

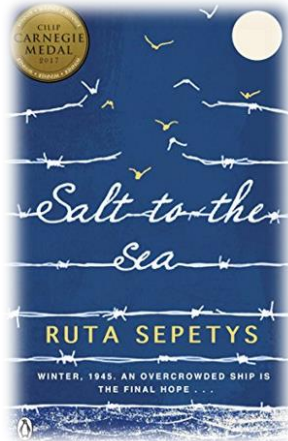
English Department

KS3 Spring 1 Newsletter

We are so pleased to welcome you back into our classrooms. Hopefully you have had a much needed break over the Christmas holidays and have had time to relax. This half term Year 7 are tackling writing skills, while Years 8 & 9 are embarking on the study of their first whole novel of the year. All resources are available on Go4Schools.

Year 7 – The Environment

How exciting to be studying topics relevant to our lives today! This unit will take you through Transactional Writing where you will address the writing forms of a letter, an article and a speech – all centred around the topic of our natural world.

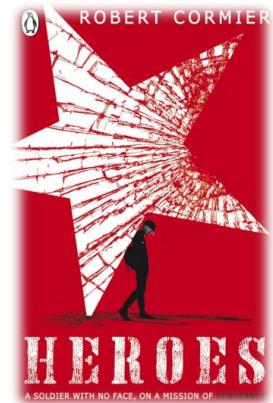


Year 8 – Salt to the Sea

This new novel for Year 7 follows the narratives of four young people, escaping in the evacuation of East Prussia in 1945. This hard-hitting novel follows the historical events surrounding the maritime disaster of the Wilhelm Gustloff.

Year 9 – Heroes

We enter into the new calendar year studying the novel “Heroes” by Robert Cormier – a powerful read depicting the mental and physical effects that war can have on young soldiers. This is always a popular read amongst pupils and I am sure you will enjoy it!



Book recommendation:

Have you ever wondered how life would be if magic was real? The ‘Harry Potter’ series, by J.K Rowling, is a mystical sequence of books in which the journey of young Harry is explored. ‘The Goblet of Fire’, is in my opinion, one of the better books in the series as Hogwarts becomes the hosting school for the tournament – a wizarding event for the elder magical learners. By some miracle, Harry is selected despite being underage. Throughout the story, three challenges are presented to the contestants in which Harry excels in and sees an opportunity to win. Enjoyable and tense, this book should definitely be a read this spring.

- Jackson Gripton, 7NDI

KS3 Homework Days:

Year 7 – Week 1, Monday

8X – Week 2, Wednesday

8Y – Week 1, Friday

9X – Week 1, Wednesday

9Y – Week 2, Wednesday

Quote of the Month:

“A flower blossoms for its own joy”

- Oscar Wilde



Useful links to support your child:

Year 7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WknYmUQ5DY>

<https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/environmental-awareness-for-kids/>

Year 8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8sROvlnDBk>

<https://rutasepetys.com/books/salt-to-the-sea/>

Year 9

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zq4qdmn/revision/1>

