

Head Teacher: Mr Karl Newell

Dear Year 6 students and parents,

## Summer Reading Challenge

The English Department and Learning Zone are looking forward to welcoming you to our school in September!

To keep you busy over summer, we have chosen a book for you to read using the Sora app and we would like you to complete the activities in the workbook attached. Sora is an online E and Audio book library app provided by Overdrive Education, enabling our students to have access to over 2000 E and audio books 24/7. For more information and help on how to use Sora, you can find a link to an overview of the system <u>here</u> Instructions on how to log in to the Sora app are included within the attached workbook.

Parents, to give you an idea of what the book 'Everyday Hero' by Kathleen Cherry is about:

The story is told from the point of view of a girl called Alice who suffers from Asperger's. When Alice moves to a new school where no one is aware of her condition, including the teachers, (her parents want her to have a 'normal' school life) - it's not long before she starts to get into trouble. This is where she meets Megan in detention, they are total opposites; Megan seems fearless, strong and brave - she sticks up for Alice against the children that bully her because she is different. Megan has issues of her own and when she runs away, Alice wants nothing more than to help her friend and so she embarks on a road trip journey of self-awareness and discovery. There is a hint of domestic and drug abuse from Megan's stepfather but implied rather than described in detail. It's an uplifting story about change, the importance of friendship, empathy, courage, accepting that people are different and challenging what we think of as normal.

If you have any concerns about the content of this book, please contact Mrs Kan via email at <u>s.kan@cromptonhouse.org</u> in the first instance.

If you have any problems logging onto Sora or any other queries relating to the E book library, please contact <u>learning-zone@cromptonhouse.org</u>.

Students, we hope you enjoy reading the book chosen by English teachers and our Learning Zone Manager, Mrs Cullen. The workbook can be completed digitally or printed out and filled in. Please give your workbook to your new English teacher in September, prizes will be awarded for the best completed workbooks. We look forward to reading your ideas about the book and discussing it in class.

Once you have finished reading this book, have fun exploring the wide range of books in the Sora app and enjoy reading more books!

Have a lovely summer of reading.

Best wishes, Mrs Kan Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator for English





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