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Welcome to Summer and our new digital edition of **Raring2go! Tameside**.

As you virtually flick through these pages we hope you're ready to finally start making some great plans for family fun and creating lasting memories. We've got a rundown of events this summer on pages 4 & 5. An absolutely not to be missed survival guide for those intrepid summer festival attendees amongst you. Plus an interview with ex-Premiership footballer, Luke Chadwick as well as heaps of ideas to make things, bake things, read things and grow things.

This edition of **Raring2go!** is digital only for now but all that could change! We are actively looking for the next owner of Raring2go! Tameside... could that be you? **Raring2go!** is all about taking back control and being in charge of your own destiny. Working smarter not harder, doing it for yourself as part of a national network. Please get in touch if you'd like to learn more. We'll tell you everything there is to know about running a successful edition of **Raring2go! Magazine and Website in Tameside**.

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JUNE

**20th
National School Sport Week**

National School Sport Week 2021 is a Charity campaign aimed for the biggest ever week of school sports days this summer. The Youth Sport Trust is asking schools, teachers, parents, and organisations across the UK to get behind a national summer of school sports days after a year in which young people had their worlds turned upside down.



More info can be found here:
<https://raring2go.co.uk/articles/educationandchildcare/national-school-sport-week-2021>

**21st
1st Day of Summer 2021**

Summer Solstice this year falls on a Monday. It signifies the longest day of the year, with the most hours of daylight.



**24th
National Writing Day**

National Writing Day is the annual nationwide celebration of the pleasure and power of creative writing, driven by leading literacy organisations and publishers.

NATIONAL
Writing Day

**28th
Wimbledon 2021**

It's back this year! ACE

The All England Lawn Tennis Club will kick off the British summer of sport officially and in style with the triumphant return of The Championships in 2021.



To find out more about all kinds of different events that are happening throughout the summer, please visit our website:

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JULY

**1st
Plastic Free July**

Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, cleaner oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?



To learn more visit...
www.plasticfreejuly.org

**23rd
Olympics 2020**

The Tokyo Olympics begin!



Athletes from countries all around the world will be taking part in the **XXXII Olympiad**, the Games which as we know was postponed last year. It's still being referred to and called the 2020 Olympic Games and it promises to be a global celebration of sport, athletic prowess and super human feats of sporting achievement.

To find out what events are on what days, just click here...
<https://olympics.com/ioc/tokyo-2020>

AUGUST

**1st
Yorkshire Day**

Yorkshire Day was established relatively recently in 1975. The nature of the region and its people meant it was quickly adopted and it has grown in significance year on year. The date alludes to the regimental anniversary of the Battle of Minden on 1st August 1759 and the wearing of roses in the headdress on that day.



**4th
Playday 2021**

Playday is the national day for play in the United Kingdom and is traditionally held on the first Wednesday in August.



This year's theme is Summer of Play. The Playday 2021 theme recognises the challenges children and young people have faced over the past year and the need to enjoy time for play free of restrictions, with their friends, having fun. Playday encourages families, carers, communities to help children enjoy a summer full of play for all.

**9th
Afternoon Tea Week**

Afternoon Tea Week is a week long celebration of the great British tradition of taking afternoon tea and takes place across the UK during the second full week in August every year.

This year it is held on Monday to Sunday, 9-15 August 2021. Tea rooms, 5-star restaurants, hotels, local cafés and eateries of the tea and cakery sort celebrate what is a quintessential British custom. It's more than just a cup of tea though. Afternoon tea includes cakes, sandwiches, pastries and scones as well!



**24th
Paralympics 2020**

As with the Main Olympics, the Paralympic Games for 2020 begin on 25th August and run through until 5th Sept.

The 16th Summer Paralympics will be the second time the Games have been hosted by the Japanese capital – 1964 the other occasion.



537 events from 22 sports will be contested, with badminton and taekwondo the new additions to the programme.

SEPTEMBER

**All September
Organic September**



Organic September is about celebrating everything organic and the hard work and dedication that goes into growing and making it work with nature, not against it.

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Click here for more information: <https://goorganicuk.com/organic-september>

**6th
National 'Read a Book' day**



National Read a Book Day is an annual awareness day that encourages all of us to take a break and get reading.

National Read a Book Day is a great opportunity to get young people interested in reading, and one of the best ways to do that is to read with them.

