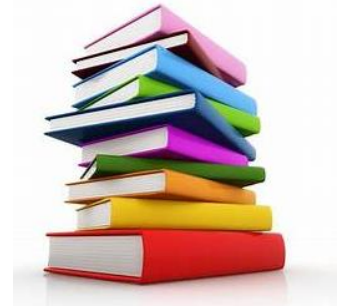




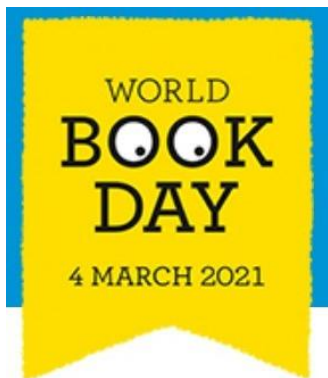
Reading Matters

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book"

J.K. Rowling



Welcome to our reading newsletter. Reading is a key focus in our school for pupils and staff. We want to share why it is so important to read, ideas about how to encourage your child to read and also recommend books they may enjoy.



Celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021

In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown.

Thousands of bookshops and supermarkets are taking part in World Book Day. **You can get a book for £1.** You can find out more information on World Book day at: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>.

This month's *Reading Matters* is dedicated to World Book day.

GET A BOOK FOR £1! DON'T MISS OUT!



WORLD BOOK DAY
4 MARCH 2021

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WORLD BOOK DAY

4 MARCH 2021

Swap your BOOK TOKEN to get a WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK for FREE at your local bookseller

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THIS IS YOUR BOOK TOKEN

Get involved in World Book Day's official 2021 teen survey at worldbookday.co.uk

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

#WorldBookDay World Book Day is a registered charity funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland. worldbookday.com

WHAT DOES READING MEAN TO YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY?

This year, we are working with our partners at the National Literacy Trust to turn our focus toward young people and their reading experiences.

We are talking to real teenagers to discover what reading means – or doesn't mean – to them. Now, more than ever, reading is crucial for young people when it comes to tackling issues including future plans and success, stress, anxiety and mental health. Reading can improve cultural awareness and help teens to develop stronger social skills, vocabulary and writing skills. We want to understand how and why teenagers might read more books.

Our research will help us to learn more about the way teens engage with books and reading.

Teenagers' commitments, from studying to socialising, playing sports, hobbies and family responsibilities can put books and reading low down on their To Do list.

So now we're inviting teenagers to join in the discussion, and tell us what would help to get them reading more and how we can support them to make space for reading.

Thank you – you make World Book Day happen!

Cassie Chadderton
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Chief Executive, World Book Day

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BRILLIANT READING IDEAS

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by Rob Biddulph

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Get more great reading recommendations at worldbookday.com

worldbookday.com **Celebrate stories. Love reading.** **#WorldBookDay**

How to get a book for £1

TIP

If not all young people are in school, please think about alternative ways to distribute the £1 tokens, for example, a box with tokens outside the front of your school so families can pick them up on their daily walk. You can also register for a digital version that can be emailed directly to families at worldbookday.com/digital-book-token/

How do young people receive their books?

We hope your token and poster packs will be with you by mid February. Please give the tokens out to all young people who are still in school as soon as possible (for any issues receiving your pack, email wbd@education.co.uk). Young people can either swap their £1 book token for one of our exclusive, new World Book Day books OR they can get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in bookshops and supermarkets.



Where can young people choose their £1 books?

- The World Book Day £1 books are a gift to young people from participating booksellers, including supermarkets.
- Families can redeem their £1 token in lockdown OR hold on to it to use later!
- Parents can use the £1 token when they collect essential shopping. World Book Day's £1 books can be found in major supermarkets as well as bookshop chains, and bookshops on your high street may be open for click and collect.
- Bookshops are offering new ways to make the £1 books available, even in lockdown.
- Young people can use the 'Look Insides' on our website to choose their £1 book.
- Or, hold on to your token! Bookshops will welcome families when they open again. Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. Contact your local bookseller to check if they are able to offer £1 off other titles.
- Check booksellers.org.uk/wbd for information about retailers open near you and contact them for information about ways to redeem the token before you visit.

