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Happy Chinese New Year! 2021 is the year of the Ox, and there is no better time to choose something a little different from the library. The Mandarin department has kindly given us a multitude of new titles, ranging from information books about China, to texts to help you improve your Mandarin reading skills. Come and have a browse, or if you are learning from home, email us and we will pick out some titles for you.

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Guess the shelfie

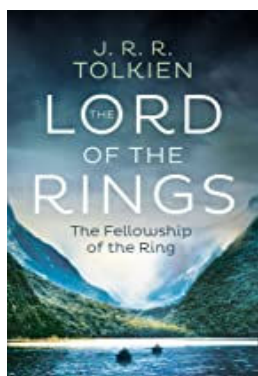
This week's offering is a visual treat. There are no prizes for guessing this staff member's favourite author, but zoom in to see the Harry Potter lego mini figures, a quidditch game and a special wand. Spotted on the shelves is 'The Ickabog'. Written by JK Rowling, is described as 'a warm, fast-paced, funny fairy tale of a fearsome monster, thrilling adventure, and hope against all odds.' JK Rowling also writes crime novels under the name Robert Galbraith.



Mr Le Gac shares his book recommendations

What has been the best book you have read during lockdown?

I have started the Dr Frieda Klein detective series by Nicci French. I really enjoy their writing and the story is set in London where I spent a bit of time. I am now reading 'The Help' and it's also very interesting.



Name a book you loved as a child and tell us why.

I did not read much as a child, I started really enjoying reading a bit later, when I was 17 or 18. I remember really loving 'The Lord Of the Rings' by J.R.R. Tolkien. I remember often losing track of time (when maybe I should have been doing revision...) as I was so engrossed in the story. I just have a few memories of it now as I read it more than 25 years ago but I vividly remember reading the part when the black knights were tracking Frodo and his only choice was to put the ring which then exposed him to Sauron. It was just so gripping and relentless. One of the other things that struck me was how Tolkien had invented another complex and detailed world, how epic!

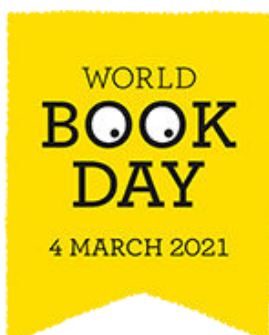
Can you recommend a book linked to your curriculum area?

Any book by Jules Verne (Around the World in 80 Days) or Alexandre Dumas (The Three Musketeers)

What do you think our students should be borrowing from the LRC?

I would recommend The Novice (Taran Matharu) My son liked it and made me read the prequel which was good.

The Summoner series by Taran Matharu is a great recommendation. The four books follow Fletcher, a humble blacksmith's apprentice. A chance encounter leads to the discovery that he has the ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, he must travel with his demon to the Vocans Academy, where the gifted are trained in the art of summoning.



#ReadingIsPower

Next Friday is World Book Day and this year's theme is reading is power. The four key ideas are growth, choice, power and knowledge. You can find more information [here](#). Many of the recommended 'Power List books' books are available to borrow from the LRC. Do have a look and don't forget to send in reviews of the books that change the way you think. In the following issues we will catch up with all your World Book Day activities too! Keep reading...