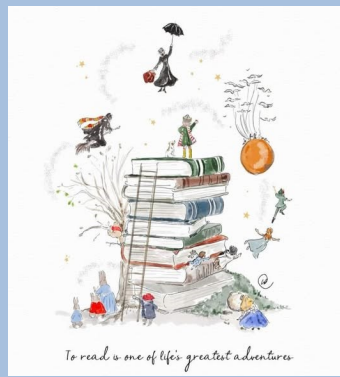




Plume Academy Library

Newsletter

13.01.25



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Word Millionaires

Congratulations to our latest Word Millionaires!

Chloe Bezan has read over one million words!

Keep reading and remember to do those AR quizzes when you finish a book.

You could win a voucher if you get 100% in your quiz!

AR WINTER RAFFLE

WINNERS

Mia Butler 7CFA

Evie Woolnough-Hook 8PHA

Zack Freeman 9EEA

Congratulations to you all!

Do you have a book recommendation?

Just email it to c.symons@plume.essex.sch.uk with the title and brief review



Tell us about what makes it so good, and you could find it published in the next Library newsletter!

Book Recommendations

To find out more about our recommended authors, just go to the links below:

<https://www.readingzone.com/authors/anthony-mcgowan/>

<https://chrisbradford.co.uk/>

Dogs of the Deadlands

By Anthony McGowan



Chernobyl, 1986. Natasha's world is coming to an end. Forced to evacuate her home in the middle of the night, she must leave her puppy behind and has no idea if she'll ever return. Some time later, growing up in the shadow of the ruined nuclear power plant, pups Misha and Bratan have to learn how to live in the wild—and fast. Creatures with sharp teeth, claws, and yellow eyes lurk in the overgrown woods. And they're watching the brothers' every move...

But will the dogs survive without humans? And can humans live without them?

The Soul Hunters by Chris Bradford

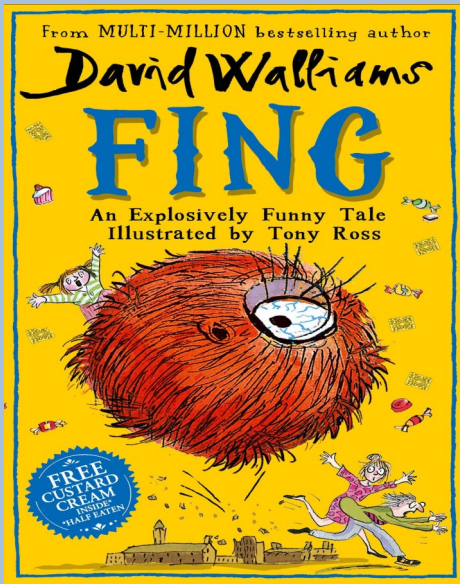
Late one night a schoolgirl is attacked in a city park. When a stranger rushes to her rescue, Genna Adams believes it's luck that their paths crossed. Then a week later, the same boy saves her from being kidnapped and Genna realises this is no coincidence. But the explanation offered by the boy, Phoenix, is even stranger than she could have imagined - a long-forgotten foe has tracked her across lifetimes to lay claim to Genna's very soul.

As the hunters close in, Genna has no choice but to trust her mysterious protector - and soon she is swept into a deadly adventure, racing across time to save herself and, ultimately, the human race.



"We accept the love we think we deserve." — Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Student Book Recommendations

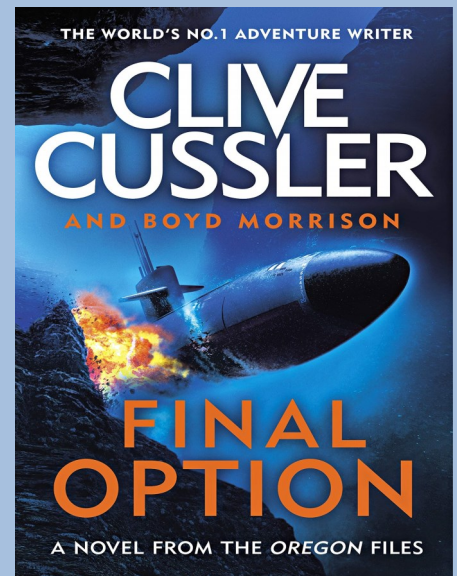


BOOK READ BY DARCEY CHEEK 7ADA

In my chosen story, there is a young girl called Myrtle Meek, who has lots of regular tantrums. As the days go by, she is demanding more and more stuff and if one person says no, she will scream and shout until she gets it. One day though, she owns nearly everything; from a yeti to underpants for worms, even a stuffed flea! But, she wants more, so to no one in particular, she shouts “I WANT A FING!” so her dad goes exploring in the jungle for the deadly animal but little did they know this would ruin their lives forever! The main characters in this book are Mrs. Meek (mum), Mr Meek (dad) and Myrtle Meek, their spoilt daughter. I recommend this book due to the fact that it is hilarious and has lots of pictures and detail in it.

