



Goldington Academy Library Newsletter

Summer Term

**203 NEW
LIBRARY
BOOKS
ADDED
SINCE
APRIL**

**4066 books have
been issued in
the summer
term
3665 FICTION
401 NON-FIC**

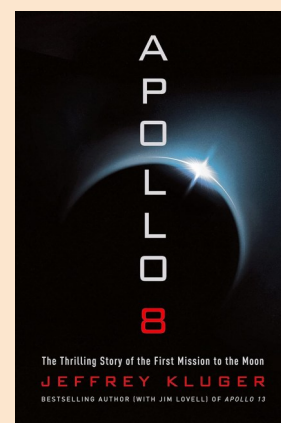
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BOOK OF THE TERM CREATIVE BOOK-
MARKS LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES
LIBRARY DESIGNS CRAZY BOOK FACTS
WONDERFUL SUMMER WORDS SUMMER
READS**



WHAT ARE WE READING?

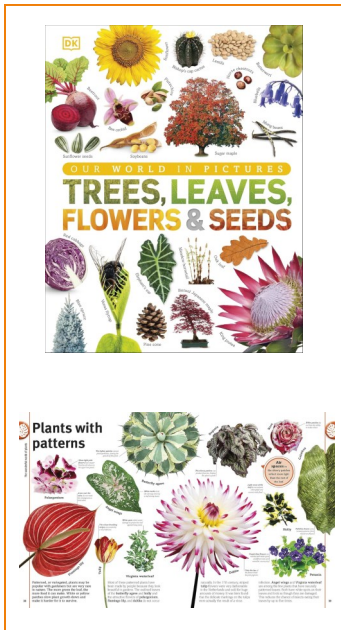
Mr Lucas



Mrs Bennett-Fowlds



BOOK REVIEW— TREES, LEAVES, FLOWERS AND SEEDS



This is a beautiful and incredibly informative reference book covering all aspects of the plant kingdom. The book explores a massive range of plants, from the very tallest of trees to the tiniest of seeds. It explains how different plants grow, how they reproduce, and how they can survive in a range of very different habitats.

It is absolutely packed full of detailed photographs, diagrams,

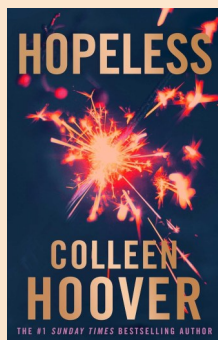
and cross-sections that help you understand the structures of flowers, leaves, roots and seeds.

I loved how this book combines scientific facts with beautiful and eye-catching images. Whether you want to identify a plant in the garden or learn more about the natural world, this book is a fascinating source of information, and one that you can dip into again and again!

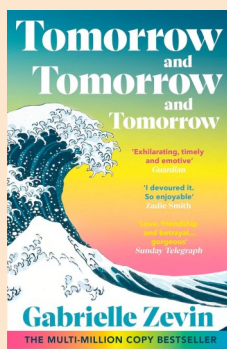
“A room without books is like a body without a soul”
Cicero

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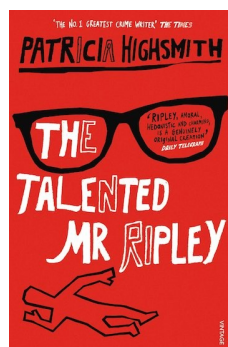
Miss Harris



Mrs McCarthy-Gardner



CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM



“Anticipation is the greatest joy”

The Talented Mr Ripley by Patricia Highsmith is a gripping psychological thriller which is just as compelling today as when it was first published in 1955.

The story follows Tom Ripley, a young man who is struggling to stay one step ahead of his debts and the law. His luck changes for the better when he is

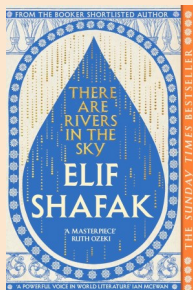
sent to Italy by the father of a wealthy socialite, who wants Tom to bring his son back to America. Tom soon finds himself in love with the rich and glamorous lifestyle he encounters, and discovers that he will do anything, even kill, to keep living the high life.

