



What's going on in ... English

In Literature, we are currently studying the poetry of Carol Ann Duffy and Philip Larkin – you don't have to memorise poems for the exam! Enjoy this one by Carol Ann Duffy:

Prayer

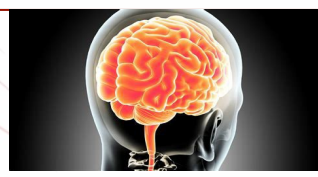
Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer utters itself. So, a woman will lift her head from the sieve of her hands and stare at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth enters our hearts, that small familiar pain; then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth in the distant Latin chanting of a train.

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano scales console the lodger looking out across a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

In Language, we are currently studying the link between language and behaviour – understanding this can help in careers such as Psychology, Law, Marketing, and even Medicine!



In English Combined, we are currently studying *In Cold Blood* – without this novel, we may never have had the success of Netflix crime documentaries! Check it out: [In Cold Blood - Wikipedia](#)

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SJR Extra...

- Book Club
- Poetry Group
- Shakespeare Group
- Creative Writing Group
- Creative Writing residential in The Lakes
- The Globe Theatre trip
- THE FUTURE WRITERS Careers Academy

Events this year so far:

- University Lectures
- Lady Lever Art Gallery visit
- Short Story Competition
- Poetry by Heart
- Poetry lunch celebrations

