



## Reading Newsletter Summer 2020



As we approach the fourth month of home learning for many families, reading is more important now than it has ever been. At Chapelford we hope to share with you some important information and resources on reading at home with your children over the coming summer weeks!

### The Summer Reading Challenge 2020

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's Silly Squad will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter.

Children taking part in the Challenge 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!



The Summer Reading is free to access and quizzes and downloadable incentivise and encourage part in reading related Although public library

Challenge website features games, activities that children to take activities. buildings are continue to

closed, libraries will deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

With school life disrupted and many children missing the company of their friends, this year's fun-filled Challenge will be all the more vital as a way of helping parents and carers find fun, family-friendly activities, maintain literacy levels and create a safe space for children to connect with their peers.

If you wish to take part in this year's challenge, go onto the following link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> click 'Join the Challenge'. Then you can join the silly squad, pick your own avatar, discover awesome books to read, play games and unlock the challenge badges along the way.

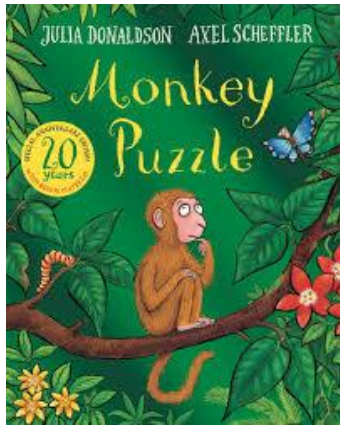
#### ***Top Tips for Reading at Home!***

Check out this article on BBC Bitesize that gives parents tips for supporting their children when reading at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q>

#### **Bedtime Stories!**

We hope you enjoyed watching our bedtime stories on the Chapelford page on Facebook.



### Bug Club and Reading Plus

Children in EYFS and KS1 should all have access to Bug Club where they can access a range of suitable stage and age books online. Children in KS2 should have access to Reading Plus. If you are unsure of the log in details for your child please do not hesitate to email your class teacher to provide these details for you!

### Reading Aloud!

Reading aloud is a great way to build a child's confidence with reading. Reading aloud can be between teacher and student, parent/carer and child or even between siblings. It can allow children to access books that they may have struggled to connect with if reading independently. It's also lots of fun for everyone involved. It is proven that as well as improving a child's vocabulary, there are many other benefits for reading aloud. In conversation, we tend to use verbal shorthand, not full sentences. The language in books, by contrast, is very rich and mainly in complete sentences - as a result, reading aloud also increases a child's attention span. Having this set time to read to or with a child may have a positive impact of their engagement with reading.

In need of inspiration to find a book your child loves to read? Here are some of the recommended texts for children between the ages of 6-10:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-6-8/>

Here are some websites that may support you with reading at home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary\\_support/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/)

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>

### Children's Choice

Mrs Borg was thrilled to receive an email off Millie in Class 5 last week, who had completed her own book review of a book of her choice at home. We just had to share it with everybody to inspire others to read this book at home or create a book review of their own book choice. Get reading!

**Book Title:** Monkey Puzzle

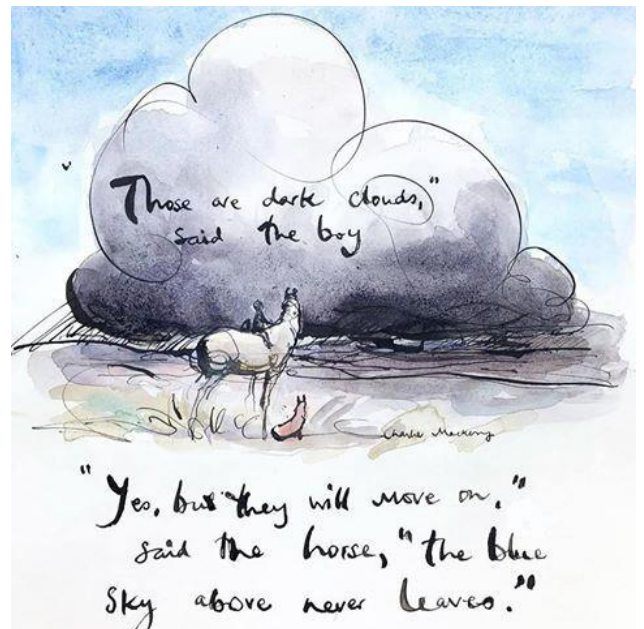
**Author:** Julia Donaldson

**Recommended by:** Millie, Class 5

**Age:** 6 years old

*Millie gave this book a huge 10/10. The part she most enjoyed was... 'when the monkey found his mummy.' We are glad it had a happy ending.*

Please remember to send your book reviews in to your teachers if you complete one at home; we love to know that our children have been doing lots of reading.



**To put on a smile on your face...**  
We recommend 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy, suitable for all ages. Exploring kindness through exquisite artwork and delicate calligraphy, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a moving book encompassing the theme of friendship. It is a must read for all!