



ST CYRES' CHAPTERS

**THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
READING NEWSLETTER**

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IT'S COZY READING SEASON!

As the days grow shorter and the autumn chill sets in, October is the perfect time to slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures of reading. With school back in full swing, it can be easy to get caught up in homework and routines, but taking a little time each day to lose yourself in a book can be the perfect way to relax, recharge, and escape into another world. Whether it's a gripping novel, a funny story, or a magical adventure, reading is a cozy companion for these crisp autumn days. Please ask any of us about reading recommendations or to borrow from our personal collections - we are always happy to help budding readers!

The St Cyres English Department



WRITING CHALLENGES: INKTOBER STORYTELLING!



This month, some of our pupils are taking on a creative writing challenge inspired by Inktober, but with words instead of drawings! Each day brings a short prompt to spark the imagination: from flash fiction mini-stories, to building a whole adventure one chapter at a time, and even keeping a fantasy-style travel journal through a world they create. Pupils will be challenged to write regularly, experiment with different genres, and let their creativity run wild. By the end of the month, they will have a collection of stories, ideas, and worldbuilding notes to be proud of!

Are you interested in taking on the Inktober challenge? Follow the link below to the prompts, and good luck!

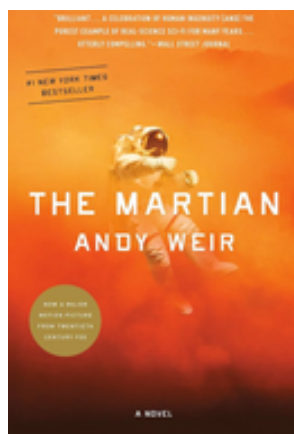
ST CYRES INKTOBER CHALLENGES

Outside the books reading tip no. 29

Treat everyday texts—menus, adverts, or labels—as mini stories. Look for clever language, rhythm, or humour. Suddenly, even a cereal box can be a reading adventure!

SPOTLIGHT: CURRICULUM READ *Science*

The Martian follows astronaut Mark Watney, stranded alone on Mars, as he uses creativity, problem-solving, and scientific knowledge to survive. The novel connects directly to the science curriculum through its focus on chemistry (water production), biology (growing food), and physics (space travel and engineering).



FREE AUDIOBOOKS?

Yes, you read that right! Signing up to your local library gives you access to Bolinda digital, an audiobook and ereading app where you can borrow new and popular audiobooks for free.

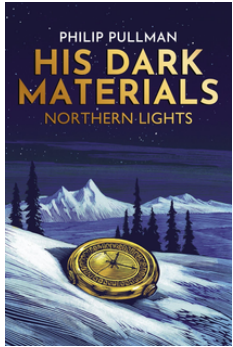


READING RECOMMENDATIONS

YOUNGER READERS

READS FOR OUR PUPILS

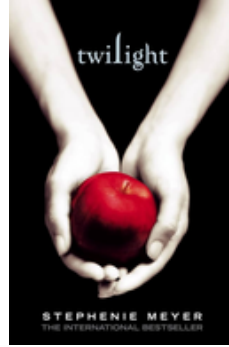
Always check for potential triggers, mature themes or sensitive content



In *Northern Lights*, daring Lyra Belacqua sets out on a perilous journey through a magical world, chasing her kidnapped friend and uncovering dark secrets about a mysterious substance called Dust, in a thrilling YA fantasy full of adventure, courage, and unexpected alliances.



In *Legends & Lattes*, weary orc warrior Viv opens a humble coffee shop in a bustling fantasy city, discovering the magic of friendship, community, and a slower, sweeter life, blending charming fantasy world-building with cozy, heartwarming vibes.



In *Twilight*, shy Bella Swan moves to rainy Forks, where she falls for the mysterious and alluring vampire Edward Cullen, sparking a passionate (and dangerous) romance that tests the limits of love, loyalty, and immortality.



Driven by obsession, Victor Frankenstein brings life to the lifeless, unleashing a tormented creature whose search for revenge challenges the limits of morality and ambition.



Orphaned and alone, Mary discovers her grandmother's hidden magical legacy, forcing her to navigate suspicion, superstition, and the struggle to survive in 17th-century England.

You can also check out the year group top reads from Books for Topics:

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

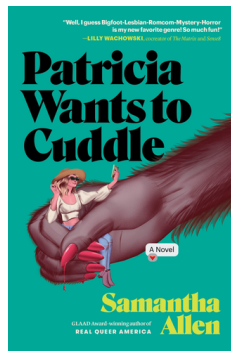


OLDER READERS

READS FOR OUR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND COMMUNITY



A centuries-old vampire hunts in the shadows, and Bram Stoker's *Dracula* exposes the chilling danger of unchecked power, desire, and fear that can consume an entire society. As lives unravel and secrets surface, the line between hunter and hunted becomes terrifyingly thin.



Obsessed, manipulative, and unpredictable, Patricia turns friendship into a psychological game, with *Patricia Wants to Cuddle* uncovering how desire, control, and hidden motives collide in unsettling ways. No one is safe from the consequences of getting too close.



When an unexpected disaster strikes, a seemingly normal family faces a crumbling world, and *Leave the World Behind* explores fear, trust, and survival in a society on the edge. As modern comforts fail, tensions rise and human nature is laid bare.



When ambition becomes obsession, rival magicians push each other to deadly extremes, and *The Prestige* reveals the shocking costs of secrets, envy, and deception. Every trick hides a truth, and every illusion comes with a price that no one can escape.



Isolation transforms love into mystery, as *Our Wives Under the Sea* plunges readers into grief, devotion, and the haunting unknown beneath the waves. The deeper the secrets, the more impossible it becomes to return to the life that once was.

Share your reading recommendations and reviews!

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