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Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Resources for Parents and Children

We are aware that a huge volume of information has been sent out over the last 11 weeks and that it can be overwhelming. We hope that the following more targeted document will be of assistance. During these strange times we realise that constantly buying books is a massive pressure, so we hope that parents will help their children to access the wealth of online resources available.

All of the guidance coming from experts in child development stress the importance of reading for pleasure being the cornerstone of future success. Reading is fundamental to achievement in all curriculum subjects. Recommended strategies are:

- Taking the time to sit and talk with your child about what they are reading, even when they are independent readers, will ensure that their comprehension keeps pace with their ability to decode words.
- Chatting about their favourite characters, what might happen in the next chapter, how they think a character might be feeling will all help a child to have a deeper and more meaningful understanding of a book.
- If your child prefers non-fiction why not take turns to ask each other questions about the page you've read?

We are reviewing guidance on the reopening of our school library for some kind of distanced access and will let you know if we are able to do so.

If your child brought school or reading scheme books home prior to lockdown, please can we ask if you are coming past school for you to pop them in the red bins located by the main school gates. There are over 1000 books currently out on loan which we would really like to get back ASAP to allow us to possibly start loaning them out again.

If you are unsure which books your child has, please email library@hollylodge.kite.academy and Mrs Smart will be happy to send you details.

Kind Regards

Mrs Dancer
Academy Head



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Each year schools and libraries are involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, we hope that these resources will enable you to find free books for your child to read. This year's theme is all about funny books, something we all need at the moment.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Surrey Libraries (Children & Adults)

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries>

Read ebooks and listen to audio books without having to go to the library. Parents can also read ebooks and digital newspaper and magazines. All you need is your library card and pin (you can reset it if needed).

- free ebooks and audio books on RBdigital
- free audio books on BorrowBox
- free eMagazines and eComics on RBdigital and Pressreader
- Activities and ideas for children and young people: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events/library-news/coronavirus/libraries-from-home-for-children-and-young-people#fun>

NOTE: Not a member of Surrey Libraries? If you live in Surrey, you can sign up today using this link:

<https://arena.surreylibraries.org/web/arena/selfregistration>

Hampshire Libraries (Children & Adults)

EYFS/KS1/KS2

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

Read ebooks and listen to audio books without having to go to the library. Parents can also read ebooks and digital newspaper and magazines. All you need is your library card and pin (you can reset it if needed).

- free ebooks and audio books on BorrowBox
- free access to the Encyclopaedia Britannica Junior
- free eMagazines and newspapers on RBdigital and Pressreader

NOTE: Not a member of Hampshire Libraries? If you live in Hampshire, you can sign up today using this link:

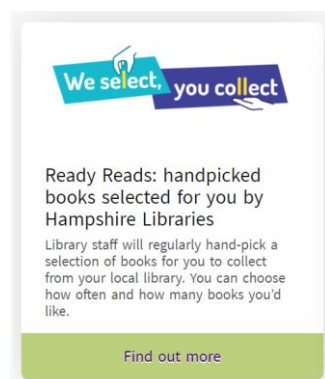
<https://hampshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/BRWREG>



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Hampshire Libraries are also now offering a remote shopper option where you can click and collect.

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



Audible

EYFS/KS1/KS2

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

Listen to books. A large selection of books and stories have been made free during school closures. Access the site from computers, tablets and smartphones and enjoy selections in six languages - English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Japanese. No need to log in and no need to be an Audible member. Includes *Winnie the Pooh*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Aladdin*, *Jane Eyre* and *The Call of the Wild*. Now available: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.



BBC CBeebies Bedtime Stories

EYFS/KS1

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



Myon

KS1/KS2

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

Read and listen to books. Free during school closures, thousands of enhanced digital books through myOn and articles from myON News have been made available. Includes graphic novels. Excellent resource.



Oxford Owl

KS1/KS2

Read books. Free Oxford Owl eBooks. Also, advice and support for parents, educational activities and games.

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

Educational resources, teaching notes and **free eBooks** to support children's learning at home and at school.

