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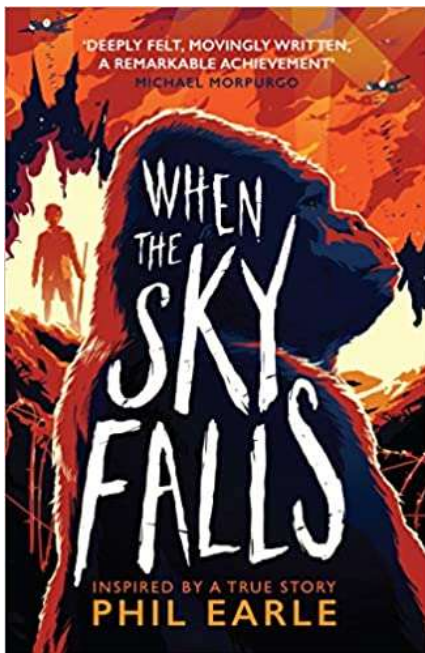
Welcome to issue 36 and a brand-new exciting year at Crompton House School. This newsletter is created every two weeks and focuses on and around our school library. It includes reading recommendations (often by students), literacy related activities, competitions and challenges and useful websites. Enjoy.

Featured Book Review

When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle

War/Historical/Family/Friendship/Bullying/Dyslexia

Age 10+



It's 1941 during the Second World War. While everyone else seems to be evacuated to the countryside, 12-year-old Joseph is sent from rural Yorkshire to stay with his gran's friend, Mrs F, in the city. She's a gruff, unfriendly woman and he's an angry boy who kicks out at everything and feels totally abandoned.

Now Joseph also finds himself in the centre of the Blitz, where bombs rain down every night. The only thing Mrs F cares about is the rundown zoo that she owns, and particularly a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Adonis and Joseph at first seem to take an immediate dislike to each other but over the course of the story, their bonds deepen to a remarkable relationship.

Joseph has other battles with school, in particular bullying and his serious troubles with reading. Like so many children of his generation, his dyslexia is not recognised or understood.

This is a wonderful book; it is a beautifully written historical adventure story that will take readers on a very emotional and exciting journey. I absolutely loved it and can't recommend it enough.

Sora – CHS Online E and Audio Book Library

For new starters and a little reminder for all other students, CHS is lucky to offer our pupils free access to an online E and Audio Book library. The library holds a great selection of over 3000 books from Comic Books and Graphic Novels to Classic Literature, Dystopian to Bibliotherapy, Fairy Tales Myths and Fables, fiction, and nonfiction. There really is something for everyone giving all our students access to fab reading material 24/7. Full details on how to log onto Sora can be found on our school website [here](#).

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Recommended Reads on Sora

Recommended collections on Sora currently include 'Starting Your School Year Off Right' which tackles areas such as anxiety, stress and self-compassion, general self-help books covering issues some of our young people may be feeling coming back to school. There are also lots of other great collections and I have picked out a few below for you to enjoy.



This Issues Activity – The School Library

We are lucky to have a wonderful school library at Crompton House School filled with thousands of books and resources for our students and staff to enjoy. Our library is regularly restocked with new books often chosen by our students and it is now fully open from 8:00am, break times, lunch and after school until 16:00. Now that we are open, we will be reinstating our Student Book Council, a student led team that meet regularly to discuss and plan literacy related activities, resources, new books, clubs, and special evenings in the library. New students can join in. You can find out more about our library [here](#).



Great websites and Information

- Visit the National Literacy Trusts and Oak National Academy virtual school library [here](#). Filled with activities, competitions, and free books great for children up to aged 12.
- Book Trust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for any age and you can find them [here](#).
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Share Your Literacy Activities with Me!

Share your book reviews, 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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