When are the books available?

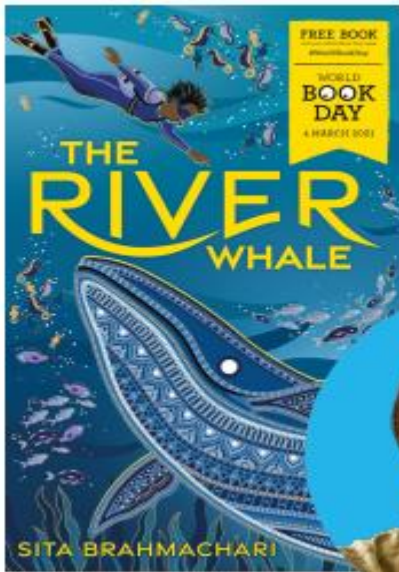
- This year our £1 book tokens can be redeemed in bookshops and supermarkets from **Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March.**
- For full terms and conditions, please go to: worldbookday.com/terms-conditions



We hope young people enjoy this year's fantastic book selection – as a charity dedicated to reading for pleasure and the benefits of sharing stories, it is our mission, with help from you, to ensure children from all backgrounds have a book to call their own.

Who are the authors of the £1 books?

MEET OUR BRILLIANT £1 AUTHORS



SITA BRAHMACHARI'S *THE RIVER WHALE*

explores a dream becoming reality and is written using a mixture of free verse and prose. Sita's experience in telling stories for audiences on stage in the theatre and working with young people in workshops listening to their views of the world are a huge influence on her writing.



Watch Sita's World Book Day Author & Illustrator video on 'Inspirations for storytelling flow' – worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/inspirations-for-storytelling-flow

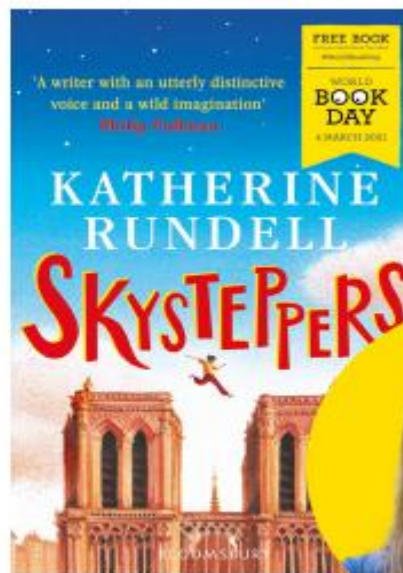
KATHERINE RUNDELL'S *SKYSTEPPERS*

shares her love of being on the rooftops of a city and the different perspective that offers. This book is a prequel to *Rooftoppers*. When Katherine isn't climbing the roofs of Oxford colleges she is teaching Shakespeare or writing adventure stories.



She shares more of her inspiration for this book and some writing ideas for you to try in her World Book Day Author & Illustrator video on 'Imagine a wild adventure' –

worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/imagine-a-wild-adventure/

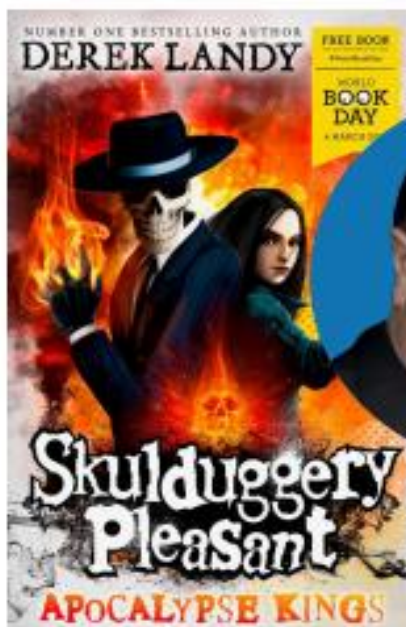


For brilliant books to add to your TBR pile recommended by our £1 authors, visit worldbookdaysocial.com

World Book Day is an important source of book discovery for 26% of less affluent households.

