? Who are the most famous musical legends? From the rip-roaring rock and roll rhythms of the 1950s to the psychedelic anthems of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, discover the music that has moved our feet, touched our souls and mended broken hearts. Explore musical icons, their incredible stories, their chart-topping hits and the artistic movements influenced by the creative explosion of rock.

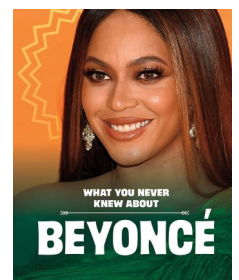
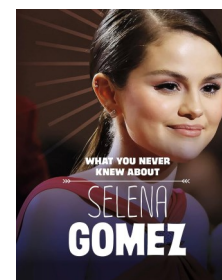
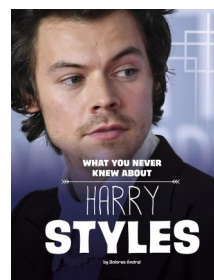
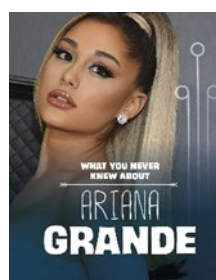


Easy to understand and clear to follow, this history of classical music explores and explains music theory and the impact of iconic pieces, while also providing fascinating stories about the lives of important composers and performers.

Music is a thriving industry full of career opportunities across a range of disciplines – but it is an industry that can be tough to break in to. *Careers in Music* provides an insight into the many roles and routes into music available, looking at the skills and personality types that suit different jobs.



The “What you Never Knew About...” series is packed full of interesting facts about some of your favourite musical stars. There are some amazing pictures in these books and loads of easy to read info. If you ever wanted to know what Beyoncé’s favourite type of cheese is then these are the books for you!





## WONDERFUL WINTER WORDS

**Hygge**—a Danish word which has exploded in popularity recently. It loosely translates as “cosiness” but it means so much more than that and is a defining characteristic of Danish culture.

**Gelid**—beyond “chilly”, “nippy”, or “brisk”, gelid basically means “super cold”!

**Cosy**—we all know what this means, but did you know that it originates from an Old Scots word “colsie”. It is thought to have originated from Scandinavia, as the Norwegian word for cosy is “koselig”.

**Snug**—Like cosy we know what it means, and like cosy it also is thought to originate from Scandinavia from the Swedish word “snygg”, which actually means keeping a sailing ship sails neat!

**Apricity**—a beautiful word which means “the warmth of the sun in winter”.

**Hunch-weather**—an 18th century word which refers to weather that makes you hunch your shoulders, like rain or drizzle.

**Frore**—old word which means “frosty” or “frozen”

**Hibernaculum**—a place where you retreat to hibernate.

### HYGGE LIBRARY VIBES



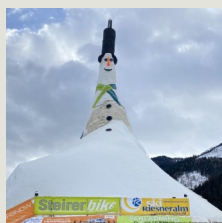
### *Want to be in the next newsletter?*

*Submit your book reviews, book suggestions, short stories, or poems to me either in person or to [kellyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:kellyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk) and you could find yourself in next term's newsletter.*

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT....CRAZY READING FACTS!

### WEIRD BUT TRUE ... WINTER FACTS

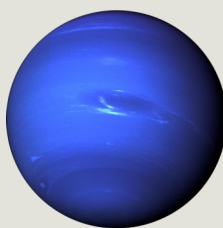
A snowflake can take up to two hours to fall from a cloud to the ground.



The tallest known snowman ever was higher than a 12-story building. His name was Riesi and he was made in 2020 in Austria.

The North Pole is warmer than the South Pole. In winter the average temperature in the North Pole is -40 degrees Celsius and in the South Pole it averages -760 degrees Celsius.

On the planet Uranus winter lasts for 21 years. It lasts this long as Uranus is tilted, so one hemisphere is always away from the sun, the other towards it. It means Uranus has the most extreme seasons in our solar system.



