



Crompton House School Library

Newsletter – No11

Encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every day. It can be a book, magazine, comic, newspaper, or blog. Reading for 10 minutes every day is proven to help improve literacy levels, relax and unwind, improve memory and concentration and importantly help with our mental health and wellbeing!

BOOK REVIEW

Storm Witch – Ellen Renner

Fantasy /Empathy/Coming of Age/Bullying

Age 10+

Storm is just an ordinary girl, or at least she thinks she is!

On her island home where status is so important, it seems she was doomed from birth. Having a boy's name, terrified by water and losing her father at a young age have led to rumours of her family being cursed. When she turns 13, she has 'Her Choosing'. Instead of one, she is chosen by all four elements air, water, earth and fire. The elders of the island of Yanlin realise she has great power; will this power save everyone, or will it destroy everything.

A magical, coming-of-age fantasy set in a world where the fight for survival leads to war between tribes.

'I thought this book was absolutely brilliant! It was full of adventure, magic friendship and trust. A really good book!

Read and recommended by **Bella Cullen Y7**



This Weeks Activity – Read and Illustrate 'The Ickabog' by J K Rowling

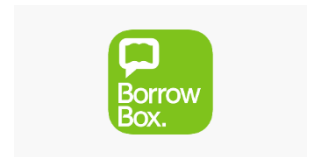
To help children and families during Lockdown, J K Rowling published an online version of her new novel 'The Ickabog'. She is releasing two chapters per week and is now up to chapter 19! There is also a competition to illustrate the Ickabog for children up to age 12 and win a chance to have your artwork included in the published novel! Read 'The Ickabog' and find out more about the competition [here](#) #TheIckabog



Chapters	
Read every chapter of The Ickabog published to date.	
Chapter 1 King Fred the Fearless	Chapter 2 The Ickabog
Chapter 3 Death of a Seamstress	Chapter 4 The Quiet House
Chapter 5 Daisy Dove-tail	Chapter 6 The Fight in the Courtyard

Great websites

- The School Reading List have published a selection of children and young adult reading suggestions that are free or low-priced e books available to download during the lockdown period. There are some great stories and non-fiction to support home-learning and you can access them [here](#).
- The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge starts on Friday 5th June through to September, the theme is 'Silly Squad' for younger children aged 4 – 11. You can find out more [here](#)
- Don't forget Borrowbox online public library to access books, magazines and newspapers. To find out how to join [here](#)



Key Worker Poem – The Winners!!!

The quality and standard of poems I have received for the competition is amazing and thanks to everyone who entered! With so many fantastic entries it's been incredibly difficult to choose a winning poem. We have decided to pick one winner per year group. Each student will receive a £10 voucher for Waterstones. Well done to:

- **The Every-Day Heroes – Molly Mooney Y11**
- **The World Slowed Down – Erin Leavy Y12**
- **Covid-19 – Amy Whittle Y9**
- **A Poem for Key Workers – Dan Clowes Y8**
- **Key Workers My Dad – Lara Ingham Y7**

Look out for the winning poems in the 'Stay in Touch Newsletter!'



Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

This newsletter is not homework it is simply to give you guidance, ideas and fun activities to share with your children and for yourselves during this difficult time.

You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading and take care!

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