

Crompton House School Library

Newsletter – No9

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!

Its Half Term!! I hope you find this edition useful during the holidays enjoy and stay safe!

BOOK REVIEW



Pages and Co Tilly and the Book Wanderers – Anna James

Bookshops / Classics / Magic / Fantasy / Alice in Wonderland / Anne of Green Gables / Treasure Island / Adventure

Age – 10+ However I am reading the next book in the series

Eleven-year-old Tilly spends all her time in her grandparents' bookshop. One day she discovers that her favourite book characters have come to life. Even stranger, she's able to "wander" into her favourite books and explore. With her newfound power, and with the help from her friend Oskar who doesn't let his Dyslexia get in his way, they set out to find out the truth behind her mother's disappearance. A great fantasy adventure story for ages 10 and up! The first tale in this enchanting series.

A perfect magical innocent book to get lost in during the holidays and any time! It reminded me of picnics on warm sunny days and I am now reading book 2 Tilly and the Lost fairy Tale. I only wish I could 'Book Wander!'

This Weeks Activity – Creative Writing – Write a short story

Call your grandparents, a friend or another family member and ask them via telephone, Zoom, Facetime etc. and ask them to provide the first line of a story. The kids then sit down and spend 30 minutes creating a short story based on that first line! Once you have done this call back the person who gave you that line and read out the story!

"I had never noticed that door before, I reached out, opened the door and there I saw......

Share it with Mrs. Cullen!





Great websites

- Booktrust is a fabulous website full of great book recommendations, activities and resources. Home Time family fun is filled with free online books, videos, games, book quizzes and learn how to draw favorite characters by illustrator Ed Vere click. To visit click <u>here</u>
- Toppsta.com is just amazing. Full daily schedules of where you can locate activities, author videos, resources, 10-minute challenges. Click <u>here</u>.
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Competition Time! Write a poem about our 'Key Workers' and win a prize!

Write a poem about the wonderful work our amazing '**Key Workers**' are carrying out every day to help keep everyone safe. Health and Social Care, Education, Food Chain workers, Religious Staff or any other key workers currently doing a fantastic job. It could be about a member of your family and friend a teacher or just your general thoughts and feelings. **There will be prizes!!!**

You can email your poems to me on <u>c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org</u> by 1st June 2020.





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. If, however you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. I would like to create a **'When We Stayed at Home'** display in the school library so that soon, we can all look back on this period with a smile for all the positive things our students and children are doing.

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

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