Whether you're rediscovering old favourites or delving into new bestsellers, National Read a Book Day is the perfect excuse to sit back, relax, and get lost in a book!

**10th
Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together well over 2,000 local people and organisations, and thousands of volunteers.

Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.



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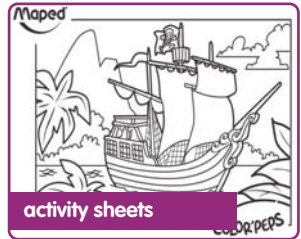
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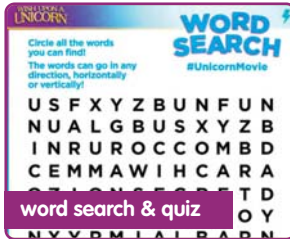
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The A-Z ...of free Family Days Out

The holidays can be an expensive time so we've compiled a list of FREE places to visit.

Please check any restrictions before travelling. Additional charges may apply in some cases.

Aeroplanes We are lucky that we have Manchester and City Airports on our doorstep, Perfect for plane spotting!

Burnley Home to the Singing Ringing Tree, a wind powered sound sculpture resembling a tree.

Cycle Paths There is a whole network of paths to explore. Get all the information from TfGM and plan your next family adventure.

Dunham Massey Sunflowers Take a walk through a sea of yellow in this gorgeous sunflower field located near Oldfield Lane in Dunham Massey.



English Heritage With over 400 historic monuments, buildings and places there are a million memories just waiting to be made.

Fresh Air Pack a picnic and pick a place on a map that none of you have ever been to.

Geocaching Geocaching is creative, sociable and provides a chance to exercise both body and your mind!

Holcombe Hill and Peel Tower Overlooking Manchester this famous landmark is well worth a visit.

Irwell Sculpture Trail Includes 28 art pieces and follows a well-established 30-mile footpath.

Jumbles Country Park This is a real hidden gem, perfect for a lovely walk.

Kites One of our favourite places to fly a kite is Heaton Park as it has plenty of open space.



Libraries Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, encouraging children to join in and read books over the holidays.



Museums There are a whole host of museums nearby with many interesting things for all the family to enjoy.

National Trust We're spoilt for choice with a number of National Trust locations nearby.

Ordsall Hall, Salford Discover it's long and interesting history with many different uses since it was first mentioned in records in 1177!

Prestatyn, North Wales Spend quality family time making sandcastles, or take in the sea air on the North Welsh coast.

Quayside MediaCityUK Look out for some exciting things coming up this summer.

Rivington Pike, Lancashire For what is said to boast the best views in the North West, take a hike to Rivington Pike near Bolton.

Science and Industry Museum, Manchester Discover a fascinating world with their must-see exhibition Top Secret: From ciphers to cyber security. Free tickets must be booked.

Trans Pennine Trail An exciting route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Umbrella Our changeable weather means it always worth keeping a brolly handy!

Virtual Days Out Save money or stay dry by staying at home and having a virtual day out!

Weirs The weir at Etherow Country Park, Stockport is a fab spot to stop and watch the water.

(e)Xercise Get the kids outside this summer by recreating some of the Olympic and Paralympic excitement in your own garden.



Yarrow Valley Country Park

A 700-acre facility including a café and information centre built using Heritage Lottery funds.

Z-Arts have announced a sizzling season of free shows, workshops, and activity over the summer.

Head over to our website for even more details and links for each suggestion.



The social benefits of children learning to play football

With the **European Football Championships** final on July 11th 2021, here are a few reasons why children should learn how to play the beautiful game...

It improves a child's social skills. Football is a team sport, so communication with the other players is vital for the success of the game, therefore improving social interaction.

Football develops positive self-esteem and confidence. This past year and a half in lockdown has been a massive challenge for kids with reduced class bubbles, distancing etc so it's really important to help them build their confidence and self-esteem by growing their sphere of friends...

It creates greater focus for the child. There are so many things going on in our children's lives, school work, homework, family & friendships, to narrow down their thought processes is a healthy thing to do. Football keeps their mind focused on the game, their role in it and nothing else...

Promotes teamwork and sharing. We are all taught from the first day of Nursery/school to share and work with our friends, Football cements this by promoting teamwork from the off.

Keeps kids healthy and fit. With so many games being played on a screen or device, it's good to know at least once or twice a week your child will be playing a physical sport, building their energy levels and keeping them fit and healthy in the process.

