

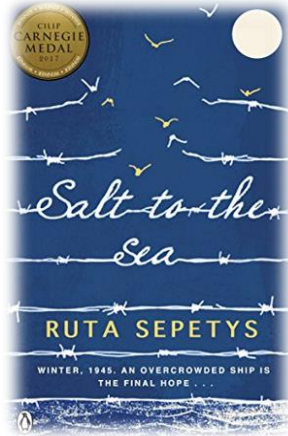
English Department

KS3 Spring 2 Newsletter

Your child is continuing with the new topics they began during Spring 1. Any extra reading or programmes that you can watch with them to assist with their learning would be gratefully received. Year 7 are tackling writing skills during this half term, while Years 8 & 9 are continuing 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! You are currently working on developing your transactional writing skills which you will be able to transfer over in all future years of study. Keep an eye on the news to see if you can use any facts in your writing.

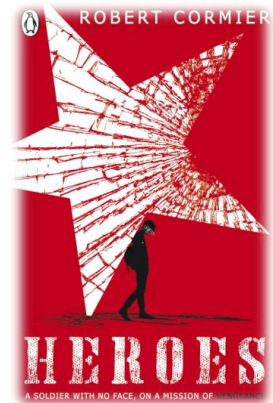


Year 8 – Salt to the Sea

A new text for the English department – a novel following the narratives of four young people, escaping in the evacuation of East Prussia in 1945. We hope you are enjoying learning all about the characters and relationships.

Year 9 – Heroes

You are currently studying the novel “Heroes” by Robert Cormier. We think you’ll agree it is a powerful read and we hope you are enjoying it. Keep in mind how the themes of the novel are progressing as you are reading in your English lessons.



Book recommendation:

The Warrior Cats book series is a story of 4 cat clans that live under the influence of Starclan in a forest walked by the paws of Starclan themselves. In series 1, a Kittinget by the name of Rusty strays from his human home and embarks on a thrilling adventure where he learns about clan life, rivalry and hierarchy in the clans. In series 2 – the new prophecy- we see the viewpoints of many other characters, and how current problems (e.g. deforestation) are affecting the clans. Personally, so far in the series I am hooked! But series 2 has been the most interesting for me, with the unusual plot twists and new characters, and series 3 has me even more intrigued! If you are interested in prophecies, plot twists, unusual occurrences or even just like the sound of this book, then Warrior Cats is the one for you.

- Evija Duba, 95X

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:

“The earth laughs in flowers”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



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>