Oxford Owl for School is home to online teaching, learning and assessment resources, expert support and subscriptions for Primary Schools. Thousands of free quality resources and tools.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Free Oxford Owl eBooks. For school - Subscriptions and leadership support, Free teaching resources and eBooks, Free Professional Development videos. For home - Advice and support for parents, Educational activities and games, **Free eBook library** for 3- to 11-year-olds.



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Roy of the Rovers

KS2

Read: for the next month at least, they are making **Scouted** and **Kick-Off**, the first Roy of the Rovers' fiction and graphic novel, FREE for everyone to download and keep as eBooks.



Salariya Books (You Wouldn't Want to Be...series)

UKS1/KS2

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/>

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/web-books/>

Excellent **free web books** in the series You Wouldn't Want to Be...series. Web books, authors and illustrators and free resources.



<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Read and watch. Online reading/videos of hundreds of books. American based but some recognisable books from the UK.



Storyshed – Children's Storytelling Podcast

<http://www.buzzsprout.com/170026>

Listen to stories. Children's storytelling podcast for kids of all ages. A new and original story each episode. A family friendly podcast which can be used for school assemblies, car journeys, bedtime, anytime!

Booktrust - Fun at Home with Authors and Illustrators

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/>

***THE* Place to go for updated activities.** Lots of fun booky activities - watch and listen to a book/story, watch and join in with illustrators, get writing and drawing tips and so much more.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/>

THE source for keeping up to date with lots of fun booky activities - watch and listen to a book/story, watch and join in with illustrators, get writing and drawing tips and so much more.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime>

Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy storytime with our free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.

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

Use Bookfinder to look for books that suit your tastes and interests, browse archive of interviews with authors and illustrators, watch online storybooks, or just see latest releases. Also reading tips and book recommendations for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers.

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

Here you can find lots of lovely interactive books to read online or watch with signing. Also, free, fun kids' games to enjoy online. Whether you want some number games, puzzle games, colouring or the Shape Game, you'll find lots of interactive activities to try.



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Cressida Cowell

(UKS1)/KS2

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe01xn13M8q2dsIw0mvW9lg>

Cressida reads a chapter a day from How to Train Your Dragon on YouTube.

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

Cressida's website [here](#)

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-resources/hachetteschools-resources-key-stage-2/2019/09/06/the-wizards-of-once-teaching-resources/>

Wizards of Once series teacher's resources but useful also for children.

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/hachetteschools-free-writing-friday/2018/04/24/cressida-cowells-free-writing-friday/>

Free Writing Friday: Cressida invites you to take part in **Free Writing Friday**. Cressida's aim with Free Writing Friday is to inspire children, once a week, to write whatever they feel like in a designated book and explore creativity. Here you will find all the resources to support Free Writing Friday including writing tips from Cressida, a letter, FAQs and more!

J.K. Rowling

KS2+

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

About J.K. Rowling, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff.

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

Introducing Harry Potter at Home hub. Craft videos, fun articles, quizzes, puzzles, listen to Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone for free, discover your Hogwarts house and more.

Julia Donaldson

EYFS/KS1/KS2

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

Julia's website contains masses of information, including biography, picture books, early fiction, fiction, poems, songs, plays, Songbirds Phonics, educational books, big books, audio, musicals. Phew! Julia will launch her first weekly broadcast on 1st April at 4pm. The star illustrator on today's

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Julia-Donaldson/104121759623073>

The author will perform stories, songs and poems, broadcast on Facebook from her home in Steyning. Each episode - airing 4pm each Thursday on Facebook - she'll be joined by guests including illustrators Axel Scheffler, Rebecca Cobb, Lydia Monks, David Roberts and Nick Sharratt.

Barrington Stoke

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/blog/2020/03/23/free-resources-from-barrington-stoke/>

Very useful website with wonderful books and activities for children who struggle to read due to dyslexia or visual stress or for children who generally don't enjoy reading. Writers and illustrators join Barrington Stoke to publish super-readable, accessible books. Teacher's resources, books, author information, advice on dyslexia and reading, posters. Picture books, under 5s, Little Gems for 5-8 years, 8-12 years and older.

