

# LET'S CREATE

ISSUE 1

## Genre: Fantasy

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. Every week we will post this publication on Class Charts to give you some fun tasks to do. Each week the newsletter will consist of:

**Author of the week:** A biography of a well-known author

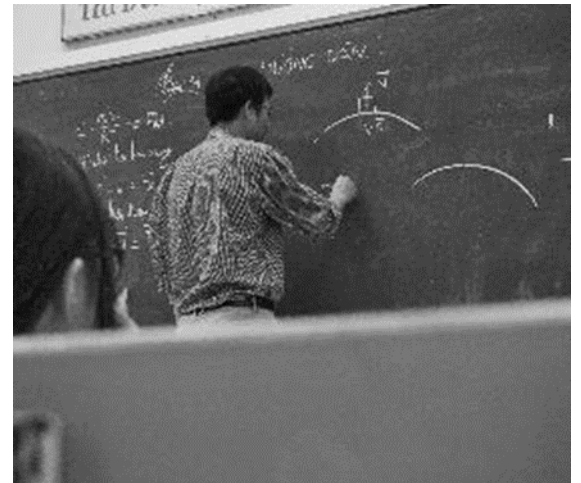
**Let's read:** An extract from a book or poem related to the author of the week. We will also be listing other books you may wish to read within that genre.

**Let's write in 100 words or less:** the best entry will feature in the following week's news letter

**Let's play:** Word dial (the solution will appear the following week)

**Let's solve:** Mind bending maths challenges (the solution will appear the following week)

**Let's recommend:** We will publish book reviews from the school community



# Author of the Week: J.K. Rowling



J.K. Rowling is best known as the British author of the Harry Potter series, the bestselling book series in history with more than 400 million copies sold and one of the most popular movie series of all time. She also writes novels for adults, including crime novels under the pen name Robert Galbraith.

Born: Joanne Rowling, 31 July 1965

Pen name: J. K. Rowling

Occupations: Author, screenwriter, producer, philanthropist

Residence: Scotland

Education: University of Exeter (BA, 1986)

Genres

- Fantasy
- drama
- young adult fiction
- tragicomedy
- crime fiction

## **Publication Order of Harry Potter Books**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	(1997)
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	(1998)
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	(1999)
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	(2000)
Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix	(2003)
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	(2005)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	(2007)
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts I & II	(2016)

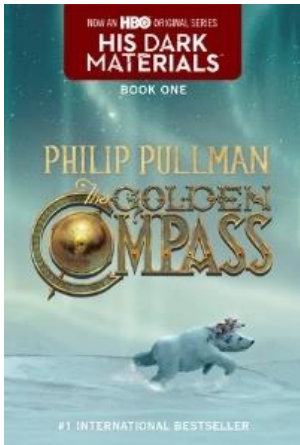
## **Publication Order of Harry Potter Companion Books**

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	(2001)
Quidditch Through the Ages	(2001)
The Tales of Beedle the Bard	(2008)

## **Publication Order of Pottermore Presents Books**

Hogwarts: An Incomplete & Unreliable Guide	(2016)
Short Stories from Hogwarts of Heroism, Hardship and Dangerous Hobbies	(2016)
Short Stories from Hogwarts of Power, Politics and Pesky Poltergeists	(2016)

# Let's read – Fantasy books



## His Dark Materials Series

by **Philip Pullman**

A city hidden in the Northern Lights and the mystery of

disappearing children make *His Dark Materials* an engrossing series. This complex, layered fantasy pulls you into a universe (or several) beyond your imagination.

## Seraphina Series



by **Rachel Hartman**

Fantasy lovers everywhere are going crazy for this series in which dragons are brilliant,

logical thinkers. When a human prince is murdered and dragons are blamed, the relationship between the two species is stretched to its limits.

## **FANTASY: noun**

**Definition:** The faculty or activity of imagining impossible or improbable things.

"his researches had moved into the realms of fantasy"

## **Similar words:**

imagination

creativity

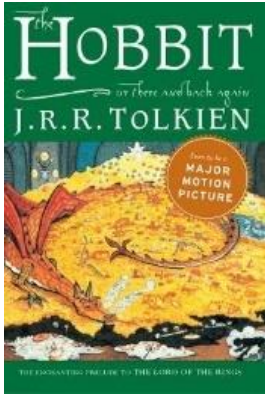
fancy

invention

originality

vision

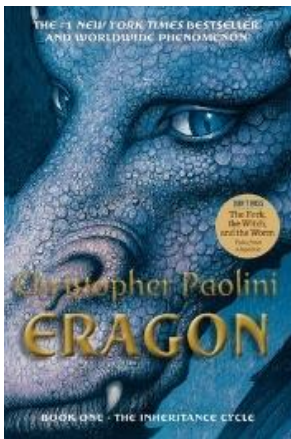




## **The Hobbit**

by J.R.R. Tolkien

Although it sets the stage for the *Lord of the Rings* series, it stands on its own as an epic magical adventure..