Improves their mental wellbeing. Our children's mental health is of such importance and we need to ensure they are kept healthy and happy. The game of football teaches them so many things and also gives enjoyment, which in turn helps maintain their mental health.

Look local for your Football clubs, they are a great resource in the community... get playing!



Looking for a local club or class, you'll find it here in **your go-to guide for you and your child**



Focus on football with **Luke Chadwick**

Luke Chadwick began his professional career at Manchester United in 1999 and enjoyed 15 years of top level football. Today as a director of **Football Fun Academy**, he is responsible for helping to build football communities of the future for boys and girls of all ages and abilities.

What age were you when you became interested in Football? I first became interested in football around the age of 6, I remember watching the FA cup final between Liverpool and Everton. I have memories of playing in the garden with my Dad and brother and always wanting to be running around with a football.

What got you interested in it? Being taken to my first live football game at the age of around 7 had a huge effect on me! My Dad took us to the Abbey Stadium to watch Cambridge United and it blew my mind! I was in awe of the whole experience. I fell head of heels in love with the game.

Did you play in your school team and which position did you play in? I loved playing for my school and local grassroots team, as a young boy I was freakishly fast and always used to play as the striker. Our tactics would be for me to stand up front and my teams to kick the ball over the defenders heads and I would chase after it and kick into the massive goal past the tiny goalkeeper. It was these early successes that gave me the confidence to want to play all the time and continue improving.

Which team did you support when you were a kid? Has that changed over time? I was obsessed with Cambridge United from the first time I went to The Abbey Stadium and still to support them to this day! My dream as a child was to score at The Newmarket Road End and I feel very proud, honoured and privileged to say that I lived my dream and did just that!



Where local did you play after school? I used to spend countless hours playing football in my back garden as a kid, the second I got home from school I used to grab my Mums football coupon off the fridge and go and pretend to play every game on it from Division 1 to division 4! I'd also play at the park a lot with friends

Are your kids interested in Football? Both of my children are involved at professional clubs one at 15 and one at 18, it does scare me a little knowing how cut throat the industry is but I like to think that my wife and I have educated them enough that the most important thing is enjoying the journey. There is certainly nothing as fulfilling a parent seeing their kids doing something they love with a smile on their face.

What has been your biggest achievement in your career so far? I've been lucky enough to have had some incredible experiences in my career, none more so than being part of the Manchester United squad that won the league in 2001.

What's next for you? At the moment I'm loving life growing our organisation The Football Fun Factory (thefootballfunfactory.co.uk) which is a children's football coaching company which as the name suggests places a massive emphasis on fun! Our programmes are for children aged between 2 - 12 years, inclusive to all. It is so rewarding being one of a child's first coaches and hopefully being a positive one who can inspire a love for the game! We use football as a vehicle to develop positive life skills like teamwork, communication, sportsmanship and we celebrate these qualities even more than football skills!

Read the full interview with Luke at raring2go.co.uk/lukechadwick



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Raring2make!

FUN IDEAS FOR MAKING THINGS TOGETHER

'Cakes are healthy too, you just eat a small slice'

Mary Berry

Ultimate Summer Berry Cake by Baking Mad

Ingredients and utensils you'll need

For the Sponge: 330g Allinson's plain white flour, 320g Billington's Unrefined Golden Caster Sugar, 1.5 tsp Baking powder, Pinch Salt, 175g Unsalted butter, 3 Eggs (medium), 190ml Whole milk, Handful Seasonal berries, Sprig Elderflower (to decorate, optional)

For the Buttercream: 100g Unsalted butter (room temp), 300g Billington's golden icing sugar, 1 tsp Nielsen-Massey Vanilla Extract, 75ml Double cream.

Utensils: 2x 23 cm cake tins



The Method or how it all goes together to make this delicious cake!

Step 1: Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6.

Step 2: In a bowl, whisk together the flour, caster sugar, baking powder and salt. Beat in the butter until the mixture appears to be evenly coated and looks like a fine crumble mix about 2–3 mins using an electric mixer on medium speed.

Step 3: Now add the eggs and beat, on medium, just until incorporated. Add the milk and vanilla and beat, on medium and then on high, until the mixture is smooth and combined, but also a bit lighter in colour - really go for it with the beating...it will take a good 3–4 minutes.

Best Batter: Always scrape down the sides of the bowl in between adding ingredients.

