



# Extra-Curricular Literacy Activities

SIR JOHN CASS RED COAT SCHOOL

– for more information please see Ms Charman, School Librarian

| WHEN        | WHAT   | WHO                    | OTHER INFORMATION  |
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| ALL YEAR    | <b>Sir John Cass Literary society</b><br>The society meet monthly to discuss books<br>They attend book festivals eg TH book festivals in Whitechapel<br><br>They help Ms Charman organise events such as World Book Day, National Poetry Day | KS3-5<br>(12 students) | Students volunteer<br>They can see Ms Charman if interested.   |
|             | <b>3 author visits</b>   | KS3 and KS4            | 1 author for each Year group   |
| AUTUMN TERM | <b>Tower Hamlets Book Award</b><br>a) Students meet with Ms Charman<br>b) They read the books<br>c) Prepare presentation of their chosen book<br>d) Present their chosen book at the Award ceremony and meet the authors                     | Years 7-8              | We receive one of each shortlisted books   |
|             | <b>Book Buzz</b>   | Year 7                 | Every year 7 child chooses a book from a list of books donated by publishers. This is a book for them to keep at home. 3 copies are sent to the library. |
| SPRING TERM | <b>Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition</b><br>a) 1 or 2 workshops with an author<br>b) Pupils enter competition   | KS3 and KS4            | Funds from the Arts council<br>We receive a booklet with all of the winning entries  |

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|                           | <p><b>Carnegie Book Award Spring and Summer (May/June)</b><br/> <b>a) Read books from the shortlist.</b><br/> <b>b) Meet and discuss</b><br/> <b>c) Vote for best on the Carnegie website</b><br/> <b>d) Meet in the morning of the ceremony and watch it live.</b></p>  | <p>Sir John Cass Literary Society<br/> KS3-5</p> | <p>Meet in the morning of the ceremony and watch it live.</p> |
| <p><b>SUMMER TERM</b></p> | <p><b>Poetry Slam</b><br/> a) 2 days workshop with spoken word artist<br/> b) Pupils are filmed<br/> c) 3 acts who are chosen by the spoken word artist perform in the Showcase<br/> d) Entered for national competition led by slam ambassadors</p>   | <p>Year 9</p>                                    |   |
|                           | <p><b>The Royal Society Young Science Book Award.</b><br/> a) 6 Science books age 6 to 14 years old are selected.<br/> b) Official Judging Panel of 6 students<br/> c) Students read and judge books over summer holidays<br/> d) weekly meetings in September to discuss books and vote</p>   | <p>Top Set Science Year 7 selected in July</p>   | <p>1 set of books is sent for free</p>                        |
|                           | <p><b>School Library Association Information Book Award.</b><br/> a) 11 books are shortlisted by the SLA in 3 sections (infant-primary-secondary up to year 11).<br/> b) Meeting fortnightly with discussions<br/> c) Final meeting to decide winners in all 3 sections and overall winner.<br/> d) Vote on the website in November.</p> | <p>Top set English Year 8 selected in July</p>   |   |



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