This is a taut and suspenseful thriller and Highsmith really knows how to amp up the tension as the reader learns slowly just how far Tom is prepared to go to keep living the rich and luxurious life, and just how many people he is prepared to kill.

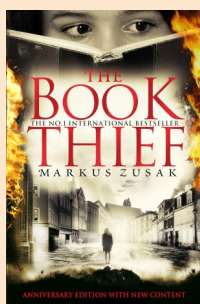
What makes the novel so fascinating is that, even though we know Tom has committed shocking, even evil, actions, he is still a strangely compelling character. Highsmith encourages the reader to get caught up in his schemes, and to keep turning the pages to find out how it will all end. A dark, intelligent, and unforgettable read.

STAFF READS

Miss Andrews



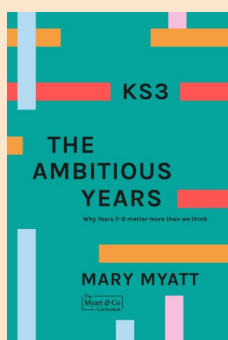
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Mrs Brunning

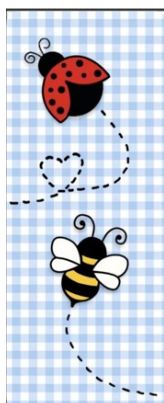


Mrs Chapman

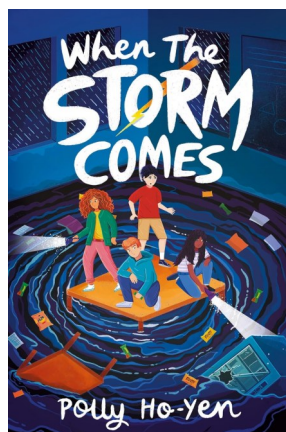


DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

Just before the May half-term the Library held a design your own bookmark competition! Here are some of the wonderful entrants!



NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



When the Storm Comes by Polly Ho-Yen

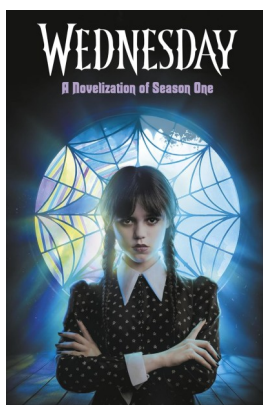
What starts as an ordinary after-school bookclub quickly turns into a fight for survival in this gripping adventure. Mali, Fara, Jonesey and Petey don't have a thing in common, in fact they don't particularly like each other. But when a devastating storm traps them inside the school library, they must learn to work together if they're going to make it out alive.

Polly Ho-Yen brilliantly combines adventure and suspense with a heart-warming tale of friendship, courage and belonging.

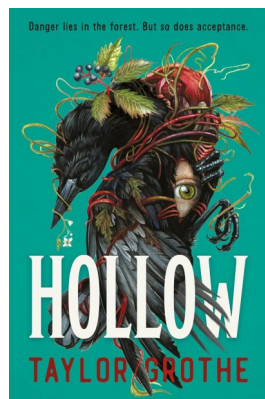
Wednesday a Novelization of Season One

If you're a fan of the series, or of all things spooky, then you'll love this novelization of the first series of Wednesday. We follow Wednesday as she arrives at Nevermore Academy, a school for outcasts with unusual abilities. When a series of attacks and murders threatens the town, Wednesday is determined to uncover the truth.

Packed with mystery and twists, this is an entertaining gothic adventure!



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Hollow by Taylor Grothe (14+)

When Emory arrives at Camp Hollow, she is looking for a chance to start over. What she finds is something strange, unsettling, and macabre! As the camp's secrets begin to emerge, Emory discovers that there is something deeply wrong beneath the surface, and the more she uncovers, the more dangerous the truth becomes!

Dark, atmospheric and creepy, this book combines mystery and horror in an eerie setting.

Perfect for fans of *The Wilder Girls* or *The Honeys*.

Lonely Planet's Where to go When

I'm definitely in holiday-planning mode, and this book is bursting with enough travel inspiration to keep me dreaming for years! Organised month by month, it recommends the very best places to visit throughout the year, explaining why each destination is a must see at that particular time.