Step 4: Divide the mixture between your two prepared tins and level out to the edges. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Step 5: Leave to cool completely, then turn out of your tins.

Step 6: To make the vanilla buttercream, beat the soft butter alone for 4–5 minutes on high speed. Add the icing sugar, vanilla (or berries) and cream and beat on a low speed to bring it together, then turn up and beat on high for another 2–3 minutes.

Step 7: Once your cake is completely cool, use the back of a spoon to spread some of the buttercream on top of the first layer.

Step 8: Then pile it with the chopped fresh strawberries or redcurrants or any fruit you like. Place the second layer on top and decorate with cut strawberries or any fruit plus fresh flowers or elderflower if you like.



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1
Bee

Did you know?
It's just honey bees which die after stinging; for all bees, only the females (workers and the queen) can sting, and males (drones) can't.



2
Butterfly

Did you know?
There are 59 species of butterfly in the UK. Butterflies taste with their feet!



3
Woodlouse

Did you know?
Woodlice are actually terrestrial crustaceans, not insects, so are more closely related to crabs and shrimps.



4
Snail

Did you know?
There are over 100 species in the UK. Snails and slugs have a ribbon-like tongue, covered in 30,000 tiny teeth.



5
Worm

Did you know?
An earthworm has 5 hearts! Toads, hedgehogs, moles, birds, centipedes and some beetles like to eat worms.



6
Beetle

Did you know?
Beetles are the largest group of animals on Earth, and have been around for 270 million years





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Raring2grow!

HOME GARDENING IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

'My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece'

Claude Monet

June

The start of the summer season and what a great time to get outdoors. Start off by sowing Bellis Perennis, these are in the Daisy family. While with veg, salad cucumbers and gherkins are a popular growers choice for June weather.



July

If you wish to encourage butterflies into your garden this summer, sow these Scabiosa flowers as they are rich in nectar. Small fruits should be ready to pick, while more can be sown to carry on throughout the rest of the season.

Aug.

August time means most salad and fruits will be ready to pick. Although, spring onions, radish, salad leaves and fast-maturing carrots like adelaide can be sown. Flower-wise, winter-flowering pansies are ideal ready for the months ahead.



Sept.

The Hollyhock is perfect for growing in September. They are occasionally referred to as 'outhouse flowers' as they were often planted to hide ugly outhouses. Vegetables to Sow in September include spinach, pak choi and chinese cabbage.

For more great tips click here to visit our Raring2grow! facebook Page



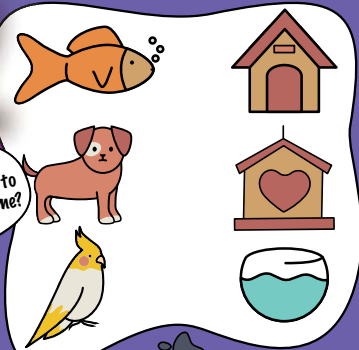
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1. Can you draw a line from the pet to their correct home?



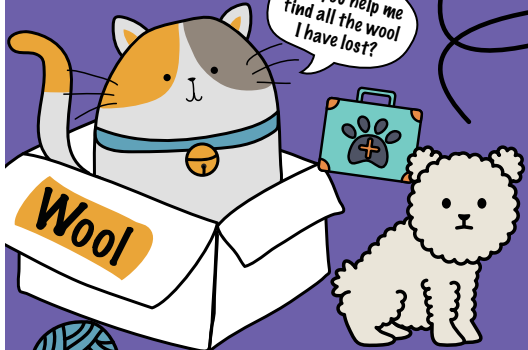
- 1
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2. Which path should this little dog take to get to his kennel?




Write your answer here.



Can you help me find all the wool I have lost?



3. HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

-  Balls of Wool?
-  Dog Bone?
-  Cat Paw Print

Answers:

Q2: Path 3 | Q3: Wool: 5 - Bone: 4 - Paws: 6



Raring2Read!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAMILIES

Does your family enjoy reading? why not join our new Facebook group, to share ideas and tips

Delving into a fictional world can offer true escapism for both children and adults alike. Something we all need at the moment!

Reading opens up a world where there are no boundaries, and where imagination rules.

At **Raring2go!** we support family reading initiatives. For us anything that encourages children to put down the screen and pick up a book (comics and audio books count too) is a massive plus.

Joining our **Raring2Read!** group is open to anyone and everyone who loves to read. We really would love to hear your recommendations for family-friendly reading.