- Nielsen Deep Dive, 2019 #WorldBookDay

MEET OUR BRILLIANT £1 AUTHORS



DEREK LANDY'S SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT APOCALYPSE KINGS

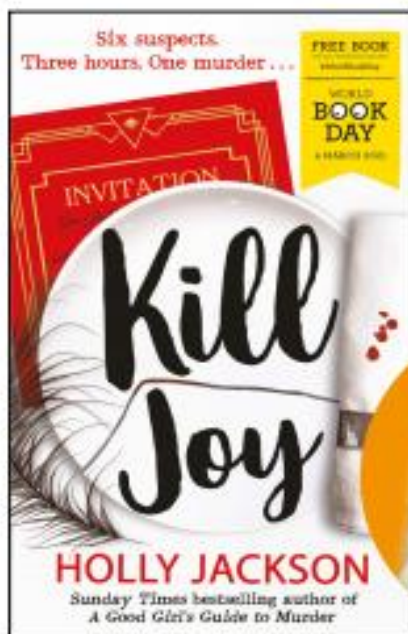
is a stand-alone adventure from his bestselling series of books, SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT. Derek writes authentic, likeable characters within his witty novels, and his video centres around writing realistic people alongside how he's kept himself entertained during lockdown.



Discover his World Book Day Author & Illustrator video, 'How to make characters feel real' – worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/how-to-make-characters-feel-real/

HOLLY JACKSON'S KILL JOY

Holly Jackson finds inspiration to write her novels from her own passion for true crime. She lives in London and aside from reading and writing, she enjoys playing video games and watching true crime documentaries so she can pretend to be a detective.



You might be starting to think about yourself as a writer or be looking for information about how writers put your favourite books together and our previous Author Academy videos might help you on that journey. Visit worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/ for videos from Malorie Blackman, Holly Smale, Chris Riddell and Muhammad Khan.

Find everything you need for World Book Day 2021 at

worldbookdaysocial.com

"World Book day let us see how many different types of books there were for grabs and that made me very excited." – National Literacy Trust: Secondary school pupils' experience of World Book Day #WorldBookDay

CREATE A COMMUNITY OF READING

EVEN IF WE CAN'T SPEND TIME TOGETHER

We have spent more time than ever in our houses this year, but books provide a way to travel without leaving our rooms. This World Book Day consider how 10 minutes of reading every day can help you discover the world.

CAN YOU

- help your friends/other teens find their perfect read to find out more about the world we live in or escape it entirely.
- write that book - use our Author Academy to give you hints and tips.
- find out what your favourite YA author is recommending - visit our site to find out.
- find out more about what your friends and classmates have been reading to help you pick your next choice
- talk about books and reading – you might want to have a conversation about the role of reading in your busy lives using some of the questions in this pack to get you started or you might want to use the online previews of the World Book Day £1 books to talk specifically about what attracts you to or puts you off a particular book.

If these conversations spark some ideas or recommendations please share them with us by joining in with Show Your Shares using **#WorldBookDay** or contacting us on hi@worldbookday.com



Share A Story Live with World Book Day

Our live event for secondary students this year invites young people and authors to consider reading's relationship with the real world. To find out more about the participating authors and have a sneak peak inside their books visit worldbookday.com/books/

5TH MARCH
10.30AM

**How Reading Helps Us
Understand the Real World**



STARRING

Sita Brahmachari

Jess French

Katherine Rundell

Hosted by Jessie Cave



Share a Story Live is perfect for your pupils to enjoy in class or at home!

To find out more and keep up-to-date with event details, please go to:

worldbookday.com/events

For many young people in the UK & Ireland, our £1 books are vital:

World Book Day makes a difference; 66% of primary schools say World Book Day changes reading habits. Children read more books and share more books with family and friends as a result of World Book Day.

Nielsen, 'Understanding the Children's Book Consumer'

SHOW YOUR SHARES

We want to know how you are creating your reading communities so we're asking you to share with us how you are sharing reading.