With 25 suggestions for every month, covering everything from spectacular festivals and natural wonders to budget-friendly escapes, there's something for every kind of traveller. Whether your planning you're next adventure or enjoying escapism from your sofa, this is a great book to browse and enjoy!



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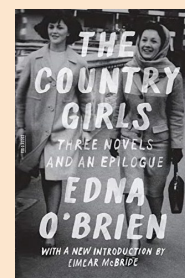
Miss Jordan



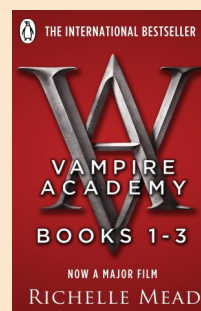
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Ms Taylor

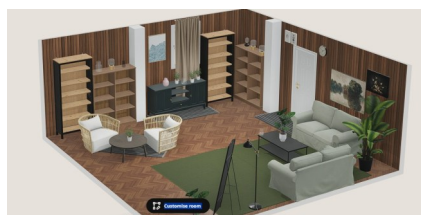


Miss Simmons

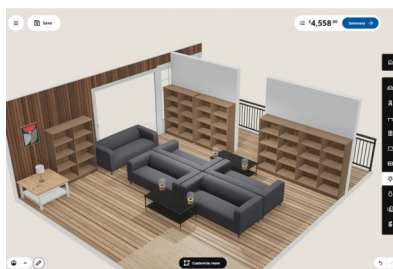


LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN!

In some of our recent Library lessons pupils have been given the chance to design their own library interior using the IKEA “Online Room Planner Tool”. Here are some of the wonderful designs.



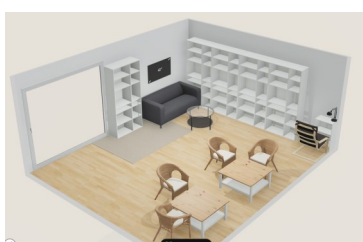
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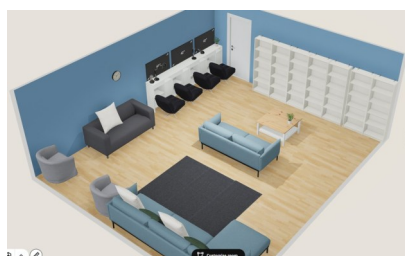
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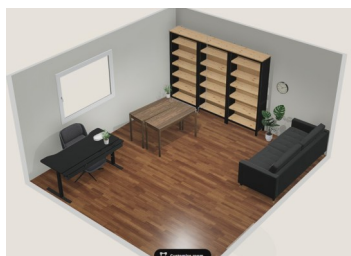
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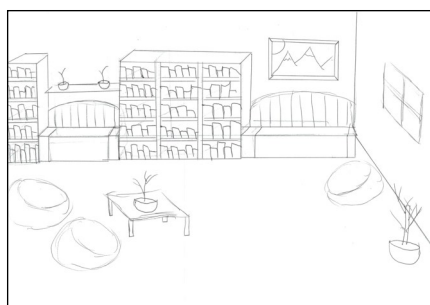
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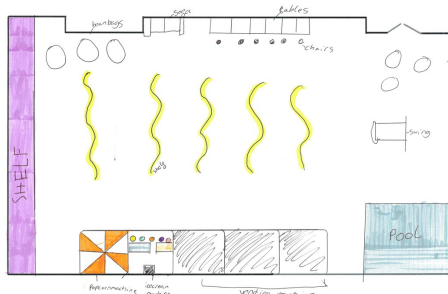
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Riley, Year 9



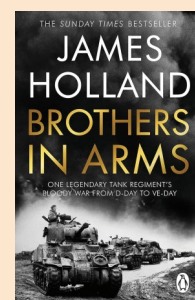
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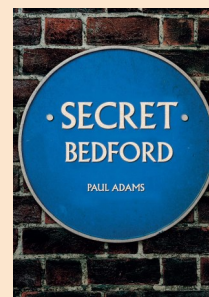
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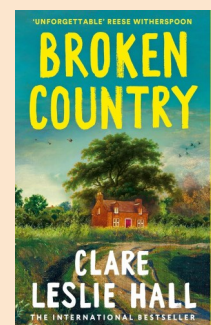
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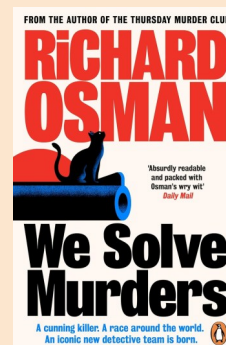
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Miss Luck



