Competitions

Last edition's winning community:

Green

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: 24th March 2025

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!

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.'
- Joseph Addison



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Bookmarked

A reader's paradise

Welcome to The Reading Group's magazine. In this edition we're celebrating Valentine's Day and World Book Day - 6th March 2025!

Meet the team!

- Jemimah Geddes - Editor
- Rachel Pointon - Copy Editor
- Jemimah Geddes - Competition Writer
- Kaniksha Kalaivanan - Author Of The Month
- Isla-Beau Forster - Genre Of The month

Competition Winners!

Congratulations to the last edition's competition winners!

Five Word Synopsis - Five Community Points winner:

Parisa Lee (8P - Green Community)

'Idun protects Asgard's magical apples'
Book: Idun and the Apples of Youth
Author: Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams

Unscrambled winner:
7P - Mrs Matthew's Form
Please come to C13 to collect your prize.



Competition Time!

Love is in the air, why not write a poem?

Bookmarked wants you to create a romantic themed poem to be featured in our next issue! Remember to:

- **Have fun - poems are meant to express your emotions.**
- **Keep it short - 4 lines max.**
- **Use the examples below if you need any help.**



'O my Luve is like a red, red rose
Tat's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve is like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune...'

A Red, Red Rose - Robert Burns

'My heart is joyous when you are near me,
My soul is sad when you are far away
My eyes make sure it is you that I see
My love how I wish you could stay.'

Four Lines Of Love - James Harris

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 completed entry will win a special postcard and some goodies as well as having their entry featured in the next issue.



Author of the Month

Name : William Shakespeare
Born : 24 April 1564
Place of Birth : Stratford-Upon-Avon
Died : 23 April 1616 - Aged 52

William Shakespeare is a famous English poet, scriptwriter and actor. He has written 39 plays, 154 sonnets and 2 narrative poems. William Shakespeare was married to Anne Hathaway in 1582. He had three children. The oldest being Susanna Hathaway and the youngest were twins called Hamnet Hathaway and Judith Quiney. Tragically, William Shakespeare's only son Hamnet died due to health issues at the age of 11 but William Shakespeare wrote 24 further plays in total, which included history plays, tragedies and comedies. The comedies were linked to the romance genre and would typically end with marriages.

Some of Shakespeare's best known romantic comedies are *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night.* His famous tragedies are *Macbeth*, *Hamlet* and *Romeo & Juliet.*

Did you know that as well as writing plays, Shakespeare acted in them, too? For example, he played Theseus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! *Read below to find out more.*

'Hostile Or Hospitable'

Published in 'The Litmus', Trinity College, Cambridge, 2024.
This is our third writer who signed up for a writing competition - 'The Litmus Challenge' - and here is a section of their work in which they describe a juxtaposing environment.

I hover near the edge of the curved window of the spaceship, like a goldfish in a bowl, I gaze at the vast expanse unfolding before me: an endless inky obsidian black blanket, decorated with shimmering stars, stretching to an abyss. The beauty juxtaposed with the inevitable hostility of this chasm hangs in my mind as I take in the astounding, breathtaking view. The earth hovers below, a mesmerising amalgamation of swirling azure blue, mossy green and pearly white, teeming and bursting with life. Contrasting landscapes shape our familiar planet: desolate deserts, stretching mountain ranges and unfathomable oceans lie in perfect harmony. Our home.

I focus again on the vast, boundless space that is before me. The excitement and promise of discovery is at my fingertips. Yet, I remember the inhospitality of this enormous emptiness...

Genre Of The Month: Romance

Play Review: A *Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare

This month is about romance, which is a great theme for this time of the month. It also allows someone to fall in love with the idea of love. A book that falls into this theme is *A Midsummers Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. *A Midsummer's Night's Dream* focuses on two main couples: Hermia and Lysander, Demetrius and Helena. Lysander and Hermia are deeply in love and run away together into the enchanted woods as Hermia's father Egeus does not want her to wed Lysander; instead he wants her to marry Demetrius who loves Hermia, however, he is loved by Helena. (Yes - it gets complicated!) As Hermia and Lysander sleep a fairy drops a love potion into Lysander's eyes as well as Demetrius's eyes, making both men fall in love with Helena when they wake up. When the love spell is rectified, Lysander returns to being madly in love with Hermia. By the end, Lysander and Hermia have become happily married and Helena is then wed to Demetrius. *Have you read a romance recently? Remember, we are always looking for students to write for our magazine and if you'd like to join us, too, we meet Monday lunch-times, Week 2 in C13.*