- **EVERY WEEK** during World Book Day month (four in total), we'll award prizes for the best story shares with a different theme each week.
- **THE PRIZES** are a **£100 National Book Token** per school to boost your school library and a **£100 National Book Token** per family, per week with the best pictures featured in our online gallery. Will you and your friends help to influence others to read in a new way?
- **THE COMPETITION** runs from 22nd February 2021 for 4 weeks.
- **HOW TO ENTER** Find out how to enter at worldbookday.com/show-your-shares from 17 February.



LINK UP WITH LIBRARIES

Don't forget to connect with your local library to find out about their World Book Day plans and events as well as encouraging pupils and their families to join to use their amazing free services.

Find yours at: gov.uk/local-library-services

AUDIOBOOKS

Do you love stories but find it difficult to squeeze in the time to read - how about trying an audiobook? Perfect for when you're doing other chores or out doing your exercise. A brand new selection of brilliant FREE audiobooks will be available for World Book Day 2021. Available from worldbookday.com/world-of-stories from 18 February – 28 March 2021.

READER RECOMMENDS

We've asked some of the UKYA community's best-known authors, influencers and booktubers to send us their recommended teen and YA reading highlights for 2021. Head over to our website to find recommendations or follow us on Twitter and Instagram to see what our authors are up to.

We also have our own Power Lists and more at worldbookdaysocial.com, to help you find exactly what book to pick up next!

PENGUIN TALKS

Penguin Talks, in partnership with Speakers for Schools, launched in April 2020 with live talks from authors in their homes during the COVID-19 lockdown. This series of nine talks focused on issues which mattered most to young people during this time, including how to manage anxiety, challenge inequality and prepare for the future world of work.

Explore the talks here: penguin.co.uk/company/creative-responsibility/penguin-talks.html

“It was absolutely the best day of my life! Of my life!”

- 'Understanding the Impact of World Book Day', Interim Report, NLT and World Book Day

Fundraising for World Book Day

RAISING MONEY, RAISING READERS

Every year, schools across the country raise vital funds for World Book Day as part of their celebrations, helping us to bring books to the children and young people who need them most. No amount of money is too small – every penny counts towards our mission to change lives through a love of books and shared reading.

BIG BOOKY BREAKTIME

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For brilliant ways to host your own fun Big Booky Breaktime, visit our fundraising page.

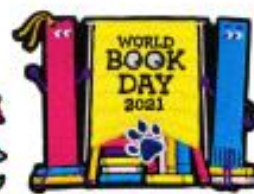
N.B. From 2021, World Book Day will lead schools' fundraising

activity including the Big Booky Breaktime and ensure that Book Aid International receives a portion of funds raised. Every year this incredible charity sends over 1 million books to 26 countries around the world, giving the opportunity to read to those that need it most.

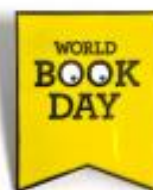


2 WORLD BOOK DAY BADGES

These special badges can be earned by completing activities from the free World Book Day Challenge Pack created in partnership with Pawprint Family. Up to 50p of every badge sold goes directly to supporting our work and the badges can be used as incentives and prizes!



Exclusive for 2021



3 WORLD BOOK DAY T-SHIRTS

Buy one of our brilliant World Book Day t-shirts featuring designs from the World Book Day 2021 illustrator Rob Biddulph and help support our work with money from every sale going directly to World Book Day. In partnership with goodstitch.org.uk



Brand NEW for 2021

4 RUN A READATHON

Each World Book Day, thousands of schools across the country join in the celebrations by taking part in Readathon, organised by Read for Good. The money raised in sponsorship helps provide brand new books and regular storyteller visits to children in the UK's major children's hospitals, as well as books for schools. Get your free pack from the Read For Good website.



Read for Good
Motivating kids to read

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Discover fundraising ideas as well as how they can be adapted to be covid-safe at worldbookday.com/fundraising/

ON YOUR BOOKMARKS, GET SET, DRAW!

DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION 2021

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You, your students and your school could win HUNDREDS of pounds worth of books with our fantastic National Book Tokens **DESIGN A BOOK TOKEN** competition.

