



# LA MARE DE CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER



Welcome to this Spring edition of La Mare De Carteret's Literacy newsletter.

In this edition, we will share with you:

1. Our top tip for how to support your child with reading.
2. A benefit to reading.
3. KS3 suggested reading materials.
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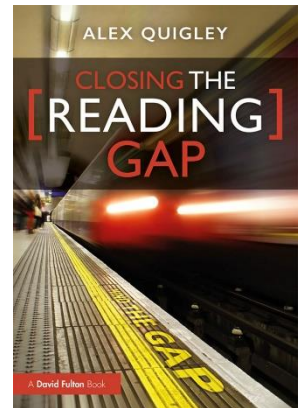
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# Our Top Tip:

**Ask them about what they are reading.**

Our children read for a number of different reasons. Some read for enjoyment, others to gain knowledge and many read to verify a point. Regardless of their purpose, how do we know if what they are reading is being retained or understood?

Quigley (2020) has created the PEER acronym to support the reading process.



- P** Prompt your child to say something about the book.
- E** Evaluate their response.
- E** Expand their response by encouraging them to rephrase or add information.
- R** Repeat the prompt to help them learn from the expansion.

Acronym in action:

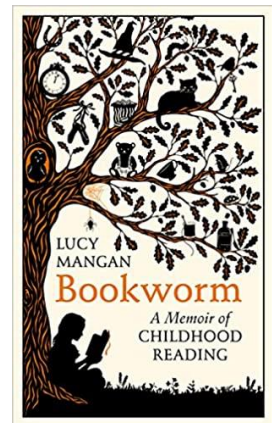
- P** Are you still reading Frankenstein in English?
- E** Yes. The Monster wants a wife.
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Yes. He is lonely so Frankenstein said he would make him a wife.
- R** Is Frankenstein going to do that?  
Yes, but he said it would take him 2 years to create.

# Benefit of reading:

## Reading helps to develop your character.

In her memoir of childhood reading, *Bookworm*, Lucy Mangan explores how re-reading books is healthy and necessary in developing our 'person'.

"You are learning about people, about relationships, about the variety of responses available to them [the characters] and in many more situations and circumstances ... than one single real life permits."



Mangan, (2018) *Bookworm: A Memoir of Childhood Reading*.



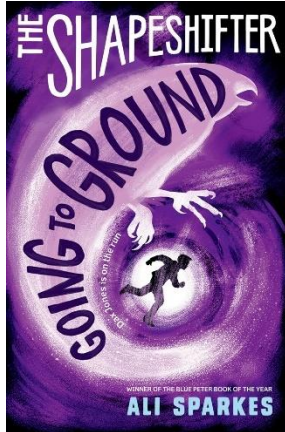
"Reading can help develop empathy.

Empathy is an important character trait people can develop. It helps us relate to other people and encourages us to be kind and considerate of other people's feelings.

As it turns out, reading can actually help improve empathy. When people read stories about other people's lives, it helps them develop the skills to understand the world through another person's perspective. This is a key element in being empathetic toward others."

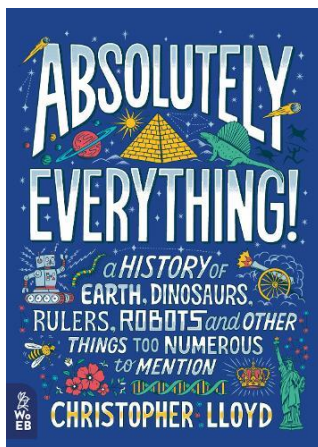
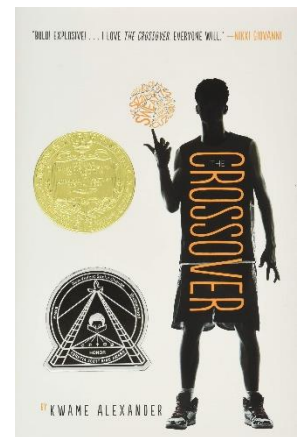
Cornerstone University (2019)

# KS3 reading list suggestions



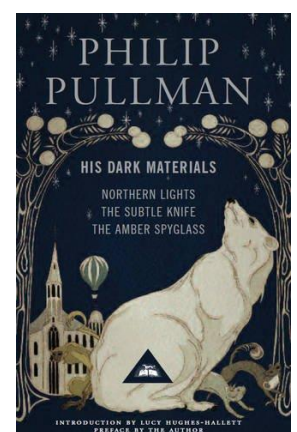
When Dax receives an urgent call, he knows he has to drop everything and race to the aid of his friends. But that's not as easy as it sounds. Strange things are happening—unbelievable occurrences that seem to be following Dax and his friends wherever they go.

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

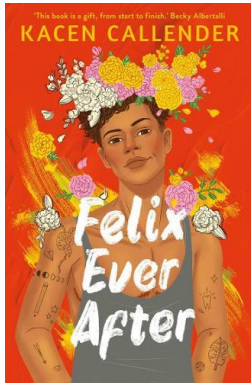


How was our universe made from a tiny speck of energy? Where did the first trees, plants, animals and humans come from? What happened to the dinosaurs? What was so miserable about medieval times? How were railroads and electricity invented? What are the perils of global warming?

