

ENGLISH



World Book Day 2024

Dear Year 6,

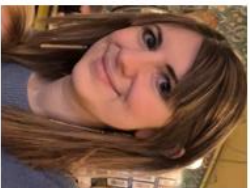
We are the English Faculty, based in Holkham. We are a big team, as you will see across the next couple of pages. We are passionate about reading; with this in mind, we have taken the opportunity to recommend a book to you.

In this booklet, you will find your summer task. Please complete this ready for September; you should hand it in to your new English teacher during the first week of term.

Across Year 7, you will enjoy reading lots of fantastic texts, starting with the narrative poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*: a modern English translation of a poem written in middle-English in the 14th century. As well as this, we will be working hard on developing the reading and writing skills you already have. There is so much joy to be had in exploring texts together, and we are looking forward to sharing this experience with you.

Have a good summer!

The English Faculty



Mrs Clark

You should read...
A Monster Calls

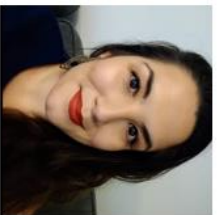
because...
it is a tear-jerker that teaches a hard lesson about confronting difficult truths.



Mr Kyasiima

You should read...
Wizard of the Crow

because...
it is an exciting adventure story involving magic and wizardry from another dimension.



Ms Poll

You should read...
Artemis Fowl

because...
it is an exciting story that mixes sci-fi and magic.



Mrs Wills-Gillings

You should read...
The Explorer

because...
it is an excellent adventure story.



Mrs Morris

You should read...
Once

because...
it shows that everyone deserves something good to happen to them at least once.



Mr Smart

You should read...
Fantastic Mr Fox

because...
it teaches you to trust your instincts and to always follow your nose!



Mrs Pleasant

You should read...
Harry Potter

because...
it is a magical story.



Miss Richardson

You should read...
The Hobbit

because...
it is a fantastic story of friendship and adventure.



Miss Wright

You should read...
The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Rocket

because...
it is funny and heart-warming, and shows it's OK to be different.



Miss Elvin

You should read...

The Piper

because...

it is a sinister wartime story.



Miss Atherton

You should read...

My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece

because...

it reminds us to be kind and consider what others are going through.



Mrs Wilson

You should read...

Private Peaceful

because...

it shows the importance of compassion for others and helps us to understand the past.



Mr Warner-Lynn

You should read...

Journey to the River Sea

because...

you will experience a plucky young orphan's adventures on the Amazon River.



What

recommendations
do you have for
us?



Mr Pocock

You should read...

Lord of the Flies

because...

it's a classic novel about how boys might govern themselves with no adult guidance.



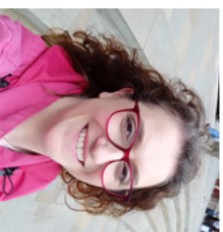
Mr Leverton

You should read...

Jurassic Park

because...

dinosaurs are scary and cool.



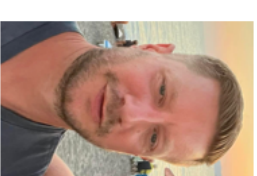
Mrs Wagg

You should read...

The 13 Storey Treehouse

because...

it's funny and the treehouse sounds amazing!



Mr Beech

You should read...

The Witches

because...

it is a great example of overcoming adversity.

Your Summer Task

The English teachers at Springwood want you to love reading as much as we do!

Over the summer, we want you to read a book of your choice. Here is a link to a list of recommended books suitable for Year 7 <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/> but you may choose something that is not on this list (you may even wish to choose one of the books we have recommended on the previous pages).

When you have read your book, we would like you to write a postcard to your new English teacher (we have provided you with one that you can use). In your writing, please include answers to the following questions:

1. What do you think is the main idea that the writer is trying to get across in your chosen book?
2. What has led you to think that this is the main idea?

By answering these questions, you will be identifying the key theme of the text. As long as you give good reasons to explain your thinking, you cannot be wrong.

On the front side of the postcard, you could either draw a picture; print out and stick on a photo of the book's front cover; or take a selfie with your book and print and stick this on.

Please bring in your completed postcard when you arrive in September and hand it in to your English teacher.

Here is a model piece of writing to show you what we're looking for.

**Appropriate salutation
(greeting)**

**Friendly opener,
directed at your
reader**

Naming the book

**Stating the main idea
(personal opinion) and
reasons why you think
this is the main idea**

**Recommendation
to the reader**

Friendly sign-off

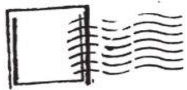
Dear English Teacher,

I hope you have had a good summer! Did you do anything exciting?

I chose to read 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo this summer. In my opinion, the main idea of this book is that it's important to be brave and stand up for what is right. This is shown through the character of Charlie, who challenges the boys who bully Tommo and, later, won't follow Sergeant Hanley's cruel and ridiculous orders. At the end of the book, Charlie is court martialled and sentenced to death for "cowardice" because he disobeyed Sergeant Hanley, who was instructing the men to carry out a mission that would lead them to be killed instantly. At his execution, Charlie dies with honour because he knows he did the right thing in refusing Sergeant Hanley.

If you haven't read this book already, I'd really recommend it!

See you in September!
Regards, Oliver Twist



TO:

My English Teacher

Holkham

Springwood High School

We look forward to receiving lots of lovely postcards!