Competitions

Last edition's winning community:

Red

Do you want to earn points for your community? Read on...



For a chance your community could be the next winners, take part in our FIVE word synopsis competition!

Write a **FIVE WORD synopsis** to describe a book that you have enjoyed reading to earn **FIVE POINTS** for your community. These will be printed in our next edition.

Entries in by: 31/01/25.

Entries must be sent to Mrs Chandler: cha@fallibroome.org.uk and contain your full name, form, community colour, the title of the book and the author.

Do you enjoy reading our magazine? Why not get involved and write a book review for us? Email Mrs Chandler at cha@fallibroome.org.uk with your name and form. A treat will be given to those who participate! Goodluck and...

Thank you for reading!

'A book is a gift you can open again and again.'
- GARRISON KEILLOR

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A reader's paradise

Welcome to The Reading Group's magazine.

Meet the team!

- Jemimah Geddes - Editor
- Rachel Pointon - Copy Editor
- Isla-Beau Forster and Kaniksha Kalaivanan - Competition Writers
- Emma Coker - Author Of The Month

Competition Winners!

Congratulations to the last edition's competition winners!

Five Word Synopsis - Five Community Points winners:

Ava Lanckmans (8C - Red Community)
"Girl in river sees ghost.'
Book: City of Ghosts
Author: Victoria Schwab



Louisa Godfrey (8C - Red Community)
'Family pain against unknown opponent.'
Book: The Final Gambit
Author: Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Crossword winners: - please come to C13 to collect your prize.
Parisa Lee (8P)
Sami Odedra (9P)

Unscramble me!

Below are some Christmas themed words, your job is to unscramble them. Good luck!

hismasCrt	= _____
olHyl	= _____
retPnes	= _____
CrklcnsehDaies	= _____
croSgeo	= _____
hotGs	= _____
oClar	= _____
reTe	= _____
lsBle	= _____
lTseni	= _____
nfloSwal	= _____
gelSih	= _____
Ttesar	= _____
bGiengrraed	= _____
yMrael	= _____

How to Enter: Take a photo of your completed entry and send it to Mrs Chandler along with your full name and form to: cha@fallibroome.org.uk

First three people to send their correct completed entry will win a special postcard and some goodies!



Author of the Month

Name: Charles (John Huffam) Dickens
Born: February 7th 1812
Place of Birth: Portsmouth
Died: 9th June 1870 - age 58 (stroke)
Buried: Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey

Charles Dickens was a very famous writer, who over the years wrote 15 novels, 5 novellas, hundreds of short stories and non-fiction articles and edited a weekly journal for 20 years. His father went to Debtors Prison when he was a child. For this reason, Dickens had to leave school and began to work in factories. Dickens had applied for an acting audition, but missed it due to illness. Instead of going for another one, he set out to become a writer. Charles Dickens first wrote "The Pickwick Papers" in 1836, and has since published many more books, up until his death in 1870.

Some of his most famous stories include:
Oliver Twist (1839), *David Copperfield* (1850), *Bleak House* (1853), *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859), *Great Expectations* (1861)

He has also written 5 christmas stories:
A Christmas Carol (17th December 1843), The Chimes (16th December 1844), The Cricket on the Hearth (20th December 1845), The Battle of Life (19th December 1846), The Haunted Man (19th December 1848).

'Beautiful' by Ava Haigh-Turner (Y10)

Published in 'The Litmus', Trinity College, Cambridge: 2024.

Ava is our second writer who signed up for a writing competition - 'The Litmus Challenge' - and here is a section of her work in which she describes feelings of being in a 'hostile environment': a cold landscape.

Grass, turned blue and sharp by ice, scrapes my numb, bare feet. Air stings with cold and bombards my face. My breath, misting in front of me, eagerly flies towards a sky of angry clouds threatening to drown me in snow. There is no sun here.

I lift a stiff hand to my throat, searching for a pulse, a reminder I'm still alive. For one fleeting moment, I can't find it, and wonder whether I truly am a corpse refusing to give up and get in the grave. Then I feel it - a steady beat, struggling, but there. I want to cry, and can't think why.

Whether I walk for hours or weeks in that frozen, fragile silence, I don't know. What I do know, for certain, is that I learn the intricacies of how silence, cold and loneliness like that numbs your brain, makes it forget how to think and speak. And I know that has happened for sure when I see the car, because it takes me a moment to work out what it is.

A heavy mist has set in by now, and the sky has followed through on its threat of snow, though it isn't too thick. At first, the car is an obscure, blurred shadow, until suddenly it's right here in front of me there, a sleek, glossy black monster.

Genre of the Month: Christmas

Book Review: *Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens*

A Christmas Carol is a book about a pessimistic man who hates Christmas called Ebenezer Scrooge. On Christmas Eve, he is visited by the ghost of his old partner, Jacob Marley, as well as three other ghosts. They show him a lonely future and he soon changes his ways. The Christmas theme represents the genre of family and the importance of friendship.

I recommend this book to Year 7-9s because it really embraces the Christmas spirit and reminds the audience what the true meaning of Christmas is really about.