

WFA ENGLISH READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

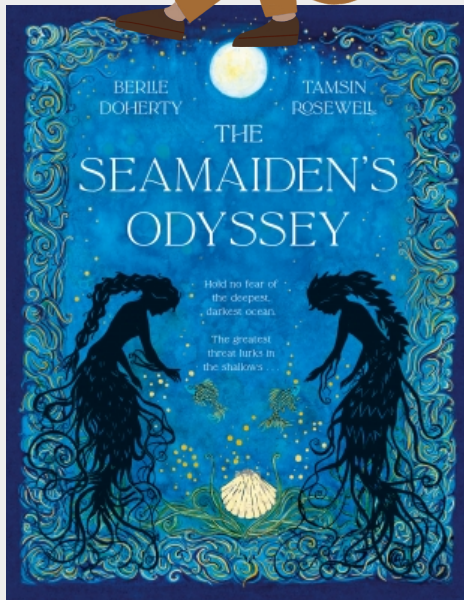
Don't forget to checkout our reading lists aimed at specific year groups and linked to your English Studies: all are available on our padlet.

The English Department

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BRAND NEW BOOK ALERT



Radiating sisterhood and oceanic folklore through a sublimely-told tale, in *The Seamaiden's Odyssey* Berlie Doherty has crafted a timelessly enthralling story that speaks to present-day readers as they embark on a lyrical voyage of love, loss, family and friendship, underpinned by a pertinent question: "Do we have the right to intervene with nature in order to preserve it?"

Spellbindingly enhanced by Tamsin Rosewell's richly evocative silhouette illustrations, *The Seamaiden's Odyssey* is a beautiful book to treasure, and an elemental story that stirs the soul.

This is a stunning book - Mrs Styant

THE WILD ROBOT BY PETER BROWN

The *Wild Robot* tells the story of a robot who is shipwrecked on an island, and creates a life for herself there. Finding herself on the remote island,

Roz quickly realizes that she'll have to learn survival skills from the island's wild inhabitants then, inadvertently destroying a nest of goose eggs, ends up the adoptive mother to a gosling too and responsible for bringing him up. Though Roz doesn't feel emotions, she has been designed to do the best job possible, and bringing up her adopted son calls for all sorts of adaptations.

Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce is another wonderful robot adventure that poses its own set of AI questions.

2.



YEAR 9+ READS



3.

READ the first chapter



Nyanda Foday
Somehow, Somehow

'A searing poetic voice'
JOSEPH COELHO



Somehow, Somehow
By Nyanda Foday

uring lockdown Nyanda was at university. She chose to stay in her student accommodation rather than going home to her family. She spent 79 days alone, with deteriorating mental health, trying to study for her degree.

This visceral, astonishing collection from one of the country's most exciting emerging performance poets explores this unprecedented moment in global history - from a personal and fascinating point of view.

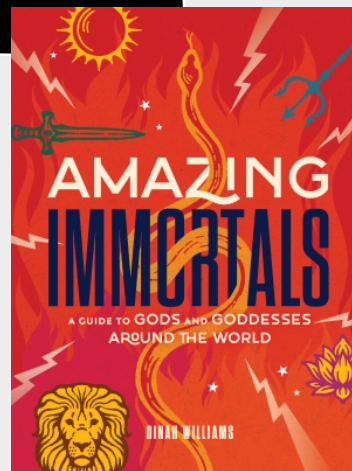
Addresses themes such as loneliness and mental health during the Covid lockdowns, as well as reactions to the BlackLivesMatter movement in 2020 and violence against women, this collection will speak to many young people's experiences during 2020-21.

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TEACHER FOCUS

MR PEREZ RECOMMENDS

"THIS VISUALLY SPECTACULAR WHO'S WHO OF LARGER-THAN-LIFE GODS AND GODDESSES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE IS A GLEAMING TROVE OF FASCINATING FACTS AND FORMIDABLE FEATS."



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

- ROALD DAHL QUIZ
- HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT



WE LOVE HEARING ABOUT BOOKS YOU HAVE READ SO LET US KNOW WHAT BOOK YOU THINK EVERYONE SHOULD READ!

A STUDENT WHO READS IS A STUDENT WHO SUCCEEDS.

