

KS3 LITERACY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our KS3 Literacy Newsletter.

We believe that Literacy is at the heart of all learning, so we want to keep you informed of the key literacy events taking place in school as well as providing you with resources to support your child's literacy at home.

RESOURCES Click the orange links below to access fantastic ways to support your child's literacy at home.

Bedrock Learning A reading and vocabulary program that aims to improve outcomes across the curriculum for all students. As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. You can access a helpful parents link here: [Parent Guide](#)

Free Books Campaign - free books by authors of colour for those who cannot afford them.

Thematic Book Lists An extensive range of interactive booklists which allow you to download the PDF and click the covers to find out more about each book.

"Everyone deserves the chance to read books they love." Sofia Akel.

LITERACY NEWS AT RATTON!

We are very excited to introduce our new school librarian: *"Hello, my name is Mrs. Standen, and I am your new school librarian. I have been fortunate to work in school libraries for over 20 years and truly think I have the best job in the World. I love reading, books, and anything booky related and am committed to helping every child find and develop a love of reading. Look out for some new library activities starting after half term."*

QUICK AND EASY LITERACY WINS FOR HOME

- **Freerice** - a free vocabulary building game. For each correct answer, contributions are made to the World Food Programme.
- **Turn on the subtitles** Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading.**

COMING SOON: LIBBY a free and easy way to borrow from your local library.

KS3 Suggested Reading Recommendations

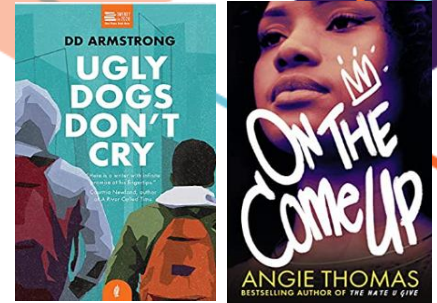
If Year 7 enjoyed writing about World Celebrations this term, they may enjoy reading...

- Acrobats of Agra by Robin Scott- Elliot
- The Girl Who Stole the Elephant by Nizrana Farook
- With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo



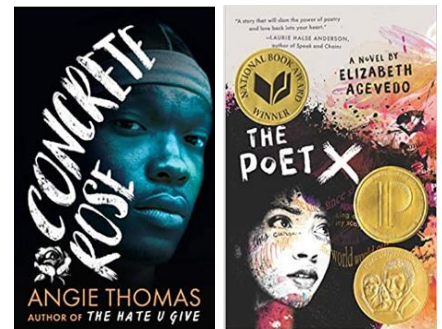
If Year 8 enjoyed reading Of Mice & Men this term, they may also enjoy...

- Ugly Dogs Don't Cry by DD Armstrong



If Year 9 enjoyed reading The Hate U Give, they may also enjoy...

- Concrete Rose (Maverick's backstory) by Angie Thomas
- On The Come Up by Angie Thomas
- The Poet X (verse novel) by Elizabeth Acevedo



KS3 STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Miss Kearney was blown away by Matthew Fry, Anny Bilancia, and Lola Kellond for their consistently stunning descriptive writing this term.

Mrs Roux was so impressed by Albi Sommers, Jamie Thompson, Olivia Garcia, Ceryn McKay and Eva Sandys for their descriptive writing.

Mrs Stark was amazed by Brayden Whande's evaluative assessment that Year 11 would benefit from reading as well as Grace Andrews and Hayley Chappell for embracing their "inner nerds!"

Mrs Sukoco was impressed with the efforts of Jake Blanks, Boris Stoilov, Maiya Dawson, Joshua Handy, Gracie Johnstone and Eowyn Cornish in the 'Summer Reading Challenge.'

Summer Reading Challenge Winners: Isobel Topalli, Amelia Williamson, Hayden Silver, Seren Williams, Oliver Taggart, Madison Medhurst, Abigail Shoult, Olivia Garcia, Anny Bilancia, Charlotte Evans and Ebenzer Boakye.