Let us all know which books you and your children enjoy, or feel free to share tips on how you are supporting your children to read each day.

If you have a book that you would like to review on our Raring2Read! page, please email info@raring2go.co.uk

Raring2Read! Book Review

'The Biggest Thing of all' by Kathryn Thurman

Reviewed by Mary Gannon (child-minder)

I read this book to the children, it was about relationship of a child and family mainly based on the relationship with Grandparents.

The story outlined how to be helpful and loving to your elders, but also explained in a way the child could understand the cycle of life where things start and how everything is a part of something bigger and there purpose in the world, it stretched the imagination of the children trying to think of all the things they could think of that become part of bigger things.

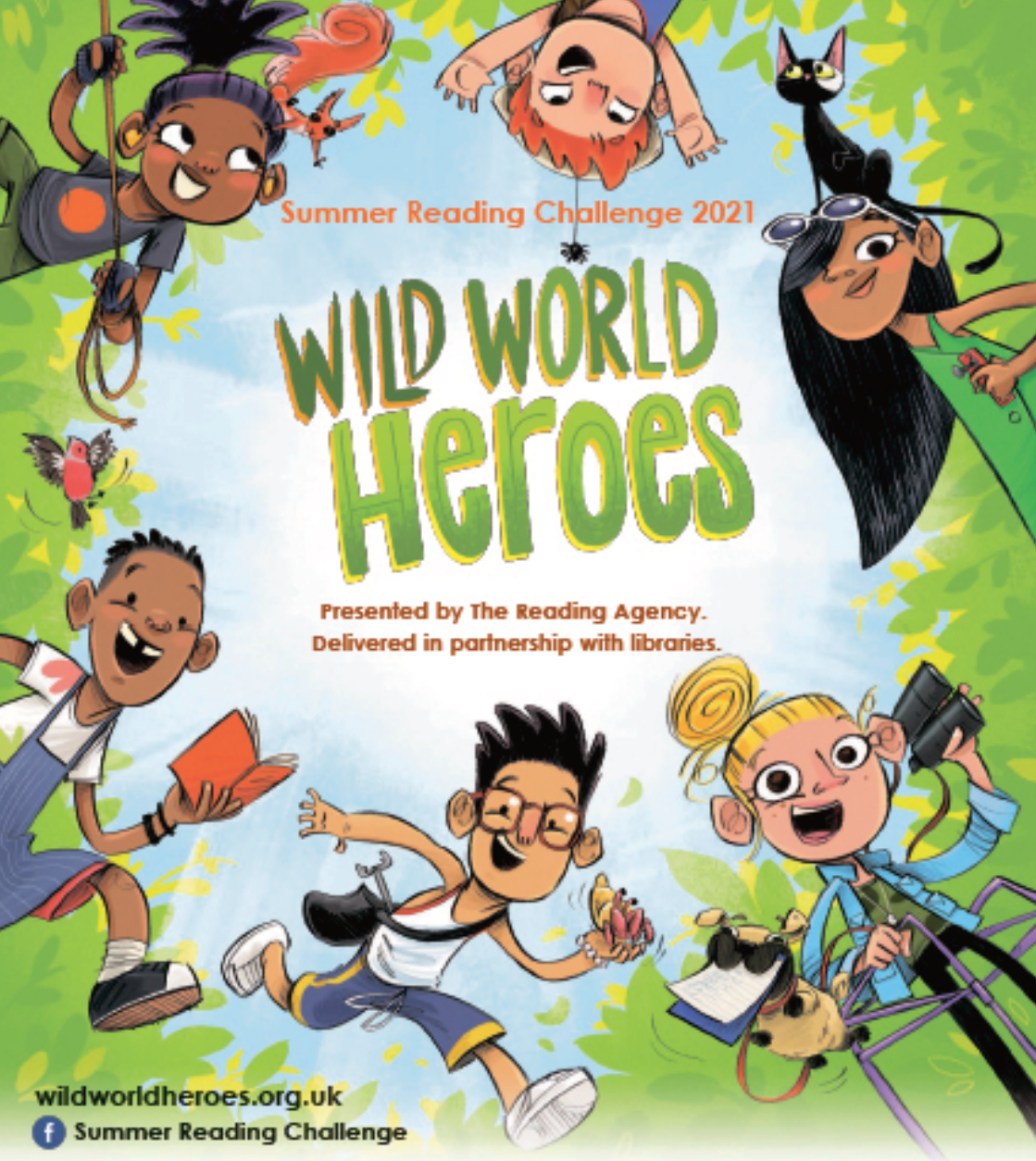
Half way through book Grandma dies which was a shock and sad as other than Grandma becoming tired there was no warning signs to the children what was going to



happen. The book has a good story to make children aware of losses they will face in life, but feel there could of been more signs of what was coming. It illustrated well the sadness, anger and loss they all felt and how they helped each other through it. It was definitely a story that made the children think for themselves and question things and gave the opportunity to learn about cycles of life and living things eg: butterfly part of swarm, birds a flock.

