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

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups, which can be found on your child's English Google Classroom page.

The English Department

The Blue Book of Nebo

Survival

Relationships

Memory

Book of the Month

The Blue Book of Nebo

by Manon Steffan Ros

Recommended for **KS3** by Thomas Pierse (9W)

The Blue Book of Nebo by Manon Steffan Ros is a post-apocalyptic novel set in rural Wales after a mysterious catastrophic event known as "The End." The story is told through the alternating voices of Dylan, a teenage boy, and his mother, Rowenna, as they document their survival in a journal—the blue book of the title. Cut off from the modern world, they must relearn old skills and confront their past while building a new life. Through their reflections, the novel explores themes of memory, resilience, language, and the bond between mother and son in the face of isolation and loss.



All students should have a reading book in school every day.

We recommend reading each weekday evening (and for longer at weekends)

Library Opening Times Year 7:

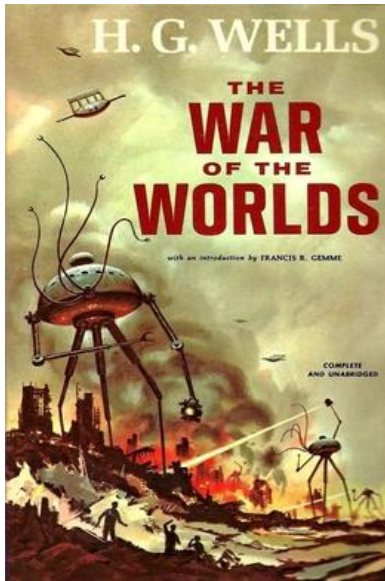
Lunchtimes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Library Opening Times Year 8/9/10

After School: 3:15-4:15pm



Our Recommendations



The War of the Worlds

Imperialism

Science

Vulnerability

The War of the Worlds

by H.G. Wells

Recommended for **KS4** by leuan Saralis (11W)

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells is a science fiction novel that tells the story of a Martian invasion of Earth. Set in late 19th-century England, the novel follows an unnamed narrator as he witnesses terrifying alien machines wreak havoc across the countryside, destroying cities and overwhelming humanity with advanced weaponry. As society collapses in fear and chaos, the narrator struggles to survive and reunite with his wife. Ultimately, the Martians are defeated not by human efforts, but by Earth's smallest organisms—bacteria. The novel explores themes of human vulnerability, imperialism, and the limits of science and technology in the face of nature's power.

We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!