



Crompton House School Library

Issue No23

Welcome to issue 23! October is one of my favorite times of the year, autumn is in the air, the leaves are turning all colors and half term is approaching. What better time to curl up with a good book! This edition includes magical recommendations, activities and competitions for all ages to enjoy together. Happy reading!

BOOK REVIEW



The Castle of Tangled Magic – Sophie Anderson

Adventure/Fantasy/Magic/Family/Friendship

9+

When thirteen-year-old Olia, steps through a magical doorway, she discovers another land. A land tangled by magic, where hope is lost, and a scheming wizard holds all the power.

Soon Olia learns that she is destined to save this land, but with time running out and her new friends and family in danger, she must search for the magic within herself - to save everything and everyone she loves.

An enchanting fairy-tale adventure about the power of love and courage, from the bestselling author of *The House with Chicken Legs* and *The Girl who Speaks Bear*.

Magic awaits, all you have to do is believe...

This Issue's Activity – Sora Reading Challenge

With half term approaching why not join in with one of our school activities 'The Sora Reading Challenge' which includes 9 activities you can complete on Sora using the template provided [here](#). All you have to do is:

Sora Reading Challenge
Complete all 9 to be entered in a prize drawing!

- Open the Sora app
- Find an author you've never read
- Check out an audiobook
- Earn the Highlight Reel achievement
- Check out an ebook
- Define a word while reading an ebook
- Check out book 1 of a new series
- Recommend a book to a friend
- Read for 15 minutes

Sora
The student reading app
soraapp.com

Tick each activity and ask a parent/carer to sign to confirm all 9 activities have been completed. Hand in/email to Mrs Cullen in the Learning Zone or to your English teacher by Wednesday 4th November to be entered into a prize draw.

- 📖 Complete the 9 activities.
- 📖 Ask a parent/carer to sign the form.
- 📖 Send your completed form back to Mrs Cullen by 3rd November to be entered into a prize draw.

Don't forget there are some fantastic reads on Sora, you can choose from E Books, Audio Books and Read-Along's which are great for reading aloud with your family.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for Pleasure is so very important not just for academic purposes but the benefits of RfP go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life. Research finds that RfP can result in increased empathy, improved relationships with others, reductions in symptoms of depression and dementia and improved wellbeing. Reading aloud to our children has a huge impact and doesn't have to stop once they reach secondary school. Check out the wonderful report [here](#) that documents a reading relationship between a father and daughter who created a 'Reading Streak' right through her school life until college.

Great websites and Information

- The Reading Agency work towards a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life. There is a whole wealth of fantastic programmes and resources to help with this [here](#).
- Read-along's are a great way to enjoy group reading and reading aloud to each other. Sophie Anderson author of the House with the Chicken Legs has created a lovely activity that you could enjoy at home that includes book extracts, video messages and activities based on her new book The Castle of Tangled Magic. Check it out [here](#). You can also find other 'Read-Along' titles in Sora.
- Sora – CHS online E and Audio Book has a great selection of reads and 'Read-Along's' for you to enjoy. Just log on, go into advanced search and select 'Read-Along's' for a list of available titles.

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Competition Time – Northern Roots Oldham!

Northern Roots is creating the UK's largest urban farm and eco-park on 160-acres of green space five minutes from the centre of Oldham, they have launched their first ever **Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition**. The Competition is free to enter, is open to anyone living, working or studying in Oldham, and has three categories: Children (5-12), Young People (13-17) and Adults (18 and over). You'll need to hurry as it closes on Monday 9th November, you can find out more details [here](#).



Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

If you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them.

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

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