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Categories for aged 4-19 years

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What's in a Name?

We acquire many names over our lifetimes: the names we are given when we are born, our family name, the affectionate nicknames our friends give us and the titles we may acquire. In literature, our favourite characters' names transcend the very people they belong to. Think of Harry Potter, Oliver Twist, Sherlock Holmes or Tracy Beaker, we hear their names and even if we haven't read the books we recognise them immediately.

When developing our own stories and poems, naming the characters is an essential part of the writing process and there is always lots of fun to be had when doing so. Think of the array of alliteration in the characters in Horrid Henry, Roald Dahl's rather rude Mr & Mrs Twits or coming up with a name for a spy as generic and yet significant as James Bond.

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What Does a Name Mean to You?

Think about the names of people who you love or the names of your favourite characters. The theme is to be interpreted in whichever way names mean something to you. Take this as a chance to have some fun and come up with all the wonderful and wacky names you can dream of, create a mystery tale of mistaken identity or delve deeper and explore your identity. It's time to get creative!

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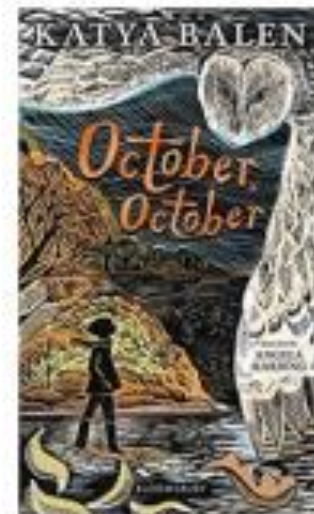
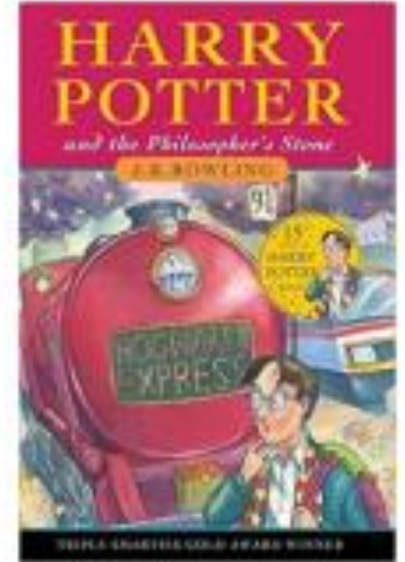
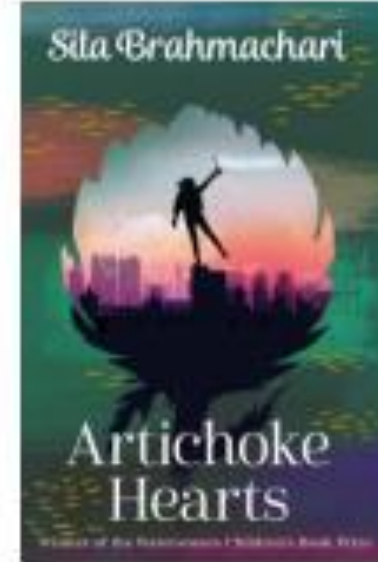
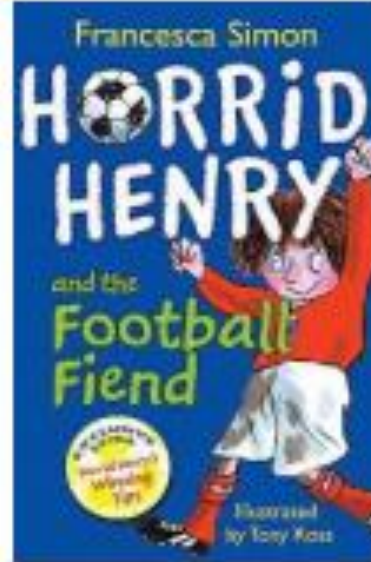
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How to enter:

There are two categories: '**short story**' and '**poem**'

Word Count:

Minimum: 100 words

Maximum: 500 words

Age Groups:

There are three age groups:

- Key Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4
- Key Stage 2 – Years 5 and 6

There will be separate winners in each age range for short stories and poetry.

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Rules:

- Entries should be entirely independent

What the judges look for:

- Imagination
- Creativity & originality
- Energy & life
- Structure; beginning, middle & end

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Winning, Runner-up & Highly Commended entries will be published in the Wimbledon BookFest 2021 Anthology of Stories & Poems

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Entries **must be typed** and emailed to:

wcps@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

The following details **MUST** be at the top of **each** entry in order to be accepted:

Name:

School:

Year Group:

DOB:

Title of Story:

To be considered, **all entries must be submitted by Friday 23rd April**

A video from one of the judges given further details and guidance can be found at [Young Writers Competition 2021 \(wimbledonbookfest.org\)](http://Young Writers Competition 2021 (wimbledonbookfest.org))

Slides will be shared on school website. Good luck!!