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Dear Parents and Carers,

Access to Books During Lockdown for Remote Learners

We would like to support you as much as we can with encouraging your child's reading during this time. We are therefore sending you a link for a click and collect service for physical books. Please complete the survey for each child that you would like to receive a pack and we will email you when the packs are ready for collection. Collection will be anytime from Monday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm. There will be a new pack available every two weeks and a returns box for you to bring back the used books so that we can quarantine them.

In the following document we hope to give you as much information as possible on where you can access different digital reading resources also. We will continue to update the document with the most recent version being available on the school website under the Home Learning Section and Library pages.

Yours sincerely

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Reading for Pleasure

What is RfP and why do we talk about it so much at school? RfP stands for Reading for Pleasure and has been found to be the biggest single indicator to a child's future success. Reading for Pleasure unlocks their potential and gives them the ability to strive and thrive.

All too often reading is seen as a chore, a 10 minute a day torture for both parent and child alike. We hope that we will be able to support you to find ways to enjoy reading together, finding ways of learning that don't feel like a chore and as a result having a child who chooses to read when they have the chance.



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Building confidence as well as developing reading for pleasure is a tricky path to navigate sometimes. Here are some tips to help. If you are concerned about your child missing out on education, taking this time to really focus on reading for pleasure will make a huge difference.

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/supporting-rah>

https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Book_Chat_Guide.pdf

https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Sharing_the_Love_of_Reading_5-7_years.pdf

https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Sharing_the_Love_of_Reading_7-9_years.pdf

https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Sharing_the_Love_of_Reading_9-11_years.pdf

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

With COVID-19 placing so many restrictions on our lives, reading offers us the chance to escape into other worlds, to travel, to make new friends and to learn something new. If a child (or adult) says they don't like to read, it's often a case that they haven't found the right book for them. The following resources should help to find something to ignite their interest. Being part of choosing what to read can really help reluctant readers to feel more engaged and the "Sharing the Love" challenges above will help to take the focus away from it being a chore.

Links to reading resources

The primary site that we are recommending for all parents and children to look at is www.oxfordowl.co.uk. Whatever level your child is reading at from ages 4-11, there will be suitable, engaging texts for them to enjoy on the free Ebook library.

If your child is reading banded books (those with a coloured sticker on the spine) you can easily search for similar titles both by coloured band and by age. There are fiction and non-fiction titles for all ages. In addition to the wealth of free resources, there are also links to some brilliant books for just 99p.

Please be aware that the site is understandably very busy which has been causing a few issues.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

The Story time section on this website has books for all ages which are read aloud or you can turn the sound off and read yourself. In addition there are games to play based on what's been read.

www.storylineonline.net

This is an American site but there are some lovely stories being read out loud with some pictures from the books included too.



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Working out what to read

It's vitally important that children feel part of choosing books. There are some great websites that can recommend titles and authors as well as making suggestions of who to try next if you have enjoyed a particular title.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

There are some great resources to be found on this website as well as information on how this year's WBD celebrations will be available. If you are thinking of buying a book for your child, they have some great recommendations of titles to look for.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

This website along with Love Reading for Schools provides a wealth of recommendations for all types of books together with excerpts so you can "try before you buy". It's also a good place to look if you have exhausted a favourite author and want to try something similar by someone else. You do have to register in order to read the extracts but there is no charge for this.

www.authorfy.com

This is a great site bursting with books to listen to extracts from, hear from the authors about their inspirations and ideas as well as activities to enjoy.

<http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk/>

It says it all in the name, everything to help you encourage and nurture with loads of information and fun activity ideas.

Other useful links

There are a wealth of resources available through your local library. If you're not already registered, here are the details for both Surrey and Hampshire. If your child is into a particular popular author it can be hard as there may be waiting lists in place but they also have access to Magazines and Comics so encourage them to try something new.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/join-your-library>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/membership/jointhelibrary>

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

There are hundreds of different books to listen to on the site. Great if there has been too much screen time and you just want to sit back and listen.

On BBCiPlayer you will find lots of stories being read on CBBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/episodes/guide>

and CBeebies Bedtime stories.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Watching and listening together with them will make a huge difference to the development of Reading for Pleasure. The Book Chat guide above will really help with this.

www.literacytrust.org.uk

Check out “The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children.

The whole book is kindly being shared online for free by Bloomsbury during this new lockdown. Originally published to support NHS Charities, it is available to purchase also. There are contributions from a wealth of well know children’s writers and illustrators.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>

This website has loads of information on exciting, interesting and age appropriate reads. This link takes you to their story time online section where whole stories and extracts are shared.

www.beano.com

If you’ve never tried a comic there are 6 special editions of this available to view online for free. Great if you have a reluctant reader and are looking to try something different.

<https://poetryroundabout.com/>

If you have a budding poet or perhaps a child who is turned off by “big” books. Why not try and inspire them here. There are a wealth of ideas and links and suggestions for how to write your own poetry too.

<https://sweetcherrypublishing.com/free-childrens-books-for-home-learning/>

For a limited time this publisher are offering free access to a selection of EBooks which also have activity packs that can be completed.

<https://alibrarylady.blog/>

This is a fantastic collection of resources which have been recently checked and updated, you may need to scroll down to the section entitled Reading for Pleasure – Resources to Help Children Enjoy Books at Home.

www.readforgood.org

A wealth of fun activities and book readings, well worth going through it with your child to share a story of get ideas of what to read next.

www.andyseed.com

Andy has shared some of his Anti-Boredom Fun ideas from his successful book. Well worth checking out, especially on a rainy day as he has focused on activities which can be done indoors.

<https://storytimefromspace.com/library/>

Fancy something a bit different, why not try this, the stories are out of this world!



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Buying Books / Apps

www.thereadingrealm.co.uk

This is an app which costs £2.99. It enables children to read extracts from stories, poems and non-fiction books as well as having a wealth of activities to develop their skills as readers and writers through games.

There are a number of companies out there who offer good quality second hand and well-priced new books.

www.worldofbooks.co.uk

<https://www.books4people.co.uk/>

www.hive.co.uk

Perhaps encourage your children to look on some of the review sites listed above, try out an excerpt before making any purchases.



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