

Hartsdown Literacy Newsletter

From your Student Literacy Leaders!



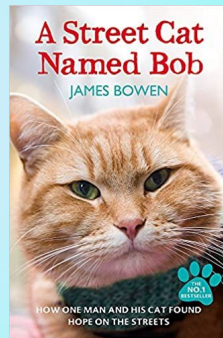
If you love reading and all things academic, then email Miss Kingsman (kingsmanh@hartsdown.org) to inquire about joining our fabulous SLL team!

Student Book Recommendation

This week's book recommendation is by: Thomas P

[A Street Cat Named Bob](#), James Bowen

When James Bowen found an injured, ginger street cat curled up in the hallway of his sheltered accommodation, he had no idea just how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London and the last thing he needed was a pet.



Classics Corner!

[Little Women](#), by Louisa May Alcott (1868-9)

Generations of readers young and old, male and female, have fallen in love with the March sisters of Louisa May Alcott's most popular and enduring novel, Little Women. Here are talented tomboy and author-to-be Jo, tragically frail Beth, beautiful Meg, and romantic, spoiled Amy, united in their devotion to each other and their struggles to survive in New England, America, during the Civil War.

Tip Top Tier Two: Words of the Week!

Conscious (con-scious) - aware of
Dependent (de-pend-ent) - relies on/can't happen or exist without
Inevitable (in-ev-i-ta-ble) - unavoidable/can't stop it



KS3:

[Skulduggery Pleasant](#),



Derek Landy

In a matter of days, the world will change. Billions of lives will be wiped away in a final, desperate search for the Child of the Faceless Ones – she who is destined to bring about the return of humankind's ancient overlords...



KS4:

[What Big Teeth](#), Rose Szabo

Rose Szabo's thrilling debut is a dark and thrilling novel about a teen girl who returns home to her strange, wild family after years of estrangement, perfect for fans of Wilder Girls.



Get involved:

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. DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 28TH MAY!

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.

Lit Tip...

When referencing a large piece of work, such as a novel, it should be written in *italics*, eg. *The Lord of the Rings*, by J.R.R. Tolkien.

However, when referencing the name of a smaller work, like a piece of poetry, it should be written inside inverted commas, eg. 'The Raven', by Edgar Allan Poe.