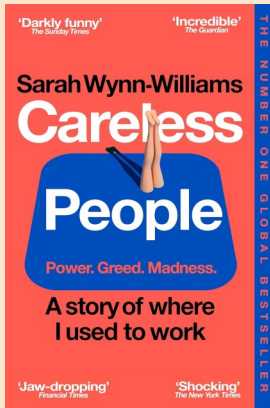
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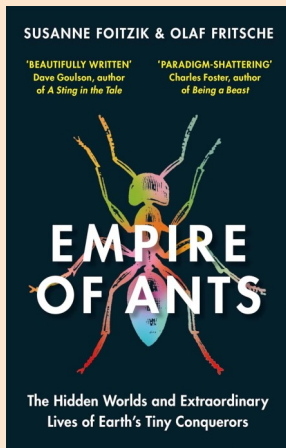
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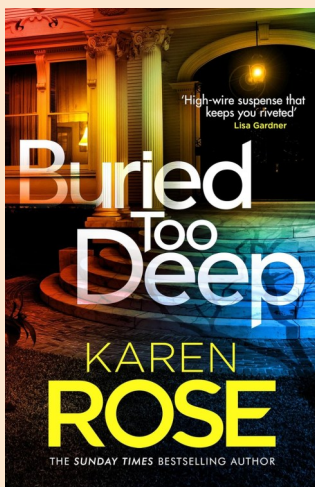
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Dr Martinez



Mrs Breed



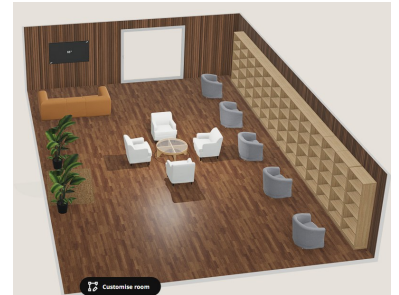
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Alan, Year 7

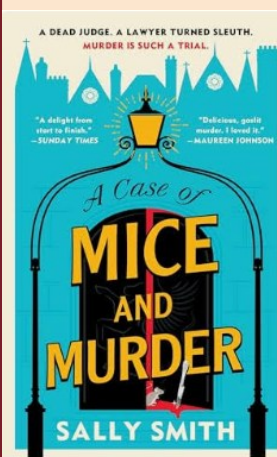


Ansel, Year 7

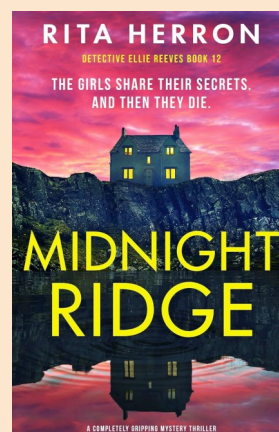


Arabella, Year 7

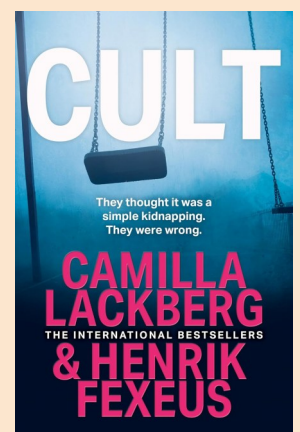
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Mrs Birkett



