



The Reading Corner

Library Newsletter

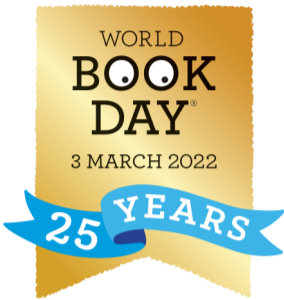
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Hello! We've been celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day with a form time quiz, our big-book-giveaway (were you one of the lucky ones?) "Where's Wally?" Scavenger Hunt and more. Don't forget your World Book Day Voucher is valid until 27th March and can be used in most supermarkets and bookshops including Read in Holmfirth. This week we're getting ready for World Poetry Day on Monday and Shakespeare Week!

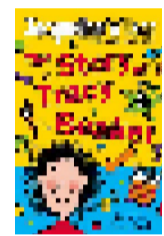
Happy reading!

Mrs Ackroyd and the Student Librarians

Wonderful World Book Day Celebrations!



This year marked the 25th anniversary of World Book Day so we celebrated in style!



During morning registration forms were sent three pixelated book covers to identify. Each day one lucky form was drawn from all the correct answers to win a prize. Congratulations to **9A, 7D, 7A, 10D and 8F**. Hope you enjoyed your winnings!



All week students could take part in Where's Wally? Trying to find where Wally and his friends were hiding around school. Well done everyone who searched high and low for those elusive characters!

On World Book Day itself, staff were invited to come dressed as book characters and while there were some magnificent outfits on show, there were far too many Muggles for my liking!



The Library was busy with students making origami bookmarks, posing with their favourite books for our "Photo Booth", playing Bring Your Own Book or chatting to our Student Librarians about books! If they wanted something a little calmer students could pop into the Hall to listen to staff share a range of short stories or book extracts in our storytelling event.



Miss Harvatt's Year 7 Book Club represented the school at the annual Kirklees World Book Day Quiz. Despite not winning the competition, the team won a book for the library, and had a fantastic afternoon out. A huge well done to the team - Matthew White, Erin Burridge, Sophie Brown 7H, Eleanor Summers 7G, and Alice Balcombe 7C.

And finally, we ran our Big Book Giveaway. Over the course of the day, we gave away over 250 books to students. I hope you enjoy reading them!

Thank you to everyone who helped out, got dressed up or took part in an event. It wouldn't have worked without you! So, same again next year?

Mrs Ackroyd - aka The Cat in the Hat!



World Poetry Day BLACKOUT POETRY

In the Library

To celebrate World Poetry Day call into the Library during lunch between Monday 21st March and Friday 25th March to try your hand at

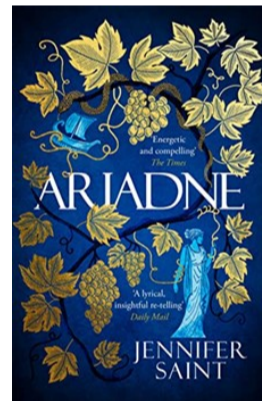
BLACKOUT POETRY

Using old books and newspapers you create a poem by drawing or colouring over the words you don't need.

Lunchtime - all years

You should read this book!

Ariadne by Jennifer Saint



As Princesses of Crete and daughters of the fearsome King Minos, Ariadne and her sister Phaedra grow up hearing the hoofbeats and bellows of the Minotaur echo from the Labyrinth beneath the palace. The Minotaur - Minos's greatest shame and Ariadne's brother - demands blood every year.

When Theseus, Prince of Athens, arrives in Crete as a sacrifice to the beast, Ariadne falls in love with him. But helping Theseus kill the monster means betraying her family and country, and Ariadne knows only too well that in a world ruled by mercurial gods - drawing their attention can cost you everything.

In a world where women are nothing more than the pawns of powerful men, will Ariadne's decision to betray Crete for Theseus ensure her happy ending? Or will she find herself sacrificed for her lover's ambition?

Told from Ariadne's point of view this retells the Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. I liked all the plot twists and how the book explains the realities of life for women in ancient Greece, and it was written by a former teacher of Honley High!

<https://www.jennifersaint.com/>

Bethany Green 10E

Our favourite author....

Rick Riordan

Rick Riordan is an American author who wrote the Percy Jackson series. The Percy Jackson series consists of three separate series, Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Heroes of Olympus and The Trials of Apollo. Each series follows the journey of Percy and his friends, although Percy is featured less throughout Trials of Apollo. Riordan is known for the diversity within his works that feature characters of many different cultures, races and sexualities.

The first series in the trilogy of Percy Jackson series follows Percy coming to terms with the idea of demigods and the concept of the Greek Gods existence. Throughout his journey, Percy meets many different people and quickly forms a rough friendship with Annabeth Chase, a fiery, independent girl who is a daughter of Athena. This series is great for anyone seeking adventure and thrills.