These thrilling adventures tell the story of Lyra and Will—two ordinary children on a perilous journey through shimmering haunted other worlds. They will meet witches and armoured bears, fallen angels and soul-eating spectres. And in the end, the fate of both the living—and the dead—will rely on them.

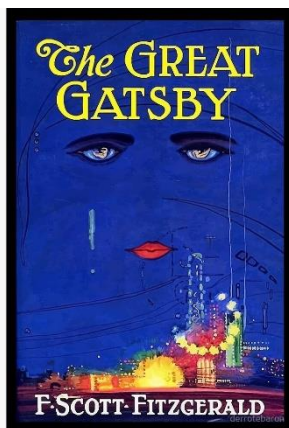
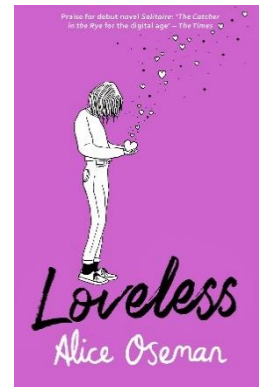


# KS4 reading list suggestions



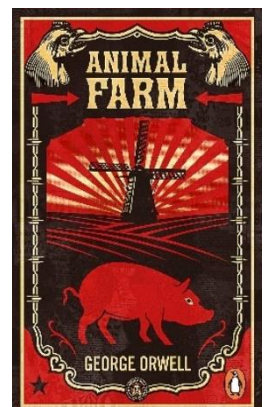
When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages—after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned—Felix comes up with a plan for revenge.

Georgia has never been in love, never kissed anyone, never even had a crush - but as a fanfic-obsessed romantic she's sure she'll find her person one day.



The Great Gatsby is the quintessential novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island.

A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned -a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.





**TOP SECRET**

# Competition

Do you ooze originality and creativity? Have a skill at keeping readers engaged? Like to include subtle hints to intrigue the reader? Want your work to be read by **Anthony Horowitz, Michael Rosen, Elly Griffiths, Hew Lewis-Jones**? Ever fancied yourself as a Sherlock Holmes? Well this writing competition is just for you!

**Task: Write a 300 word story inspired by Detectives or Spies.**

Planning prompts:

- What will the crime, mystery or crisis be?
- Where will the story be set?
- What will happen?
- Who will be the suspects?
- Who will be the hero?
- What clues will there be to follow/ discover?



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**Deadline:**

4<sup>th</sup> March

# Upcoming events

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

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25 YEARS



**LIVE-STREAM: World Book Day LIVE with Matilda and friends**  
*Live from the Cambridge Theatre – home of Matilda the Musical*  
11.30am, Monday 28th February.



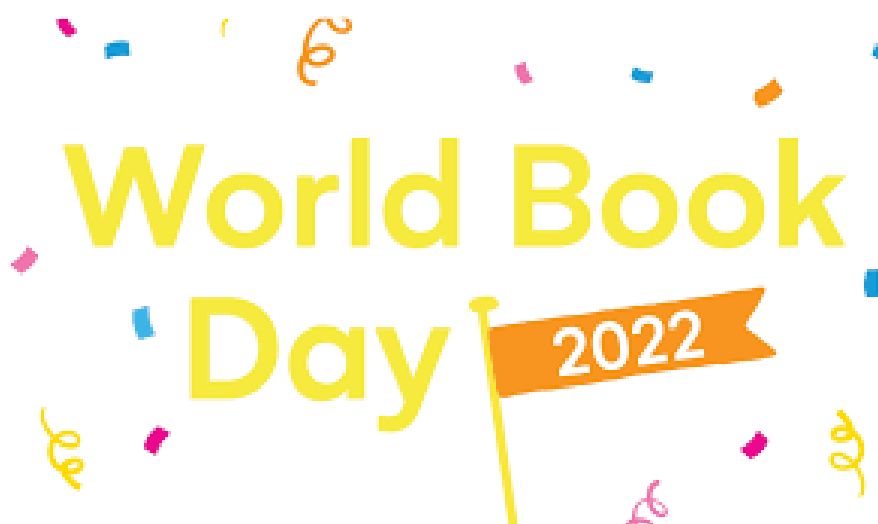
**Reality check: Books as a portal into life today** with Sharna Jackson, Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Ben Bailey Smith.  
11.30am on Wednesday 2nd March.



**Using your imagination: Books as a way to imagine the impossible** with Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, Joanna Nadin and Rikin Parekh, Nadia Shireen, Simon Farnaby and Michael Morpurgo  
10.00am on Thursday 3rd March



**BBC Teach Live Lesson** – In partnership with BBC Education. A curriculum-linked live interactive programme to support reading for pleasure.  
11.00am on Thursday 3rd March.



# Reading links



Our school library is home to a range of fiction and non-fiction books. We also have access to 1000s of ebooks and audiobooks.

If students want to read a specific book and we don't currently have it available in our school library, they can fill out a suggestion slip and pop it into our suggestions box in the Library. Equally, they can leave a message on our Literacy Google Classroom page (kbdozov).

Online resources to help you find the perfect read:

- ★ [Sora](#)
- ★ [Guille-Allès online resources](#)
- ★ [Guille-Allès ebooks](#)
- ★ [Oak National Academy Library](#)
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Mystery book

Not sure what book to read? Students can pick up one of Mrs Laine's mystery wrapped books! With only the theme to advise them, students could be reading anything from an old classic to a brand new release!

