

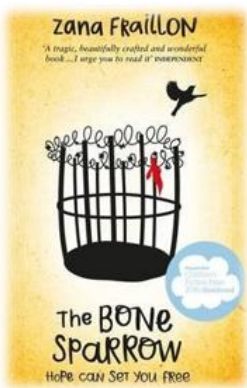
# English Department

## KS3 Summer 1 Newsletter

As we move towards the concluding term of the year, it is an exciting time for our KS3 students! Year 7 are beginning their study on a fascinating novel – ‘The Bone Sparrow’, Year 8 are beginning a non-fiction unit on the topic of “Disasters!” before looking ahead to their Shakespeare studies and Year 9 are embarking on a new approach to poetry studies – Words That Burn. All resources are available on Go4Schools.

### Year 7 – The Bone Sparrow

A novel following the story of life inside an Immigration Detention Centre. We hope you are enjoying learning all about the characters and relationships. Challenge yourself to think about how the current world situation is linked to the events in the novel.



### Year 9 – Words That Burn

We embark on the summer term looking at poetry. Studying inspirational poets such as Maya Angelou and Vanessa Kisuule. You will study not only poetic devices but also how poets craft their voice into powerful narratives.

### Year 8 – Disasters

This unit will focus on studying the different forms of writing with a focus on persuasion. This will build on the skills initially explored in Year 7 when studying the environment to aid you in discovering your transactional writing voice.



### Book recommendation:

Do you know what it's like to be dead? ‘Ghost Boys’ reveals the concerns regarding white privilege and racism. The story of Jerome is one of millions but is still unique. Children belonging to a particular race are unfortunately murdered and the only thing that matters for them now is stopping the unlawful killing of other children. The only way for this to happen is for the families to speak up. I recommend the book ‘Ghost Boys’ by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

- Evie Darby, 7CKT

### KS3 Stars of the Term:

#### Autumn Stars:

Jacob Ridge 7NDI  
Jetta Davies 8TY  
Pharrell Josephs 9AX

#### Spring Stars:

Jeffrey Chibuzo Okoli 7EHL  
Lucas Sellick-Greenly 8DX  
Callum Gough 9DY

### Quote of the Month:

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow”

- Audrey Hepburn

### Recommendations to support your child:

#### Year 7

Read: The 1000 Year Old Boy - Ross Welford  
Watch: Born In Syria [PG]

#### Year 8

Read: 438 Days – Jonathan Franklin  
Watch: Twister [PG]

#### Year 9

Read: Maya Angelou – I know Why The Cage Bird Sings  
Watch: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/poemtheme-equality>