A very colourful and engaging book I would recommend.

www.facebook.com/groups/raring2read

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of six diverse children and animals in a lush green jungle. At the top left, a girl with a high ponytail swings on a rope. Next to her, a boy with a red beard hangs upside down. On the top right, a girl with long black hair and sunglasses looks on. In the bottom left, a boy in overalls runs while holding a book. In the bottom center, a boy with glasses runs holding a butterfly. In the bottom right, a girl with blonde hair and glasses sits on a purple wheelchair, holding a camera. Various animals like a squirrel, a bird, and a cat are scattered throughout the scene.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

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 Summer Reading Challenge

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A tale as old as time

This round up looks at books inspired by some of our oldest fairy tales and collections of stories, from familiar moments in history reimagined into magical fantasy to Cinderella, Rapunzel and The Arabian Nights.

Moonchild – Voyage of the Lost and Found

Aisha Bushby and Rachael Dean

With its roots in The Arabian Nights, this fast-paced magical adventure has a wonderful cast of characters, from sea witches, to a colossal stormbird. Twelve-year-old Amira lives with her two sea-witch mothers on the oceans of the Sahar Peninsula, an enchanted realm which lies just beyond the horizon. She is never without her beloved companion, a cat jinni named Namur, who provides her with the magical ability to read people's emotions. Following a raging storm, they dock at the island of Failak. Her mothers seem agitated when she befriends Leo, an inquisitive boy with a goldfish jinni, and Amira feels angry, and suspects they are keeping secrets from her. An amazing adventure unravels through the characters' stories - stories told within stories. The first in a trilogy, it is accompanied by striking black-and-white illustrations which bring the characters and setting to life.



Darwin's Dragons

Lindsay Galvin

We all know how Charles Darwin set sail on HMS Beagle and formed his theory of evolution by observing the finches and reptiles of the Galapagos Islands, don't we? Well maybe we haven't been told quite the full story. In Darwin's Dragons, Lindsay Galvin weaves well-researched historical fiction with magical fantasy and creates a wonderful tale of emerging science, shipwrecked sailors, volcanic islands and ..DRAGONS! In 1835 Cabin Boy Syms Covington is on the voyage of a lifetime, when he gets washed overboard in a storm. He washes up, alive but battered, on an unexplored island. As the grumbling volcano starts to erupt, there's more than his own survival at stake.



Rumaysa: A Fairytale

Radiya Hafiza and Rhaida El Touny

Step into a 'Once Upon a Time' where anything is possible. Radiya Hafiza's enchanting and funny debut weaves together three stories, updates them and then adds a twist and a little dance. 'Rumaysa, Rumaysa, let down your hijab!' For as long as she can remember Rumaysa has been locked away in her tower, forced to spin straw into gold for the evil, book-destroying Witch, unable to leave. Until one day, with the help of a talkative owl, Rumaysa drops her hijab out of her small tower-window and realises how she might be able to escape. A strange boy on a flying carpet turns up, looking for someone to rescue – too late as Rumaysa has already rescued herself. Rumaysa and her friends adventure through enchanted forests and into dragon's lairs. They stumble into someone else's story – Cinderayla, and then accidentally get involved with the snoring, slightly rude Sleeping Sara. Fun, energetic black and white illustrations bring the action to life as the stories unfold.



Knight Sir Louis and the Dreadful Damsel

The Brothers McLeod

Knight Sir Louis is the bravest knight at King Burt's court. He has defeated hungry dragons, evil goblins and horrible wizards (but please nobody mention wasps, Knight Sir Louis is absolutely NOT afraid of them). Along with his trusty mechanical steed Clunkalot, and mystical sword (known as 'Dave'), Knight Sir Louis and his friends are sent to do battle with the Damsel of Distresse, who has been terrorizing the land. Knight Sir Louis finds himself dealing with strong enchantments and powerful magic (as well as potatoes...) and his soon to be arch-enemy-nemesis: the Stripy Knight. A fun, totally upside-down tale of knights and damsels, with extremely silly illustrations too.



