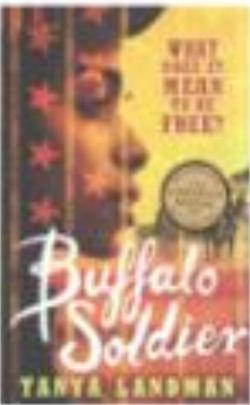

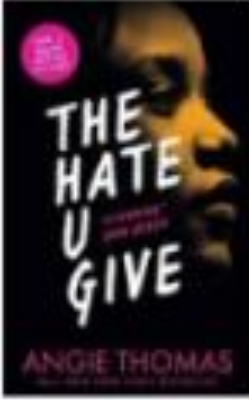




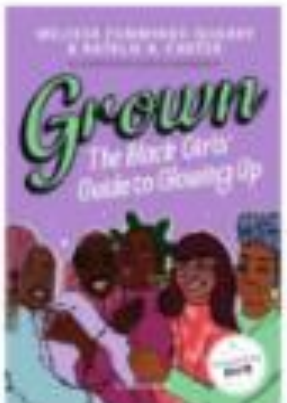


#### Black History Month

This month's newsletter focuses on Black History Month. You will find both Fiction and Non-Fiction recommendations from black producers. Enjoy and please let us know how you get on!

*Mrs Millership*

Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts
<p><b>Buffalo Solider (13+)</b> <b>Tanya Landman</b></p> <p>Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.</p> 	<p><b>Black and British (13+)</b> <b>David Olusoga</b></p> <p>David Olusoga's latest edition of <i>Black and British</i> has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the much-overlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.</p> 
<p><b>The Hate U Give (12+)</b> <b>Angie Thomas</b></p> <p>Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.</p> 	<p><b>The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+)</b> <b>Katherine Johnson</b></p> <p>Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.</p> 
<p><b>Crongton Knights (12+)</b> <b>Alex Wheatle</b></p> <p>McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Balliffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.</p> 	<p><b>This Book is Anti-Racist (10+)</b> <b>Tiffany Jewell</b></p> <p>Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.</p> 
<p><b>The Crossover (10+)</b> <b>Kwame Alexander</b></p> <p>Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.</p> 	<p><b>Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up</b> <b>Melissa Cummings-Quarry (14+)</b></p> <p>Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.</p> 

Recommendations from @lamb\_heart\_tea

#### Year 11 December mocks

These will take place w/b 5th December. Exam information has been uploaded to Go4Schools.

#### Literature:

- Macbeth extract question (15 marks)
- A Christmas Carol (40 marks)
- Unseen Poetry (40 marks – two questions worth 15/25 marks)

#### Language

Paper 2 Section A only – 2 Unseen Non-Fiction texts.  
Questions 1 – 4 testing a range of reading skills including summarising information, analysing language and comparing writer's viewpoints.

#### Quote of the Month:

'I just feel there is nothing I cannot do'  
Stormzy