One lucky winner's design will be made into a real life National Book Tokens gift card, to be distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas! And there are National Book Tokens galore to be won too – just imagine all those beautiful new books for your school's bookshelves.

It's a great home-school activity to set so encourage your pupils to take part. They simply have to make their mark on the template and design a brand new National Book Tokens gift card.

A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: **up to 8 years, 9-12 years and 13-16 years.**



2020's
winner

by Samia,
aged 10

2019's
winner

by Molly,
aged 14

FIRST PRIZE

in each age range wins:

- £250 National Book Tokens for the school
- £100 National Book Tokens for the pupil
- £100 National Book Tokens for the teacher

SECOND PRIZE

in each age range wins:

- £150 National Book Tokens for the school
- £50 National Book Tokens for the pupil
- £50 National Book Tokens for the teacher

TIPS FOR CREATING YOUR DESIGN . . .

Imagine your new gift card is in a shop with lots of others – what will make it stand out? How can you make your design really book-y?

HOW TO ENTER:

All entries should be produced on **A4 paper** using the template at the web link below. Please ensure you provide the child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 2 April 2021**.
Winners will be announced in May 2021.

FIND OUT MORE, download an entry form and see terms & conditions to enter at worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-2021/

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Thank you for your support helping us to get books to those who need them most.
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Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

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OLSB VIRTUAL LIBRARY



We are excited to announce the launch of our own virtual school library. Not only can pupils now access free books through Oak National Academy, but they can also access books selected, and sometimes read, by their own teachers. Pupils will be able to follow the words on the page and listen to the book read aloud. As we understand the importance of literacy and the impact it will have on their futures, teachers from all of your child's

subjects may set full or partial reading lessons either using the selected fiction book or a text which is subject specific. Please encourage your child to read at home or visit the new virtual library.

How to access the Virtual Library

To access the selected fiction book, pupils simply need to log onto Teams and go to their year group Team. Click on Files and they will see a folder called 'VIRTUAL LIBRARY'. The books will be put in this folder by chapters. We hope your child enjoys reading along with us!

Oak National Academy – Virtual Library



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A Virtual School Library, brought you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, is also available for pupils to use.

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Having access to a school library is really important for children. School libraries nurture a love of reading that can enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental wellbeing. Oak National Academy Virtual School Library will complement existing school libraries and will ensure that children have access to the magical world of stories all year round, whether they are learning at school or at home. Oak National Academy has worked with brilliant publishers and inspiring authors and illustrators to ensure that the books and activities in our Virtual School Library will support children's wellbeing through reading.

Follow the link below to get started:

https://library.thenational.academy/?fbclid=IwAR02waNzsRVBECtWJt6UlqJwocbknpUjYRaSmZfMZ-SKw_k6kIahDI5yjsk

Join your local library service to discover hundreds more books and ebooks to borrow for free, and take part in fun online activities.



DO NOT FORGET YOUR BOOK!

A reading book is now a **compulsory** part of every pupils' equipment.

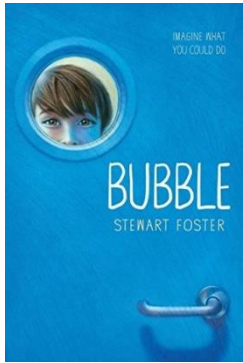
If you do not have access to books at home, please see your English teacher or Mrs Franks, the School Librarian. The school library has lots of new books we would love you to read.

Donate Books –HELP!



Do you have any unwanted, good quality books, suitable for teenagers and young adults? We would appreciate any donations.

Reading Recommendations



'The Bubble Boy' by Stewart Foster

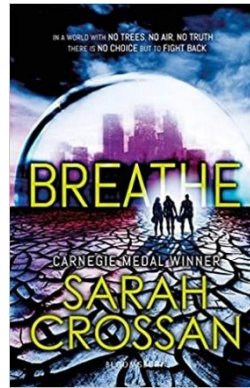
Amir is mad. He's crazy. But the hospital wouldn't let a crazy person in. They must have interviewed him and checked his qualifications. But maybe he didn't even meet them? Maybe he hasn't even come from India. He might

have arrived on an alien spaceship and snuck in here in the middle of the night.

Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.

THE BUBBLE BOY is the story of how Joe spends his days, copes with his loneliness and frustrations, and looks - with superhero-style bravery, curiosity and hope - to a future without limits. Expect superheroes, super nurses and a few tears from this truly unique story.

Suitable for Year 7 and above



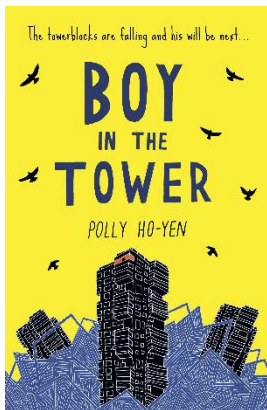
'Breathe' by Sarah Crossan

Years after the Switch, life inside the Pod has moved on. A poor Auxiliary class cannot afford the oxygen tax which supplies extra air for running, dancing and sports. The rich Premiums, by contrast, are healthy and strong. Anyone who opposes the regime is labelled a terrorist and ejected from the Pod to die.

Sixteen-year-old Alina is part of the secret resistance, but when a mission goes wrong she is forced to escape from the Pod. With only two days of oxygen in her tank, she too faces the terrifying prospect of death by suffocation. Her only hope is to find the mythical Grove, a small enclave of trees protected by a hardcore band of rebels. Does it even exist, and if so, what or who are they protecting the trees from?

A dystopian thriller about courage and freedom, with a love story at its heart.

Suitable for KS4



'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen

When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way.

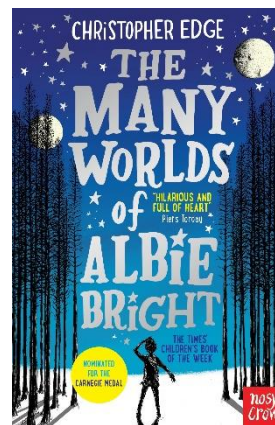
Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him.

His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe.

But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear.

Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .

Suitable for Key Stage 3



'The Many Worlds of Albie Bright' by Christopher Edge

Winner of the Brilliant Book Award.

Longlisted for the UKLA Book Awards 2017 and the Amazing Book Awards.

An extraordinary novel for anyone who's ever been curious.

When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...

Suitable for Key Stage 3

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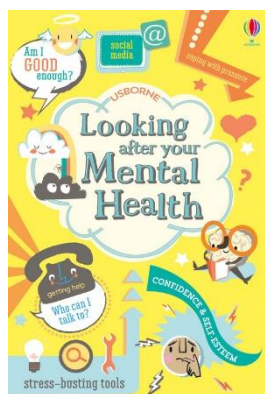
Audible are offering free children's audio books: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

And a huge selection of books available for free online to read...

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/> (particularly for Y7 & Y8)



Non-Fiction Reading



'Looking After Your Mental Health' by Alice James & Louie Stowell

We talk about our physical health - but not so much about how we're feeling. With lots of practical advice, this lively, accessible guide explains why we have emotions, and what can influence them. Covering everything from friendships, social media and bullying to divorce, depression and eating disorders, this is an essential book for young people.

The Importance of Reading

<https://raising2children.com/the-importance-of-reading/>

"The more that you read, the more you will know,
the more that you know, the more places you will go"

Dr Suess

◆ Cognitive Development

Supports memory function and processing information.

◆ Boosts Sleep

As part of a bedtime routine, encourages relaxation and feel calm

◆ Attention Span

Increases concentration and listening skills

◆ Financial Costs

Low Levels of literacy costs the UK taxpayer £2.5 billion every year (KPMG, 2009) as it undermines our economic competitiveness.



◆ Language Skills

Exposure to words extends vocabulary and literacy

◆ Creativity

Supports the imagination through characters, places and aspirations

◆ Mental Health

In 2020, children who enjoy reading are 3 times more likely to have good mental health

◆ Books Galore

Those who own a book, are 6 times more likely to read above their expected reading level. (22% vs 3.6%)

How can you support and encourage your child to read?

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1** Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2** Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3** Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4** Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5** Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6** Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7** Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

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