

# KS3 LITERACY NEWSLETTER

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. Students are encouraged to aim for at least 20 points a week.

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

**Reading Agency** A national charity helping people to tackle life's big challenges through the proven power of reading to deliver a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

*"A word after a word after a word is power." - Margaret Atwood*

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Southern Schools Book award (SSBA) is currently in full swing in the library with the voting deadline for students fast approaching. This is an extremely popular and fought over award in the YA circle as authors know it is their target audience who are ultimately in charge of the winning book. All the books are available in the library and more information about this prestigious award can be found here :

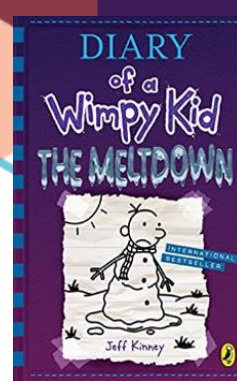
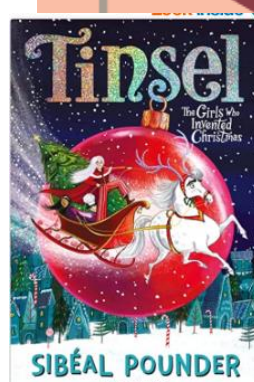
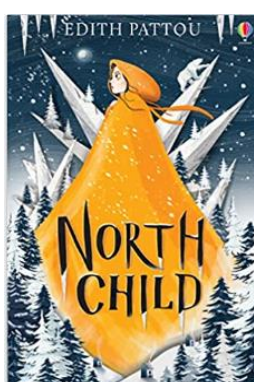
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## TIPS TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING READERS

<b><u>Barrington Stoke Books</u></b> Books produced with tinted pages, special fonts and spacing, thicker paper and editing to reduce comprehension barriers and/or issues resulting from dyslexia.	<b>TURN ON THE SUBTITLES</b> Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can <b>double the chances of a child becoming good at reading</b>
<b>AUDIOBOOKS</b> Helps students engage in text and gain exposure to more words, improving vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.	<b>BEDROCK LEARNING</b> Helps schools and parents to transform learning and literacy, equipping all learners with the knowledge they need to improve their educational outcomes.

## KS3 Winter Reading Suggestions

- One Shot - Tanya Landman (dyslexia friendly)
- Eagle in the Snow - Michael Morpurgo
- North Child - Edith Pattou
- Tinsel: The Girls Who Invented Christmas - Sibéal Pounder
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown - Jeff Kinney



## YOUNG ADULT BOOK OF THE MONTH

### The Silent Stars Go By - Sally Nicholls

Margot's life was turned upside down when her fiancé, Harry, went missing in action on the Western Front. Worse, she was left with a devastating secret which threatened to ruin her life and destroy the reputation of her family. As a respectable vicar's daughter, Margot has had to guard that secret with great care ever since, no matter how much pain it causes her. Christmas 1919, and Margot's family is gathering back home in the vicarage for the first time since the end of the Great War. And miraculously Harry has returned, hoping to see Margot and rekindle their romance. Can Margot ever reveal the shocking truth to the only man she has ever loved?



## BEDROCK LEARNING SHOUTOUTS

Last term we were excited to introduce Bedrock Learning to our KS3 students. We have been blown away by efforts by all students engaging with the programme. Please see below for our **TOP SCORERS** in each year group.

### POINTS LEADERBOARD

**YEAR 7** Joshua Handy

**YEAR 8** Veronica Marcinkowska

**YEAR 9** Freya Egan-Payne

### PROGRESS LEADERBOARD

**YEAR 7** Hugo Erridge with 755%

**YEAR 8** Dexter Coleman with 244%

**YEAR 9** Hayden Bussell with 250%