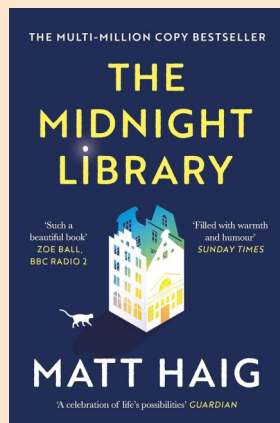
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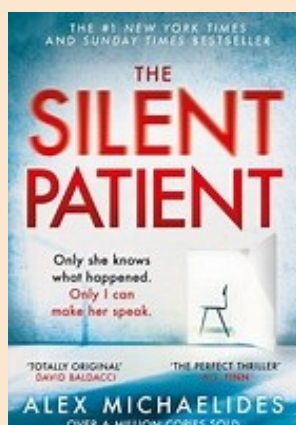
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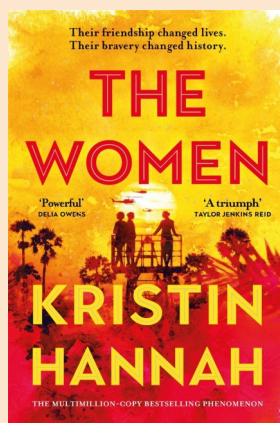
Mrs Savage



Mrs Shea



Mrs White



MOST POPULAR BOOKS



BEST BORROWING YEAR 7 FORM GROUP
7W

BEST BORROWING YEAR 8 FORM
8K

BEST BORROWING YEAR 9 FORM
9R

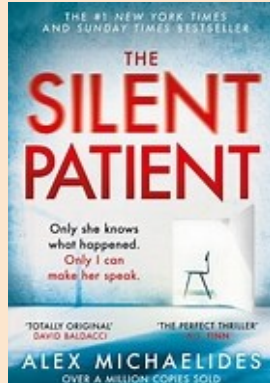
BEST BORROWING YEAR 10 FORM
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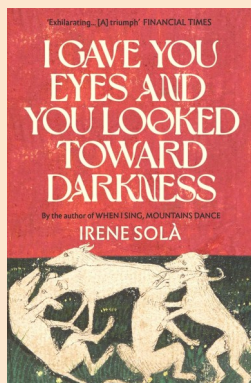
MOST POPULAR NON-MANGA AUTHORS

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Mrs M. Atkinson



Miss Bywater

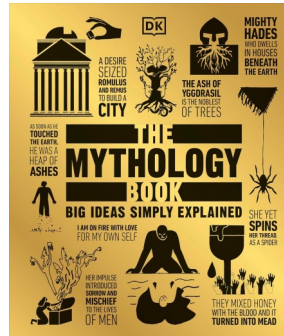


Mrs Percival



FOCUS ON MYTHOLOGY

From powerful gods and goddesses and fearsome monsters, to legendary heroes and epic quests, mythology has it all! It is packed with stories that have captivated readers for thousands of years. Whether you're discovering these tales for the first time, or revisiting old favourites, there's always an adventure waiting for you among the myths.

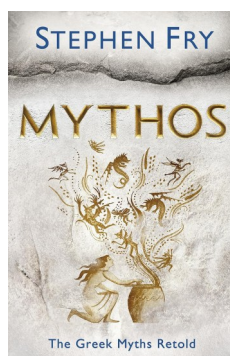
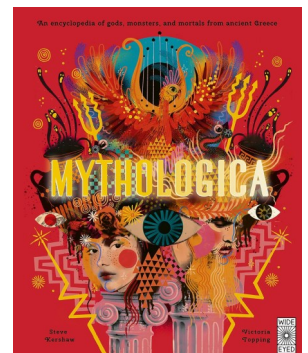


This comprehensive book tackles the topics and themes in world mythology. The book retells over 80 classic myths, discovering the meaning behind them, and explaining the significance that the myths have to different cultures worldwide. Discover Zeus, god of the sky and ruler of the Olympian gods, Loki, the cunning trickster with a knack for causing havoc, Thor with his mighty hammer, and Hades, ruler of the underworld.

Mythologica is a stunning book! A fantastic introduction to the world of Greek mythology. The book is an illustrated guide to the gods, heroes, monsters and mortals who populate the myths of ancient Greece such as Zeus, Athena, Medusa, Pegasus and Odysseus.

What makes *Mythologica* stand out against other books on mythology is the amazing artwork, with every page bursting with colour and imagination.

