

**Reading Newsletter**  
**Spring 2021**



Well, it has been a somewhat different start to our Spring term here at Chapel Ford but we hope your love of reading is continuing to grow whether you are learning in school or learning at home. Reading is arguably more important now than it ever has been; we can use our stories to transport us into magical lands, far-away places and escape into different worlds at a time where we are spending a lot of time in our homes, unable to do much else. We can use books as our portal and let our imaginations run free to bring these places alive in our heads. We are excited to share with you lots of links to websites that are offering wonderful resources, free books and ideas to help you on your reading journey this year. We hope you find this useful - enjoy!

## *Where to find the best resources...*

We have compiled a list of some of the best websites that you can access from home that have a wealth of resources to help with reading from ages 4-11.



Scholastic have lots of amazing activities, quizzes and books online to help with both home learning and reading at home. We particularly liked the section where different authors read chapters, sing songs and read poems from their favourite books. We're really love Julia Donaldson's weekly broadcast, where she performs her much-loved stories, songs and poems every Thursday at 4pm while we are all staying at home!

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/home-activities>



Oxford Owl are fantastic and we use their phonics scheme Read, Write, Inc in school. We also have lots of their books, which really excites us to tell you that they are offering lots of their books as free, downloadable pdfs that you can use on your tablets or devices at home! Not only this, they have lots of activities and exciting things to do that you can access for free online. For early readers and those still learning phonics, they have Read, Write, Inc worksheets available too!

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/>



The National Literacy Trust have a section on their website for parents. Below is a link to a specific page that helps support reading at home with your child. It provides some really useful tips on how to tackle reading with children.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/reading-your-child/>

### What have YOU been reading?

We would love to know what you have been reading at home and the book recommendations you have for us. If you have loved a book recently then please send Mrs Borg an email at [sborgj@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk](mailto:sborgj@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk).

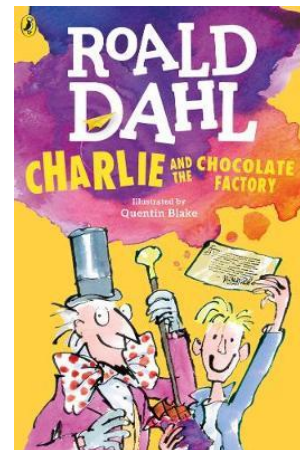
Tell me the title of the book, the author, why you love it so much and if you'd recommend it to a friend. Hopefully in our next newsletter we can share some of the recommendations!

### Mrs Borg Recommends

One of my favourite authors from being a little girl is Roald Dahl. I especially love 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' - it makes my mouth water just thinking about it! Roald Dahl invented many proposterous plants, like the bong-bong tree that grows in Loompaland. Can you invent your own extra-usual tree, plant or flower? Draw a picture of your proposterous plant and then give it a name and a short description.

Check the activity out here:

[https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2020/02/11/14/01/28/e22a9e39-4f80-43e5-82ef-d57b385866c4/RoaldDahl\\_ActivitySheet\\_ProposterousPlants.pdf](https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2020/02/11/14/01/28/e22a9e39-4f80-43e5-82ef-d57b385866c4/RoaldDahl_ActivitySheet_ProposterousPlants.pdf)



### Our Website

To find links to sites and information about reading on our website, go to the school website and under the home learning tab, there is an English section that has support for each year group.

<https://chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk/learning-at-home/english>