



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Reading Newsletter Summer Term 1

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. Joseph Addison

This edition of the Reading Newsletter will highlight some different ways that children and families can keep reading a part of normal home life while schools are closed. If you have read a book that you think other children might enjoy, it would be lovely if you could write a review to be featured in the next edition of this newsletter.

Access stories – for free!

For as long as schools are closed, audible is providing children with 'an incredible collection of stories, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.' All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet.



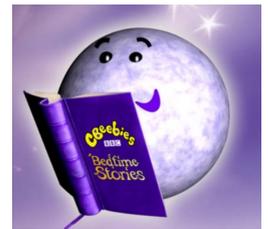
Visit <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> to begin listening.

Did you know that with a library card you can access 12,000+ ebooks and eaudiobooks, 1,500+ ecomics, 131 popular magazine titles, and 7000+ newspapers? Library members can download eBooks and eAudio-books free of charge using the Libby app from Overdrive.

Don't have a card? Join for free:

<https://medway.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

Join a host of celebrities for a different story read each night just before bedtime. There are plenty of famous faces to choose from including Joe Wicks, Alesha Dixon and Tom Hardy.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories>

Medway Libraries would like to invite you to join one of their **virtual book clubs**, with sessions aimed at young people 8-19 years old. The titles can be borrowed online for free from our eLibrary. We will be meeting on Monday 1st June at 12pm to discuss **The Lost Words** by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. This session is aimed at 8-12 year olds. To join us, email emily.maycock@medway.gov.uk.

WIN Books!

Be in with a chance of winning £5000 of National Book Tokens for our school library– plus £100 just for you! To nominate our school, visit <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Poetry

Why not spend some time reading some poems? You might even want to learn one by heart and perform it to your class when we return to school.

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Remember there is a wide range of reading games and activities including a library with many books to read on Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress.

'A Write Laugh' story competition

Entering this competition is easy! Just write a story in no more than 500 words that makes you laugh. It can be about anyone or anything, anywhere, in any time or any place. Send it in an email to awritelaugh@littletiger.co.uk before 31st May.

1st prize winners will have their story published in an eBook, a year's subscription to The Week Junior and £100 worth of books from Little Tiger.

For more information visit <https://authorfy.com/masterclasses/awritelaugh/>