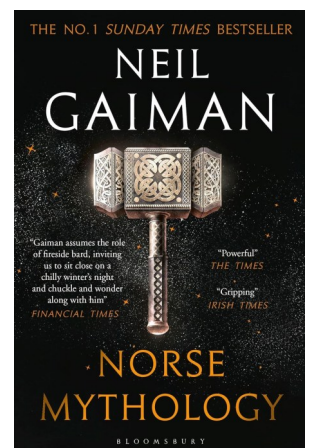
A gorgeous book!



If you've ever been interested in Greek mythology then Stephen Fry's retelling is the book for you. It starts at the very beginning, with Chaos, Erebus (Darkness) and Nyx (Night), and takes us on an entertaining journey through all of the most famous myths. We meet Zeus, Athena and Apollo, and we're also introduced to some characters you may not know as well, such as the Titans who ruled the earth before the Olympian gods, Eris (the goddess of discord) and many other tales involving nymphs, monsters and mortals. A must-read book for any myth enthusiast!

Just as Stephen Fry brings the Greek myths to life in *Mythos*, Neil Gaiman does the same for the legends of the Norse gods. Think that you know all about Norse myths because you've seen Thor and Loki in the Avengers??? Think again! In this exciting retelling Gaiman introduces readers to the original myths and the fascinating characters behind them. We meet Odin, Thor, Loki and Freya, encounter dwarfs and frost giants, and journey to Asgard, the home of the gods.

Another brilliant retelling of timeless myths!



WONDERFUL WORDS

As school draws to a close, and summer approaches, our thoughts turn to holidays, travel and adventure. Here are five wonderful old-fashioned words that have been used to describe journeys, breaks, or wanderings around!

Peregrination—A journey or wandering from place to place. *Example:* “Their summer peregrination took them across the coast and countryside”

Sojourn— A temporary stay in a place, often for pleasure. *Example:* “The family enjoyed a fortnight’s sojourn by the sea”.

Villeggiature—An old word which has been borrowed from Italian which means a holiday spent in the countryside. *Example:* “The wealthy families departed for their annual villeggiature”.

Junket—This word originally meant a festive outing or pleasure trip, which often involves food and entertainment. Sounds great! *Example:* “The villagers enjoyed a midsummer junket”.

Wayfaring —Travelling around lots of different places on foot. A wonderful old-fashioned word that captures the spirit of wandering and exploration. *Example:* “The wayfaring travellers set off on their summer adventure”.

William Shakespeare

You will return and sojourn with my sister...

King Lear

Aesop

A wayfaring man, travelling in the desert...

Aesop’s Fables

Anon

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,

Travelling through this world of woe

Poor Wayfaring Stranger,
American Folk hymn

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 and you could find yourself in next term’s newsletter.

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

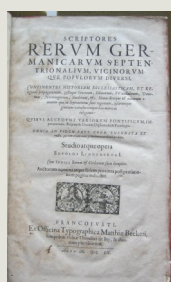
Libraries— weird facts!

One of the oldest known libraries

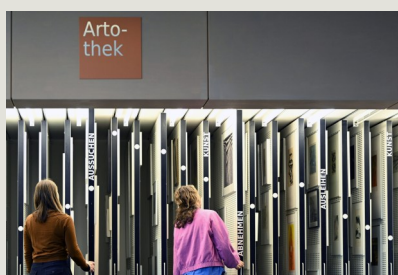
was created over 2,600 years ago by the Assyrian king Ashurbanipal. It contained thousands of clay tablets covered in cuneiform writing.



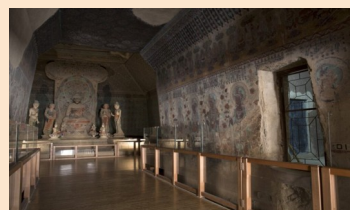
One of the most overdue books in the world was returned 288 years late! A copy of a book borrowed from a cathedral library in Cambridge, England in the 1600s was finally returned in 1956.



There are some libraries in Germany that allow people to borrow original paintings, graphics and sculptures, often for several months. They are called Artotheken.



