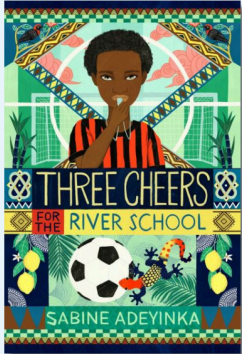


Three Cheers for the River School

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BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

It's a new school year and Jummy is looking forward to playing football - but then the new head teacher decides to ban it! Instead, the girls must host an inter-school music festival that the rival boys' school is likely to win.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Lovely characters that are full of energy, all the elements of a boarding school including intrigue, best friends, school songs, house loyalties, the kind and not so kind teachers!"

YEAR 5

THEMES:

- Friendship
- School
- Football
- Adventure

TIME TO TALK

- 1 How is Jummy feeling as she returns to the River School for her first day back?
- 2 Discuss the decisions made by the temporary principal, what impact do these have on the students?
- 3 What is the River school like and how does the Nigerian setting influence the story? How is the River school different to your school?
- 4 How do you imagine the students are feeling when they are stopped from playing football? How do they adapt to this?
- 5 The girls must help organise an alternative event, what is this and why is it important?
- 6 In the story both the music competition and the football event is not just about competition, it's about breaking traditional stereotypes. How do you think traditional gender roles have evolved over time? What are the benefits and challenges of breaking away from traditional gender roles?
- 7 Friendship is an important part of the book with Jummy's friendship with Ada blossoming throughout the book. Which conversations or moments that they shared resonated with you? What matters most to you in a friendship?
- 8 How do the characters in the story demonstrate resilience?
- 9 What are some key traits of Jummy that make her a good leader? What do you think makes a good leader?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

