

## Issue No37

Welcome to issue 37 of the Crompton House Library newsletter. I am excited to also share our latest and future issues with the parents and carers of students at Beal Vale Primary School who are part of our Academy Trust. For your information, our library newsletter is created every two weeks and focuses on reading recommendations and book reviews by myself and students from CHS, with an added inclusion of a favorite book review written by a student from Beal Vale. It will also include literacy related activities, competitions, and useful websites. I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

### Featured Book Reviews

#### Ship of Shadows - Maria Kuzniar

##### Fantasy/Adventure - Age 9+

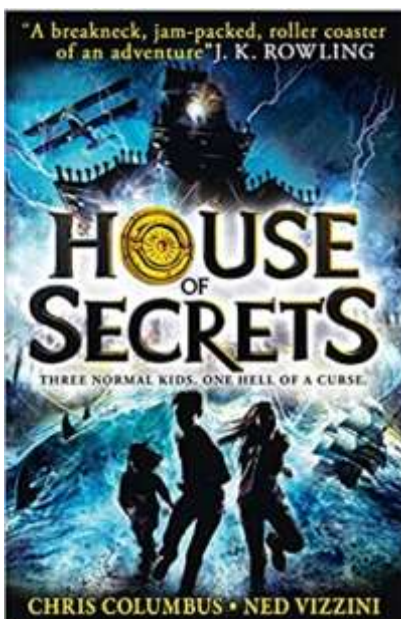


This is the first book in a new series, published in 2020.

Aleja is a young, Spanish girl who has always wanted to be an explorer. One day, when a mysterious ship arrives in the town where Aleja lives with her family, she finds herself being abducted by pirates. These are not any ordinary pirates though..... These pirates are all females! Aleja sets off on an unexpected journey to find the ancient map piece which will lead to the treasure, possibly every treasure in the world.

My favorite character was the captain as she was nice and helped Aleja. The characters felt very real at some points to me, and there were some moments which made me laugh. It is a book that kept me wanting to read on with a brave and curious main character. It was good to have a female character who was strong, as this does not always happen. I would recommend this book to people who like adventure, with a bit of fantasy. It would be a good book for people aged 9 and above.

**By Naima – Year 6 Beal Vale**



#### House of Secrets – Chris Columbus and Ned Vizzini

##### Fantasy/Adventure – Age 10+

The book is about a boy called Brendan a girl called Cordelia and her sister called Eleanor. They move to a house called Kinstoff House but there are secrets within it! The three of them battle against giants and pirates to try and save the world.

I would definitely recommend this book to 9+ readers because there are some complicated areas in it and some parts that younger readers may not like. It is overall a fantastic book and I highly recommend it.

**Chloe Lees – Year 7 Crompton House**

## Reading is Magic Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October

The Reading is Magic Festival returns this year with lots of great writers, illustrators, poets, and librarians taking part in the five-day festival beamed right into homes and schools. Michael Rosen, Cressida Cowell, Rob Biddulph to name a few will be taking part and the aim of the festival is to draw on the right for every child to be creative for at least 15 minutes a week, have a planet to read on, see themselves reflected in a book and read for the joy of it.

You can find out more information [here](#) on how you can take part and enjoy the festival with your friends, family, and schools.



## The School Library Open Evening Activities

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. Last night we hosted our prospective parents Open Evening, and our school library was absolutely buzzing! With the help of our student librarians, we ran lots of activities including Come Dine with Me, guess the book characters, bookmark making and a lovely poster titled 'A World Without Books Is Like...' where children added their thoughts to the sentence to be displayed on our library wall. You can find out more about our library [here](#).



## Teachers Who Read and Readers Who Teach

Our teaching and support staff have recently read and recommended a fantastic selection of middle grade and young adult books for all year groups to enable our pupils to see what their teachers and support staff have also enjoyed reading. We have created a lovely display for our students to enjoy, complete with reviews and photographs! Teachers who read and readers who teach.



## [Great websites and Information](#)

- National Literacy Trust dedicated to raising literacy levels [here](#)
- Topsta children's book suggestions, activities, competitions [here](#)
- Book Trust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for any age, and you can find them [here](#).
- Sora our online E and Audio Book free library. More information about Sora [here](#)

## [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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