Cave Library of Dunhuang, China

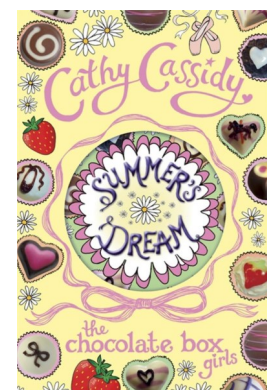
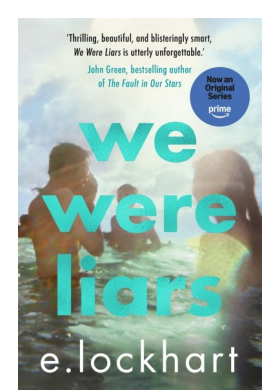
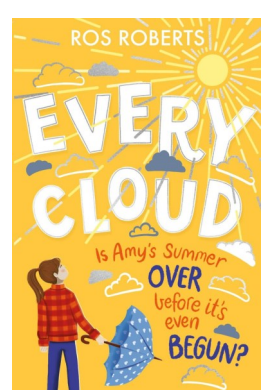
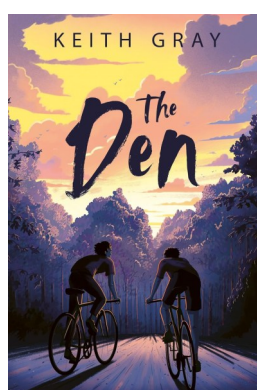
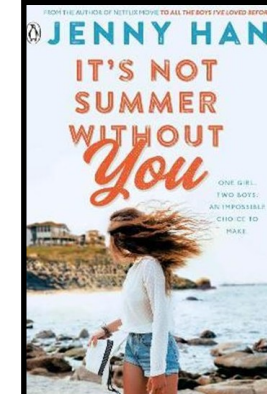
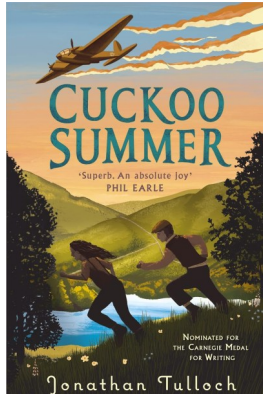
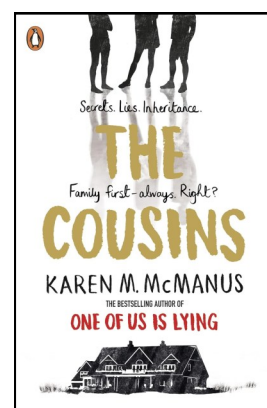
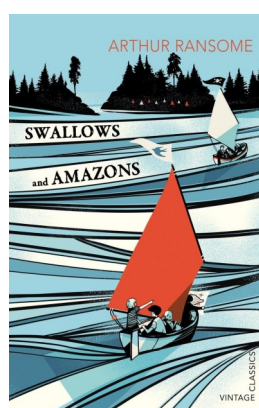
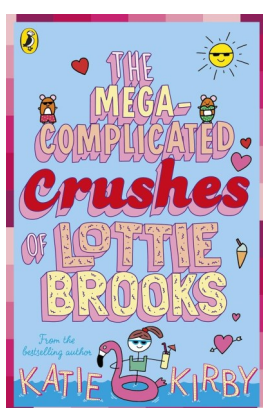
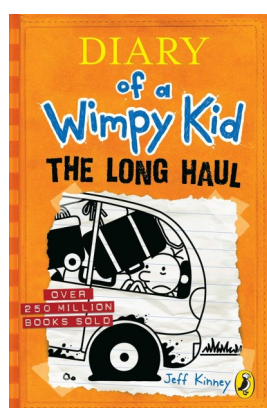


The Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, China, is a 1000 year old sealed room which contained over 40,000 manuscripts, paintings and textiles.

It was discovered in 1900 by Daoist monk Wang Yuanlu whilst he was clearing sand from the surrounding caves.

HOLIDAY READS

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR AMAZING BOOKS FEATURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS! WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A SUN-SOAKED ROMANCE, A FUNNY FAMILY GETAWAY, A MYSTERY AT SUMMER CAMP OR AN EXCITING ADVENTURE ABROAD, WE'VE GOT THE PERFECT BOOK TO TRANSPORT YOU THERE.



Wishing you all a lovely summer break!
Mrs Kelly

