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Dear Parent/ Carer,

[SHFGS eLibrary](#)

At a time when access to the school library or any library is extremely limited, I am very excited to be able to offer our students the new online library, [SHFGS eLibrary](#). It allows students to access over 1000 eBooks and more than 500 audiobooks from a shared collection on a variety of platforms; Chromebooks, mobile phones, tablets etc. Leading international titles are combined with the best of local content to provide a variety of reading opportunities. Whilst parents are unable to borrow a book, please browse the new addition to our school library via the link above and encourage your child to try something new this half term.

A few recommendations suitable for all -

- ***Salt to the Sea* - Ruta Sepetys**
 - WINNER OF THE CILIP CARNEGIE MEDAL 2017 It's early 1945 and a group of people trek across Germany, bound together by their desperation to reach the ship that can take them away from the war-ravaged land. Four young people, each haunted by their own dark secret, narrate their unforgettable stories. Fans of *The Book Thief* or Helen Dunmore's *The Siege* will be totally absorbed. This inspirational novel is based on a true story from the Second World War. When the German ship the *Wilhelm Gustloff* was sunk in port in early 1945 it had over 9000 civilian refugees, including children, on board. Nearly all were drowned
- ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* - Ransom Riggs**
 - A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, an unforgettable novel that makes for a thrilling listening experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*
- ***Noughts & Crosses* - Malorie Blackman**
 - Sephy is a Cross – a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought – a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and a limited number of Noughts are allowed into Cross schools... Against a background of prejudice and distrust, and intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum – a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...
- ***The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me* - Roald Dahl**
 - Billy's biggest wish is to turn a weird old wooden house into a wonderful sweet-shop. But then he finds a giraffe, a pelly and a monkey living inside - they're the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company! Who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe? They become best friends and when they meet the richest man in all of England, there's a chance that Billy's scrumptious-galumptious dream just might come true . . .

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- **Roald Dahl Reads *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and Four More Stories - Roald Dahl**
 - In this collection five splendid stories are brought to life by the author himself. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Abridged) Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last! *James and the Giant Peach* (Abridged) A little magic can take you a long way *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (Unabridged) Nobody outfoxes Fantastic Mr. Fox! *The Enormous Crocodile* (Unabridged) This greedy crocodile loves to guzzle up little boys and girls *The Magic Finger* (Unabridged) Horrible neighbors learn their lesson from a little girl with powerful magic!

Your son/daughter has been emailed their login details for an immediate start, I hope they enjoy this new experience. Happy Reading!

With best wishes,

Jennifer Cole
Librarian