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Excitement is building as many festivals are going ahead this summer, albeit with some restrictions in place. If you're taking your family to a festival for the first time this summer, here are a few tips that might help!

Hand sanitiser
Even before the pandemic, we always recommend that you pack sanitiser for a camping trip!

Wellies / walking boots
Absolutely essential even in good weather as the ground can get soggy.

Flip flops
You'll need them for the showers. We speak from experience!

Toilet paper
To be kept on your person at all times as there is never enough in the toilets.

Kindle, books and games
For sheltering in your tent during heavy downpours and intense sunshine.

Baby wipes
Running water isn't always easy to find so always keep baby wipes handy.

A flag for your tent
To help make it stand out from the crowd so you can easily find it. You'll be surprised by how many tents just like yours there will be pitched!

Insect repellent
There is nothing that the mini beasts of England like better than damp fields and barbecues.

Waterproof clothing
You may think this is a bit excessive but if the weather turns (and you know it can) you'll be thankful for this tip!

Sunscreen
You can get burnt even on a cloudy day in England.

Ear protectors / plugs
These are great to protect little ones from loud music, but earplugs also mute the sound of late night chatter from neighbouring campers.

A mini paddling pool
If the weather is warm it helps to cool the kids down and keep them clean (ish).

Fold up chairs
For you to take into the music arena with you

Whichever festival you go to this Summer, we hope you have fun!

NB We recommend checking the finer details with the venue before setting off.

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Stamford Park Fountains, Stalybridge
Congleton Outdoor Swimming Pool
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/discover-congleton/town-attractions/congleton-paddling-pool/

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Splash Park, Happy Mount Park, Morecambe www.facebook.com/happymountpark

Top 5 UK Glamping Sites by Cool Camping

Glamping, or luxury camping, is more popular than ever and with tree houses, pods, bell tents, yurts, shepherd's huts and even converted London buses on offer, there's plenty of variety. This Top 5 Pick of high-quality glamping options in the UK, has been hand-picked by the **Cool Camping** team, so you can be sure of a great holiday.



Jimmy's Farm, Suffolk - The birth of this farm, just south of Ipswich, was well documented by Channel 4 when it was first bought by Jimmy Doherty. The farm welcomes visitors for hands-on fun with farm animals, as well as more exotic species, including anteaters and snakes. This summer a meadow of bell tents, complete with proper beds and soft furnishings, hosts visitors who want to stay for longer – wrist-bands give access to the farm park for the duration of your stay, including the restaurant and bar.



Under Starry Skies, Carmarthenshire - Just west of the Brecon Beacons National Park, this eco-conscious glamping site has just two hand-built cabins with aggy-grass-topped roofs and natural insulation. Inside a double bunk bed, a compact kitchen area and a wood-burner make very clever use of the limited space, while, outside, the tumble-down meadow is awash with wildflowers and there are free-roaming Exmoor ponies and multiple streams.



Dartmoor Domes, Devon - Between Dartmoor and the stunning South Devon coast, this new glamping site is home to four space-age looking geodesic domes, set beside a stream. Domes act as cosy bedrooms, with space for up to five people, while, on the wooden decking, each has its own private kitchen shack and a toilet and shower facilities. Children will just love paddling in the stream and meeting the alpacas that graze the neighbouring meadow.



Kingfisher Lakes, East Yorkshire - This lakeside glamping site has been hugely popular with families since it first opened in 2017, so much so that they've adapted their accommodation in recent years, including adding a safari tent that sleeps up to 10 people. The reason it's such a hit? With proper beds, modern kitchens and the option of a hot tub, it's easy to see why parents love the place, while swimming in the lakes and hiring kayaks provides ample activities for kids.



Hollow Oak Glamping, Conwy - These handcrafted 'Cwts' (huts) in North Wales boast the finest details inside, including table tops made from a single slab of oak and a modern, functional kitchen. Outside there is a beautiful wood-branch fence and a deck for soaking up the sun. Bedded into the hillside, the huts are closer to self-catering accommodation than camping and stand up to the North Wales weather any time of year. You can head to the beach or hike the nearby mountains in Snowdonia.



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