

# Literacy Newsletter



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At Ysgol Rhiwabon, we understand the importance of learning in school and at home. To help students engage with literacy at home, we are publishing a monthly newsletter that will recommend interesting and relevant books, free resources and literacy games!

## Book Recommendations

### KS3: *The Railway Children*

To celebrate the recent film release of 'The Railway Children Return', our first recommended read is E.Nesbit's classic, 'The Railway Children'.

Read it for free here: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1874/1874-h/1874-h.htm>

Accelerated Reading level: 5.5

*Now nearly 100 years old, this story centres on the lives of three children whose comfortable, middle-class existence ends when their father has to go away unexpectedly. Roberta, Peter and Phyllis leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different.*



## Free Resources

**Spelling:** Take up to 70 quizzes on this website which tests your knowledge on words beginning with certain letters. They have been designed to help students remember spelling patterns at the beginning of a word. <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/english-spelling/>

**Vocabulary:** This game, Word Roundup, is an interactive wordsearch style game that provides clues about the words that need to be found. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/word-games/word-roundup>

## Ask the Teacher

Each week, we will ask five literacy-based questions to a different staff member at our school.

**Mrs Ferron-Evans, Headteacher**

1. What was the last book that you read?

'*Where the Crawdads Sing*' by Delia Owens

2. Which word do you often misspell?

**Occasionally**

3. Who is your favourite literary character?

**Tess of the D'Urbervilles**

4. Out of 10, how neat would you rate your handwriting? (1 being illegible)

7

5. If you had to be a punctuation mark, which one would you be?

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### Year 10: *Of Mice and Men*

This term, Year 10 students will begin their study of the GCSE text, 'Of Mice and Men'. To support and deepen their learning of the text, it is recommended that students read the text at home.

Read it free here: <https://giove.isti.cnr.it/demo/eread/Libri/sad/OfMiceAndMen.pdf>

### Year 11! *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

*Animal Farm* is George Orwell's satire on equality, which questions and challenges the power of

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