BOOK READ BY LUKE ROBINSON 9ARB

I really enjoyed the fact that Cussler used characters and organisations from his other book series in this book. I also liked that the setting was constantly changing because it was happening all around the world since they lived on a boat (The Oregon), yet there was always a familiar setting as they switched back to their boat. The plot was also really good as it starts off with just a normal mission on The Oregon, just off the coast of Brazil, but this gets compromised and the crew leaves for 3 separate areas of the world to save 3 CIA agents from different places, all while trying to find out who is framing them and how they got a perfect replica of their ship.



“People who read are people who dream.”



JOLABÓKAFLOD at PLUME

For the second year running at Christmas, the library decided to follow Iceland's tradition of Jolabokafloð, which means "Christmas Book Flood" where everyone gives each other a book on Christmas Eve to read.

We must say a big thank you to Mrs Rhodes, AHOY 7, who gave up some of her precious time to help us wrap the books.

See what some of our year 7 tutor groups thought:

Some very happy faces this morning, what a lovely tradition to uphold. Mrs Israael

7CFA
were excited to open the presents and enjoyed swapping to get a book they liked. Some students said they were going to pass them on as gifts to siblings and family. Such a great idea! Mr Farrow



My form were all ecstatic by the presents and very excited to read them. It was a brilliant idea. Thank you so much. Mr Barber

A beautiful gesture that my form were really excited about. Thank you for your kind presents. Mrs Daniels

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PJA LOVED OPENING THE BOOKS. SOME SWAPPED BOOKS TO A BOOK THEY LIKED, SOME RETURNED THE BOOKS BACK TO THE BOX. OVERALL THEY FELT IS WAS A VERY NICE GESTURE AND WERE BADGERING ME TO GET THE BOX AND OPEN A GIFT. MR JACKSON

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Most of my class were happy to be receiving gifts that they could unwrap, especially since they did not know what was inside! Mr Botha

"Girls are Best- I got this book which was so good because it was a history book about girls." -Alicia Binder

"The book I got was really good and in theme with Christmas." -Isla Smith



"I LOVED THAT I GOT A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY AS I LOVE READING." -ISABELLE WHITE

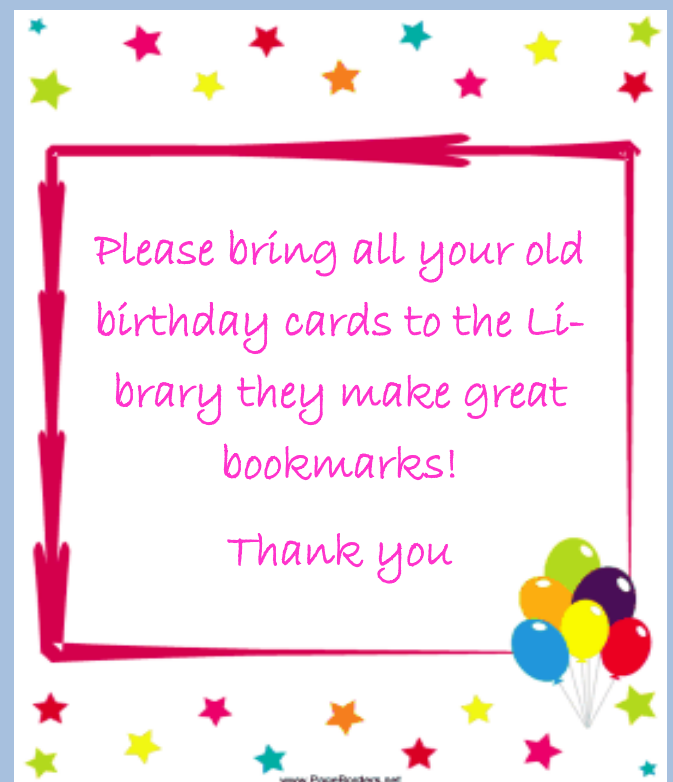
"I think it was really good and encouraging for young people to read." -Rubee Maynard

We would like to continue this Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod at Christmas time for our future year 7s! You never know—in good Icelandic tradition you might be lucky and find an insect wrapped up with the book which is seen to be lucky!

