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Upper School

SUMMER RECOMMENDED READING

Dear Parents,

In preparation for the Year 5 English lessons in the Christmas Term, all pupils, in all sets, are expected to have read *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling over the summer holidays.

Reading is fundamental to the development of children and countless research shows the links between good reading skills from an early age and future success in life. However, finding books children want to read or authors that excite them, can be difficult; the choice is daunting and guidance rather thin on the ground. So, *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling (classic fiction), *Boy and Going Solo* by Roald Dahl (biographies and autobiographies), *Singing for Mrs Pettigrew* and *Homecoming* by Michael Morpurgo, (biographies and autobiographies) are also recommended for pupils to read during the Christmas Term.

Also, Neil Gaiman's award-winning *The Graveyard Book* was partly inspired by *The Jungle Book* and Gaiman includes several characters and scenes which closely mirror Kipling's writing. This is a rich and exciting text for a mature and avid reader.



Enter **Dragonfly's 2017 Short Story 500 Word Competition** now and be in with a chance of winning £50 book vouchers for yourself and £100 book vouchers for your school.

The story theme for this year is **MAPS**, so let your imagination run wild! Entry is free and the deadline is 31st July 2017. The age categories are: 4-7 years old, 8-11 years old and 12-15 years old.

The star judges are the fabulous Hugless Dougless creator David Melling and the writer and broadcaster Floella Benjamin. The lucky winners will be invited to a special prize giving ceremony in October at the Henley Literary Festival.

You can enter the competition by visiting <https://dragonflytea.com/>

Good luck!

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