

# Hartsdown Literacy Newsletter

From your Student Literacy Leaders!



If you love reading and all things academic, then email Miss Kingsman ([kingsmanh@hartsdown.org](mailto:kingsmanh@hartsdown.org)) to inquire about joining our fabulous SLL team!

## Student Book Recommendations:

Our book recommendation this week is *Adrian mole, Aged 13 ¼*, by Sue Townsend. Our class enjoyed reading this book as part of our Scholarship curriculum. Particularly, it is very funny and has everything we want in a book: drama, angst, laughter. and it's relatable, which is why we like it so much.

## Classics Corner!

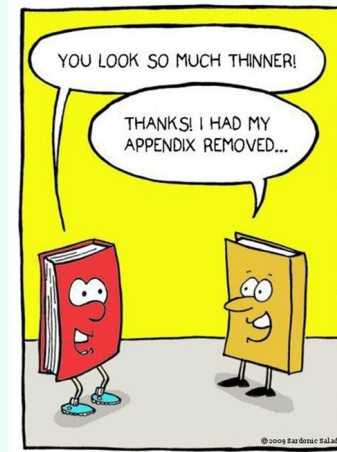
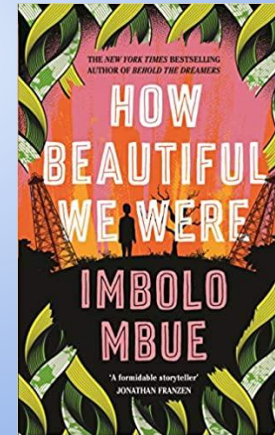
This week's classic corner recommendation is *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien. I first watched the film and fell in love with it. Then, I read the book and it let my imagination run free. The author uses descriptive language and creates vivid imagery, immersing you and making the words come to life.

## Fiction (KS3)



*How Beautiful We Were* is a book that only came out on 4th March 2021. IMBOLO MBUE is a formidable story teller.

Set in the fictional African village of Kosawa, *How Beautiful We Were* tells the story of a people living in fear amidst environmental degradation.



## Get involved:

- Are you an aspiring author? Do you have enough creativity to win £1500? Then look no further than the Birdport Prize; the international creative writing competition. See their website for further information: <https://bridportprize.org.uk/>
- **1 Million Word Competition (Year 7 and 8 only)** Have you heard of the latest competition to read 1,000,000 words? Well, you can log in to join that competition here: <https://ukhosted17.renlearn.co.uk/1894130/> With special prizes up for grabs (top secret), click [here](#) to see the poster for more information. Remember, the deadline is Friday 26th March - so, get reading!

- **Young Writers 100 word competition (Open to all aged 11-18)**

[Enter through the school portal here!](#)

The next installment of the 100 word spine chillers competition is available to enter now!



All you need to do to enter is to write a 100 word story, inspired by the theme of a **ghost story**, by Monday 29th March. That's it! 100 words!

ALL SUCCESSFUL ENTRIES THAT MEET THE BRIEF WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A REAL BOOK.