## **Eragon**

by

Christopher Paolini

When young Eragon discovers a dragon hatchling, his world changes forever. Readers of all ages love this

story of a boy and his dragon. It's got all the spell casting, dragon riding, and sword fighting you can handle.

# **Professor McGonagall**

**"A rather severe-looking woman who was wearing square glasses exactly the shape of the markings the cat had had around its eyes. She, too, was wearing a cloak, an emerald one. Her black hair was drawn into a tight bun. Professor McGonagall almost always showed a sternness and was held in great respect (and some fear) by nearly all students and staff. She didn't tolerate audacity nor silliness from her pupils and was known to turn cold towards people who said or did things in front of her that were stupid. However, she did have a dry sense of humour which usually came out when times were tough."**



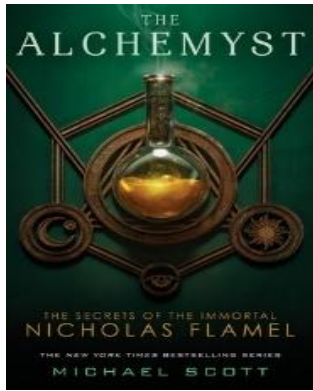
**The Secrets of the  
Immortal**

**Nicholas Flamel:  
The First Codex**

**by Michael Scott**

Twins Sophie and  
Josh find

themselves swept into the bizarre and  
magical world of 700-year-old  
Nicholas Flamel. Immortality, legends,  
and a book with the power to destroy  
the world — this story hooks you from  
the very first page



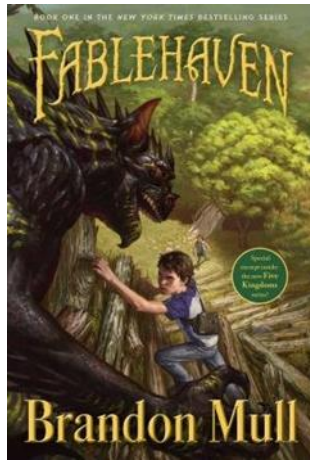
**Let's write:**

Above are two pictures and an extract from one of J.K. Rowling's books. Read it and look at how she has written about the character. Now you can either create your own Hogwarts' professor in 100 words or less (the above extract is 108 words), or create your own fantasy character.

You may make them magical and mystical or you may base him/her/it on a teacher you know! Send in your paragraph and it may appear in next week's newsletter.

**Fablehaven Series by Brandon Mull**

Fablehaven is not  
your typical  
fantasy story, but  
that's what  
makes it so  
memorable. Seth  
and Kendra  
spend the



summer with their grandparents, who  
happen to be caretakers of a secret  
sanctuary for magical creatures.

**Let's play with words**



**HOW TO PLAY**

Make as many words as you can which all contain the central letter - at least one word will use all the letters.

Four-letter word minimum. No proper names or plurals. Words are all from Collins Concise Dictionary.

There are 36 words to find. Check how you did in next week's newsletter

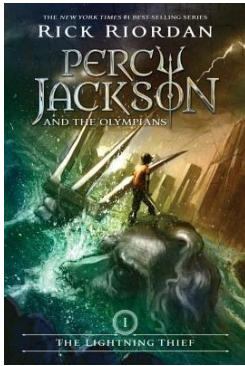
## Percy Jackson and the

### Olympians Series

by Rick Riordan

This fast-paced adventure will have you laughing, biting your nails, and turning pages as

fast as you can. Readers can't help but cheer for the endearingly imperfect Percy as he tackles dark forces.



Let's solve:

### **Can you Solve this?**

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January = 717

February = 8216

March = 5315

May = 3515

June = 4624

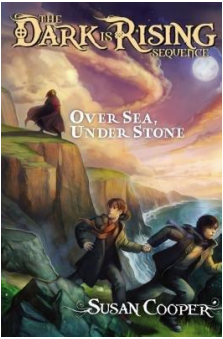
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April = ?

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### The Dark Is Rising Sequence



by Susan Cooper

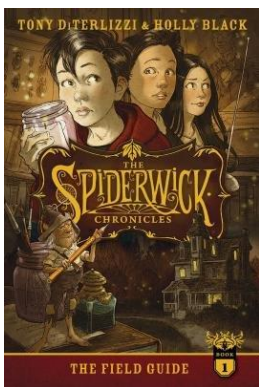
This five book series has kept audiences captivated for decades and is a childhood favorite for

many people. It's a dark fantasy that boasts great characters, magic, lore, and an irresistible plot.

### The Spiderwick Chronicles

by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black,

Unlike high fantasy stories, this book takes place in the modern world with fantasy spilling in through the cracks.



Let's

recommend:

Best book  
review of the  
week: Lily  
Clayton 8PA



**Let's learn vocabulary:** Look at this picture and list at least ten words you would use to describe it. Be as creative as you can be.....