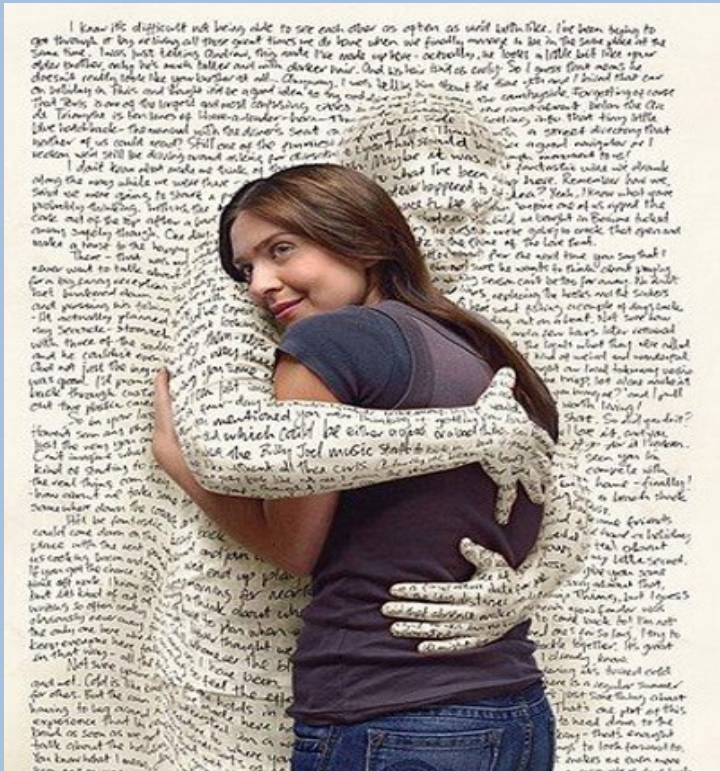
Toys for Hospitals

Please do not forget that Summer Chapman in Year 10 is crocheting toys for GOSH and the Phoenix Ward in Broomfield.

If you would like to help her in achieving her goal in making the toys, please let Mrs Symons know at c.symons@plume.essex.sch.uk. It really is fun and relaxing. **There will be collection boxes at both reception areas and you can also hand any donations in to both of the libraries.**



"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship." — Louisa May Alcott, Little Women



FRC library homework club

Thursday 3.20-4.30pm

What we can offer you?

- Revision Books
- Computers
- A place to revise
- Films to go with your studied English text

• Soft seating



DO YOU LOVE READING?

YES?

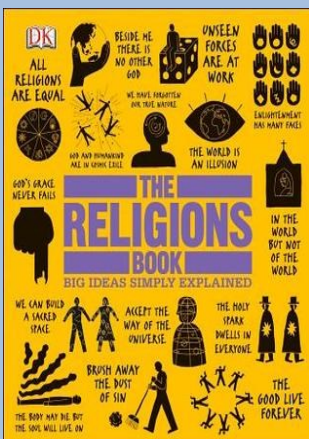
THEN COME TO BOOK CLUB.

HELD IN THE LIBRARY EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME.

BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU!

World Religion Day 19.1.25

World religion day is celebrated on the third Sunday in January every year. It celebrates the differences and commonalities of all the different religions in the world. There are approximately 4,200 different religions all over the world!



For more information go to:

<https://nationaltoday.com/world-religion-day/>

Christmas Winners

Christmas Bauble / Emoji winners

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Cody Butcher | 1. Tilly Webb |
| 2. Arliyah Nutt | 2. Charlotte Lennon |
| 3. Nathan Ponting | |



"The love of books is among the choicest gifts of the gods." — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Most read books of 2024 from MRC library



And FRC library



What will you read in 2025?

Big Garden Birdwatch 24-26 January

If you want to protect our wildlife then why not take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch? To find out how easy it is to take part, just go to:

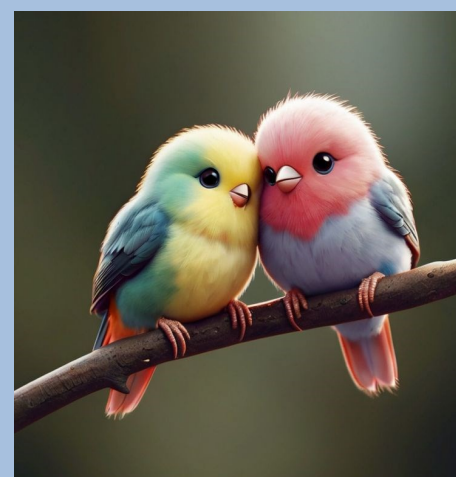
Just arww!

**Blue Tits are
counting
on you**

Big Garden
Birdwatch



[https://
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birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch)



"Of all things, I liked books best." — Nikola Tesla

The library is holding a short storytelling competition for National Storytelling Week 2025

- **Task:** Write a short story no longer than 500 words with the theme 'Reimagine your world'
- **Who:** All pupils 7-13
- **Once completed**
<mailto:EnglishCompetitions@plume.essex.sch.uk>
- **Deadline:** 9/2/25

Our theme for National Storytelling Week 2025 is reimagine your world. Whether it's something unexpected on your way to school, odd sounds you hear at night, or a path you've never followed, the world around us is full of secret lives, places and possibilities. The most extraordinary story can come from the most ordinary place: it just needs someone to find it.

1–9 February 2025

National Storytelling Week

Reimagine your world



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"It is nothing to die; it is dreadful not to live." — Victor Hugo, Les Misérables