Scholastic

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/>

Loads of fun activities, book and author information and 'Book Wizard' to help you choose a book on their fun website.

<https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/>



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All UK teachers get a free download during school closures. Resources by topic, key stage, subjects, assemblies, planning, reading hub. Access to resources - some are free, others are a sub to EYFS or Primary.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/homelearning>

Home Learning Packs: During school closures, the Resource Bank have put together a range of free home learning packs for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 to support teachers and parents.

Free Resource Packs:

Early Years: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39880>

KS1 (Year group 1-2): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39881>

Lower KS2 (Year group 3-4): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39882>

Upper KS2 (Year group 5-6): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39883>

Walker Children's Books

EYFS/KS1/KS2

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

Website containing book and author information. Videos include book trailers, animations and authors and illustrators.

<http://www.walker.co.uk/grown-ups/activities-for-home-and-school>

Teacher's notes, discussion guides, downloadable activity sheets

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Begme37cpqPTlv6dqMA6Q>

Their Youtube channel.

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

Their Picture Book Party, with information about authors and illustrators and loads of Fun Stuff.

Love My Books!

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

Created by literacy experts it is a totally FREE not for profit resource to encourage parents to share great books with their children and support schools' home learning initiatives. This website includes activities based on over 200 carefully chosen books. Great book related activities, family book reviews, books and illustrations, reading with your child, themes.

Love Reading 4 Kids

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

Read free opening chapter extracts of thousands of books plus videos, activities, recommendations, booklists and more.

World Book Day

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

Excellent site. Not just for World Book Day but all year round!

Resources include: book extracts, teaching guides & resource packs for particular books & authors, author & illustrator masterclasses which include videos and teacher's resources, brief themed booklists, recommended reads, Storycraft: expert story writing tips, Imagination author videos, booktrailers, colouring, cooking, make and do - and lots, lots more.



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CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education)

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://clpe.org.uk/corebooks/free-resources>

Free resources: Downloadable 'What We Know Works' booklets share findings from their work and present them in an easily accessible format, the Reading and Writing Scales, teaching sequences and more.

Soon to release **free Power of Reading Plans** and adding to free resources page.

<https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline>

CLPE Poetryline National Poetry Centre. **Free** poetry teaching resources - poets, poems, teaching sequences, best practice and more.

<https://clpe.org.uk/powerofpictures>

CLPE free primary teaching materials, resources and videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNuGGZAc-DA>

CLPE's Reading Books Aloud. Authors read their stories aloud.

<https://clpe.org.uk/corebooks>

Free registration. Once you have registered as a user you can view all the lists and search the entire database. See books sorted by collection, by age group, by author or by publisher. Search for an individual book or for a collection. Build your own wishlist which you can then use to help you plan and purchase your school collections

The National Literacy Trust

EYFS / KS1 / KS2+

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/> Part free, part sub

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

A comprehensive web portal for parents, to support you during this time. Over the next days, weeks and months we will be updating this as often as we can with new and useful content for parents. Split up by age group below, you will find ideas and guidance for simple activities that will engage your children at home, while also benefiting their reading, writing and language development. You'll be able to access free reading and writing resources, audiobooks, videos, competitions and reading challenges. Every resource is available for free, although to access some you may need to create a free account.

[https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-](https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvKfVtLSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- D BwE)

[resources/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvKfVtLSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- D BwE](https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvKfVtLSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- D BwE)

Early years activities - CBeebies magazine resource

We teamed up with CBeebies magazine to produce an Early Years resource packed with exciting ideas for fun and learning.

Free Writing Friday: Cressida Cowell's top writing tips for primary pupils

Children's author and illustrator Cressida Cowell has created some fantastic resources for primary school pupils, packed full of writing tips and inspiring...

A River of Stories - Tales and Poems from Across the Commonwealth

Explore intercultural understanding with your class using four beautifully illustrated anthologies of poems and stories from around the world, with comprehensive supporting...

Authors inspiring reading classroom posters

Download our posters featuring illustrations and cover art from well-known children's authors, and an inspiring quote encouraging your pupils to pick up a book.



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