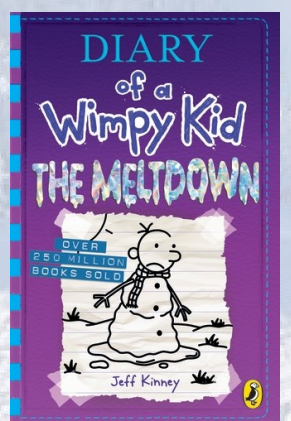
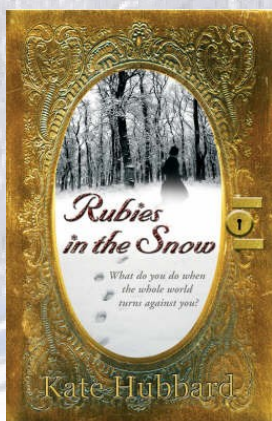
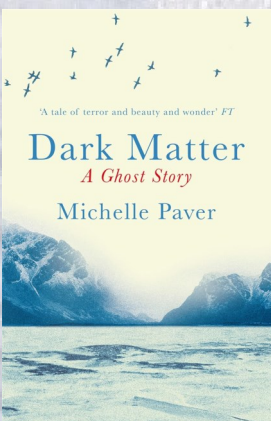
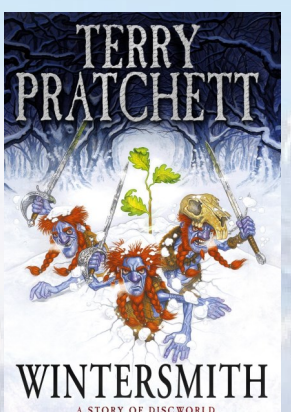
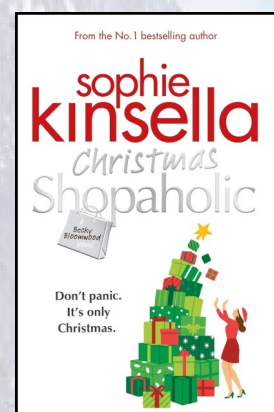
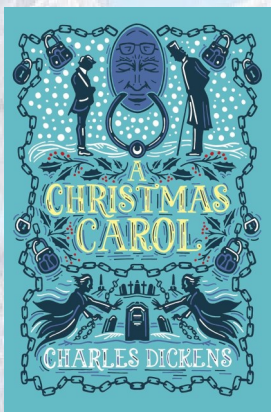
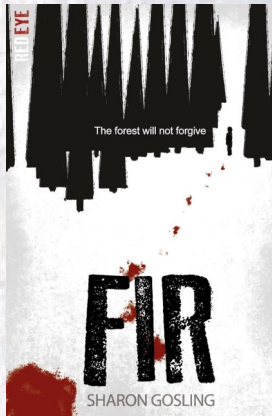
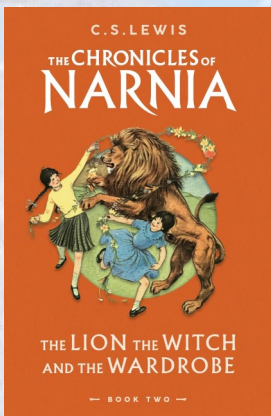
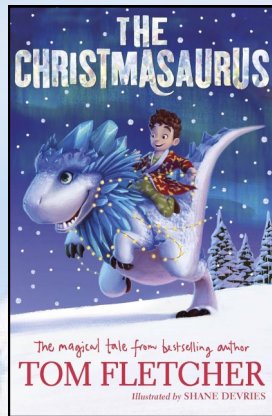
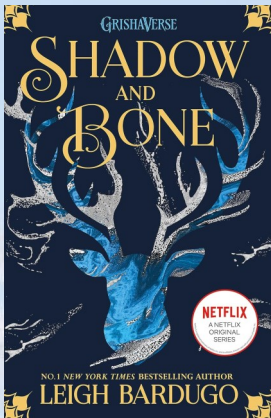
The coldest place on Earth is the East Antarctic Plateau, where temperatures can reach -98 degrees Celsius.





# WINTER READING

Check out some of these lovely wintry reads!





# FESTIVE FOOD

THE WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON IS ABOUT FEASTING!

TREAT YOUR FAMILY WITH THESE LOVELY FESTIVE CUPCAKES!



Makes 12 30 mins preparation, 25 mins cooking

## Ingredients

275g caster sugar  
200ml sunflower oil  
4 medium eggs  
300g carrot, grated  
225g wholemeal flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon mixed spice

## For decorating

Mini chocolate buttons (ears)  
M&M's sweets (nose)  
Pretzels (antlers)  
Mini marshmallows (eyes)  
Mini amaretti biscuits (snout)

Cupcake tin  
Cupcake cases

## For the icing

200g dark chocolate  
100ml double cream  
50g icing sugar

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.
2. Line the cupcake tin with cupcake cases.
3. Beat the sugar, oil and eggs in a mixing bowl until smooth, and then stir in the carrot.
4. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and mixed spice. Add this to the carrot mixture and stir well.
5. Fill each cupcake case to two thirds full, and bake in the oven for 25 minutes, until the cakes are golden.
6. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.

## To make the icing and decorate

1. Melt the dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. When it's melted, take off the heat, and stir in the double cream. Sift in the icing sugar and mix well.
2. Top each cake with a layer of the icing, saving some to finish the reindeer eyes, and to stick the nose to the snout.
3. Using the decorating ingredients as listed above, design each reindeer.

The photo shows you one way to do it – but feel free to let your creativity run wild!

YOU CAN FIND THIS RECIPE AND OTHER FESTIVE FAVOURITES IN *FESTIVE FOOD MADE SIMPLE* - AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

***Wishing you all a lovely Winter break!***  
***Mrs Kelly***

