



Crompton House School Library

Issue No26

Welcome to issue 26! December is here, and the countdown to Christmas has officially begun. This issue includes great book recommendations and advice and informative websites, activities and competitions for all ages to enjoy together. Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

BOOK REVIEW



A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

Christmas/Ghosts/Classic/Historical/Fantasy/Family

Interest age 9+

'If I had my way, every idiot who goes around with Merry Christmas on his lips, would be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. Merry Christmas? Bah humbug!'

Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, and he learns he will be visited by three spirits – Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come – who reveal to him his own miserable existence, the opportunities he wasted in his youth, his current cruelties, and the dire fate that awaits him if he does not change his ways. Scrooge is faced with a choice: death or redemption.

I absolutely love this classic tale! This book is on the Always Available eBook and Audio Book list on the Sora App. Why not listen to the book as a family group to get in the Christmas 'Spirit' (see what I did there!)

Great websites and Information

- Book Trust has a great list of Christmassy themed books for the whole family to enjoy along with re telling tales of A Christmas Carol. It's also packed full of great recommendations and activities. Click [here](#)
- The charity Love My Books are a team of literacy specialists that combine carefully chosen books with activities and resources. Click [here](#) to view a lovely list along with activities for younger children.
- Book Riot celebrates all things book for all ages and all genres find out more [here](#)
- Sora – CHS online E and Audio Book has a very good fiction and nonfiction selection. There are lots of titles that are 'always available' with no holds or waiting times including A Christmas Carol.



[This issues activity – Write a Letter to someone special](#)



Christmas is a time where we would normally get together with family and friends and celebrate. However, it isn't always the case whilst we are living with the current situation, in addition Christmas can be a lonely time for many. Why not write a 'kindness' letter or card to someone special telling them about your plans, what you have been doing at school, your hopes for the future and letting them know that you are thinking about them. There is nothing nicer than receiving a lovely handwritten letter. I have included some example letters in this issue that have been written by year 8 students to patients at the Royal Oldham Hospital in the hope to cheer them up. One includes an acrostic poem that you could also try.

[Book Trust - So this is Quizmas!](#)

From A Christmas Carol to The Snowman it's the time of year to enjoy reading all our favorite Christmas books. Check out your knowledge of Christmas children's books by having a go at completing The Book trust's festive book quiz [here!](#) It's not easy!! There are also lots of other great quizzes and you can also find out lots more book recommendations (festive or not) on this great website!



[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.

If you are concerned about bullying, it is important you contact an adult, whether that is a parent, carer, teacher, form tutor or head of year in the school Hub.

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Example letters

Here are a couple of example letters written to Oldham Hospital patients by Year 8 students including lovely poems.