The second series in the trilogy reveals some new characters and challenges that Percy and Annabeth have never before encountered and they must learn to adapt and work with a larger group of people on a tough journey.

There have been many adaptations of Percy Jackson but one that really resonates in the mind with both of us is the Lightning Thief musical. The musical follows the story of the first book in the first series and is made up of an incredible cast consisting of only 7 people. The soundtrack was written by Rob Rokicki and has 20 amazing songs, some of our favourites being 'Bring on the Monsters' and 'My Grand Plan'. Around a year ago, we had the wonderful opportunity to meet the actress of Annabeth Chase via zoom call and it was one of the most amazing experiences of our lives.

Recently, Riordan has been going through the process of creating a TV adaption of Percy Jackson and the Olympians (the first Percy Jackson series) and after about a year and a half, the show has finally been given the green light so casting and production can commence.

<https://rickriordan.com/>

Erin Brenton 10F and Charley Hart 10F

Library Open Monday to Friday 8.20am - 4.10pm

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Lunch rota: Monday - Year 7, Tuesday - Year 8, Wednesday - Year 9, Thursday - Year 10, Friday - Year



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World Book Day Design-a-Bookmark Competition

Before half term we launched our World Book Day Design-A-Bookmark competition. There were so many amazing designs created that the winner and three runners up will all have their designs made into bookmarks for use in the library.

Congratulations
Ellie Reilly 7i

for your Harry Potter inspired winning design.



The judges liked the colourful way you represented the four Hogwarts Houses and how you showed different elements from the Harry Potter books.

You will be getting your prize soon and your design made into bookmarks in due course.

The runners up: **Eliza Freire-Gomez 7I**; **Daniella Muliike 8H**; and **Anisa Hussain 7F** will also have their designs made into bookmarks.

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22 in 22 Reading Challenge

Read one book from each of the 22 categories. Earn achievement points for every book you read.

Recommend books to others.

All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate and prize, and will be entered into a draw for one lucky reader to receive a £30 gift voucher.

Starts Monday 10th January 2022.

Ends Friday 8th July.

For more information or to join the challenge see Mrs Ackroyd in the library.

POETRY WRITING COMPETITION



WORLD POETRY DAY
21st March 2022

To celebrate World Poetry Day, and in light of current world issues, we want you to write a poem with the theme of

Peace or Tolerance.

It can be any style of poem, verse, or song lyric, just get your creative juices flowing!

Perfectly poetic prizes to be won!

Entries with your name and form to Mrs Ackroyd in the Library or email c.ackroyd@honleyhigh.co.uk by the end of Friday 25th March

NEW BOOKS

The Library is always getting new books for students to borrow. Here are a few of our recent additions...



Any book worth banning is a book worth reading.
- Isaac Asimov

Mr Stephenson is reading...

Has a book ever made you emotional?

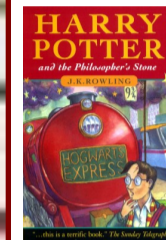
11.22.63 by Stephen King. It's about a teacher who goes back in time and attempts to prevent the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Mr Stephenson said it was one of the most moving and romantic novels he's ever read, evoking emotions he did not anticipate.



Do you relate any book to your childhood?

Harry Potter.

The first book came out when he was 11, so as the first few books were released he was growing up along with the characters. The final of the series was published while Mr Stephenson was at university, so as an adult the books were able to remind him of what reading them for the first time as a child felt like.



Is there a book that you associate with a specific time of your life?

The Master and Margarita, by Mikhail Bulgakov, written during Stalin's regime; it was banned in Russia for criticising communism and the soviet government.



Mr Stephenson had wanted to read it for a while but couldn't get into whenever he tried. Eventually, when going on a trip to the mountains, he brought just this book with him and managed to read it cover to cover during the stay. The novel now reminds him of memories from this trip.

Which scene from a book would you perform in front of an audience?

Mr Stephenson used to act in theatre, and one of the plays he performed was "Waiting for Godot" which is made up of just two long scenes. Mr Stephenson claims he could re-enact any part from this play having practiced it so much.

If you had to choose any fictional universe to live in, which one would it be?

1940's and 1950's Los Angeles depicted in the Philip Marlowe detective crime fiction series by Raymond Chandler. The detective deals mainly with major gang criminals; if he did step into this universe we're sure it would be an interesting dynamic!



Have you ever strayed from classic genres?

When Mr Stephenson was younger he was a big fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and spent some time on early online messaging forums reading fan-fiction about the characters and series.

Have you ever tried writing a book?

Mr Stephenson says he has at least five half written scripts somewhere, and one proper book with a developed storyline and well thought out characters. He didn't say what it's about but maybe he'll publish it one day so we can find out!

Elena Myszka 10B and
Lucy Jemmison 10B