

All kinds of reading over the summer



The summer holiday is the perfect time to unwind a little and to try out something new to you or to expand your experiences. Reading in all of its forms, has been shown to support wellbeing, build empathy skills, deepen understanding of the world around us, and develop crucial literacy and digital skills for learning. Check out these ideas for developing that love of reading for both you and your families over the summer break.

- Summer Reading Challenge – created by the Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with your local public libraries and also available online. For age 4 to 11.
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- The Book Trust: the Bookfinder pages provide thousands of recommendations across all ages
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>
- National and local independent bookshops provide a wealth of information and recommendations on their websites, or visit the shops for personal chats and reading ideas. Search online for your nearest local bookshop and support your community shops!
- The Book Trust: Tips for sharing a Book at Bedtime – ideas for sharing books with the youngest (and not so young!) children
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2023/july/6-top-tips-for-sharing-a-book-at-bedtime/>
- The Book Trust: Reading with your child – tips on how to maintain that reading habit and modelling reading behaviour yourself
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

- Audio books on Gateways' ePlatform – access on a computer or download the App. Sign-in with log-in details used on any school computer
<https://gatewaysschool.eplatform.co/>
- Non-Fiction resources – don't forget some children and adults prefer reading information books. Check out these links for further ideas.
<https://www.readingzone.com/news/shortlist-for-the-information-book-award-iba-2023-announced/>
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/n/non-fiction-9-12/>
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/n/non-fiction/>
- Newspapers – available both online and in print, and crucial for developing knowledge and information literacy skills. Can you spot fake news?
https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Parent_top_tips_-_fake_news_no_crop.pdf
- Digital literacy – don't forget accessing reading online also develops those vital reading skills! Increase your digital and information literacy skills at the same time by assessing and reflecting on what you are reading – be a detective!
 - who has created the information?
 - can you easily find details about the author or organisation on the website?
 - is there an *about us* section detailing the organisation and their aims?
 - is the information biased in any way?
 - is the information current, accurate and reliable?
 - are there links to more information?
 - can you find other sources of information offering the same facts?

Enjoy your summer holidays and see if you can find time to include some reading for pleasure whilst also develop those crucial literacy and learning skills, without even noticing!

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