



Colton Hills Community School

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Summer is here!



The 2018-19 academic year is finally drawing to its close and what a year we have had! English theme days from visiting authors, World Book Day, the Animal live experiences for Year 7, the theatre trip to see Macbeth and the crowning glory of the year, the trip to Harry Potter World on the final Tuesday of term. Who could forget the honey badger we all cuddled on Animal Day or the beautiful corn snake as it slithered over our arms, not to mention the adorable owl who watched us all so carefully. And as for the performance of Macbeth—what a treat to be chilled by the threat of the witches and the violence and brutality of Macbeth himself. It really helps to see plays performed as it opens up the texts we study in a totally different way to reading in the classroom.

As a department, we have been thrilled by the enthusiasm and growing confidence of our learners.

Let's see where next year will take us!

Our exam results will be available from:

9 am on Thursday 22nd August.

Our fingers and toes will be firmly crossed for all of you!

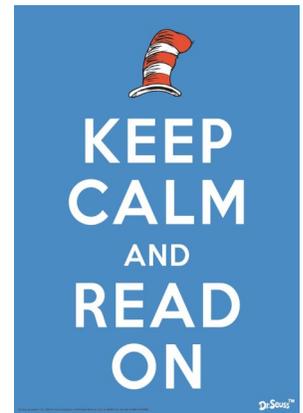
Key Stage 3

Keep up the reading!

Ahead of us lie six weeks of summer holidays. This is a perfect time to maintain your reading and keep it buoyant into the new academic year.

Progress can be maintained through the reading of various materials and genres; magazines, newspapers, comics, factual publications and novels.

Mrs. Dicken our School Librarian has very kindly compiled a list of books which you may find useful and stimulating. This can be found on the back of your newsletter.



ADVANCE WARNING OF TOPICS FOR NEXT TERM

Year 7—Heroes and Villains; 19th Century Literature

Year 8— Aliens; Romeo and Juliet

Year 9—Opinion based writing; Conflict

Year 10—Power and Conflict poetry; A Christmas Carol

Year 11—AQA English Language papers 1-2

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST



Year 10—A Christmas Carol

The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas

Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens

Gone – Michael Grant

Boy Underwater – Adam Baron

The House with

Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson

The Martian – Andy Weir

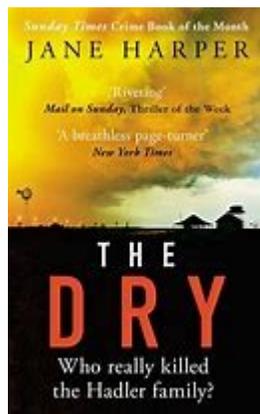
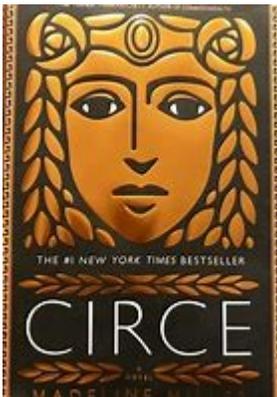
The Wizards of Once – Cressida Cowell

Long Way Down – Jason Reynolds

Boy 87 – Ele Fountain

Things a Bright Girl Can Do – Sally Nicholls

Why don't you visit your local library and see what you can discover?



Summer reading ideas for more advanced and mature readers;

“**Circe**” - A tale of Ancient Greece by Madeleine Miller

“**The Dry**” - Who really killed the Hadler family? By Jane Harper

HARRY POTTER WORLD!

We had a magical day exploring the set of the Harry Potter films. Inside the world of Harry Potter, students discovered and admired iconic sets from the films, such as The Great Hall and Gringots Bank. There was also a chance to recreate some memorable scenes, including a ride on the Hogwarts Express and lifting a broomstick from the ground just by commanding ‘Up’. As we learnt about some of the processes that

