



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Reading Newsletter Summer Term 2

*There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;
there are only children who have not found the right book.* Frank Serafini

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.

Free Library Access

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 eAudiobooks 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>
Visit <https://www.overdrive.com/> to get started.

Online Book Clubs

Medway Libraries run secure online book clubs on Microsoft Teams. All the books are available for free, along with thousands of others, through our [eLibrary](#).

8-12 Year Olds: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling

- Monday 29th June, 4 - 5 pm
- Thursday 2nd July 12 - 1 pm
- Thursday 2nd July 4 - 5 pm

Please email emily.maycock@medway.gov.uk stating which session you would like to book on to. You can read or listen to the book for free [here](#)..

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is here!

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge will take place online, celebrating funny books, happiness and laughter. You will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

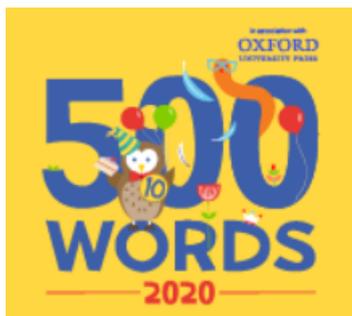
- Sign up to the challenge on the Silly Squad website—IT'S FREE!
- You can get eBooks for free from your local library
- Read at least SIX library books over the holidays
- Rate and review your books to unlock badges
- Play the games and download the free activities from the website
- Complete the Challenge and you'll get your own certificate!



We would love you all to take part in this challenge. We look forward to hearing all about the books you will have read over the summer. Don't forget you can write a book review for the next newsletter or tell us about a book you would recommend.

Happy Reading!

500 Words Shortlist



If you're looking for some short stories to keep you entertained over the summer, the 500 Words competition shortlist is perfect. The top 50 tales – plus six extra wildcard stories – are available to read now!

Visit the 500 Words page to read the stories and listen to them being read aloud.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Also available on this page are links to a Bedtime Stories Podcast and Learning Materials including tips and lessons for writing your own stories.

500 Words: Black Lives Matter

A special edition of the 500 Words competition for children, focusing on themes related to the Black Lives Matter movement, was announced on The Chris Evans Breakfast Show on Virgin Radio UK this week.

'500 Words is the world's largest story-writing competition for kids. Over a million stories have been submitted since 2011, in response to everything from technology to climate change. Now, we want to bring children's voices onto the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movement. We want children to lead on the process of writing their story.'

From 6:30am on Monday 29th June until Friday 3rd July at 11.59pm 2020, we invite children aged between 5 and 13 to respond in whatever way they wish in no more than 500 words, in the form of a story.

The narratives we write and share matter. We ask children to draw on their own experiences and feelings to create a story that can be as imaginative and visionary as they want. Storytelling is a must!

For that reason, we've brought together many high-profile personalities, school teachers and librarians alongside the continuing support and academic expertise of Oxford University Press to create **500 Words: Black Lives Matter**.

Just tune into Virgin Radio Breakfast Show from today to keep up with the competition.'

Visit <https://500words.me/> for more information.



Would you like to win some free books?

Visit these websites for details of how to win free books and other prizes:

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

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

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/play-and-win/competitions/>

<https://www.goodreads.com/giveaway/genre/Children's>

Good luck!

Did you know...?

There are so many reasons to read every day:

- If you read for 20 minutes a day, you will read 1,800,000 words a year. That's almost two million words!
- Being a reader means you are more likely to learn new things– and remember them!
- Research has proven that reading is the best way to relax– it decreases blood pressure, lowers heart rate, and reduces stress.