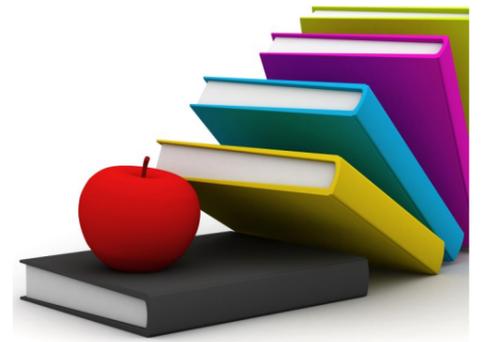# Mrs Sanderson

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When do you do your reading?

Usually before I go to bed and in the school holidays (ideally on a beach!) because this is when I'm most relaxed. Also for ten lovely minutes at the start of every lesson.
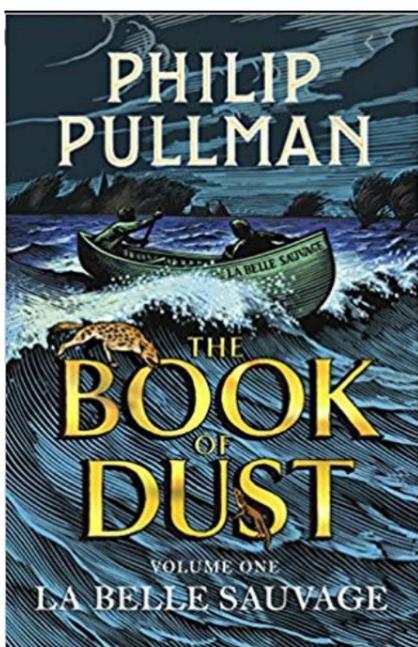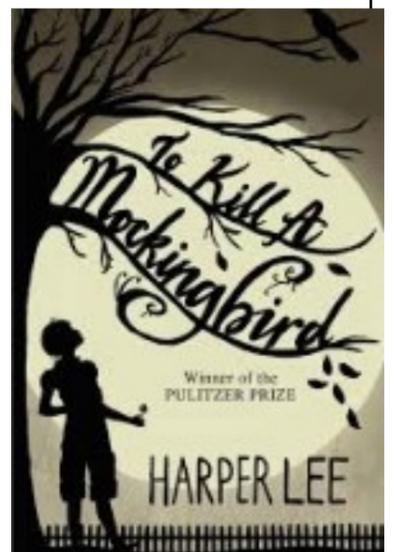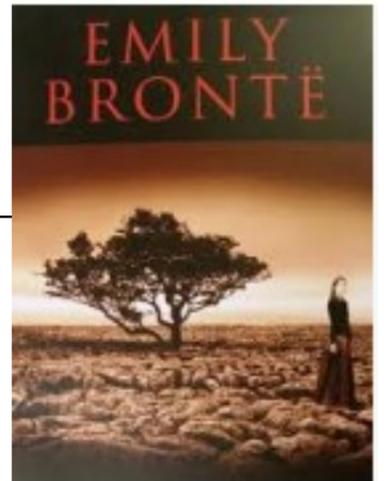
What is your favourite book ?

Unsurprisingly as an English teacher, I have a few!

'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte is a novel that I first read when I was eleven because it is my Mum's favourite book and now it is mine! I have lost count of the amount of times I have re-read it. It is a dark, violent gothic tale set in North Yorkshire and it is a romance for those who can't abide a sickly love story!
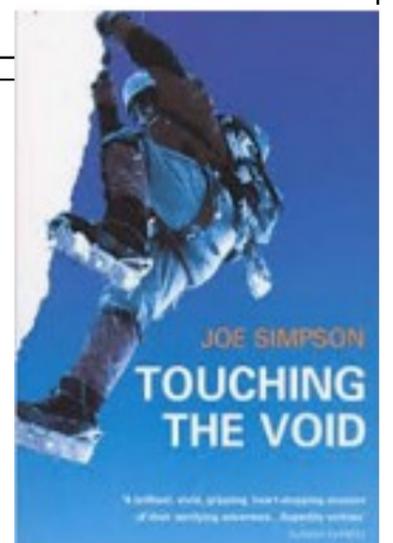
Another of my favourites is Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' which I studied for my GCSE. This is an incredible novel , set in the deep south of the USA, about justice, childhood, equality and bravery. Atticus Finch is one of the best fictional male role models—which is why I gave my son this middle name!

Finally, I really enjoyed the non-fiction book 'Touching the Void' by Joe Simpson which is the true and very suspenseful story of a disastrous attempt to climb Mount Everest.

What are you currently reading?

I'm currently reading 'The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage' by Philip Pullman which is the first volume of a trilogy of books that are the prequel to the 'His Dark Materials' series. It is set in a fantasy version of our world and follows the life of a young boy called Malcolm whose life becomes anything but ordinary when he becomes involved in the protection of a baby from a mysterious organisation...

Any advice for young people re reading habits?

Don't tell yourself that you "don't like reading" - that's like having a bad meal and saying you don't like food! Keep your mind open and try a range of genres and styles of texts to work out what you do find interesting. Ask friends, teachers and family for recommendations too.