

## TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to our termly Learning Newsletter where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child in their education, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

### Reading at Priory

Throughout this academic year, we have been focusing on further developing our whole school reading culture, with the aim of motivating and engaging all pupils across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 with reading. Whilst reading is a fantastic tool to aid pupils academically, across all of their subjects, we also want to foster a love and enjoyment of reading too. Therefore, we want to make reading more accessible for all pupils and encourage them to seek out and read things that they will enjoy. This could be anything from reading magazines or news articles, to reading an online blog, or listening to an audiobook.



As part of this initiative, we wanted to give you some information on **Borrow Box**, which is an app and website that can be utilised to read e-books, and listen to audiobooks. Borrow Box offers access to thousands of different books, including popular children and young adult novels, graphic novels and a wide array of non-fiction choices on a variety of subject areas, including business, history and science and technology.

***The beauty of this service is that pupils are able to access a lot of these books in either an e-book form, or they can listen to the books via an audiobook on their phone, through the app.*** Audiobooks share similar benefits to an actual book, helping with comprehension, vocabulary development and fluency, however, they offer a different way into reading, which may be more appealing to some pupils.

**This is a free service provided by Lancashire County Council Library Services** and is incredibly easy to sign up to. You simply need to sign your child up to be a member of a Lancashire library, if they are not already a member ([www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/library-services/join-a-library/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/library-services/join-a-library/)). Then, once the library provide you with a membership number, you can log in to Borrow Box, either via the app on any smartphone or tablet, or via the internet. Borrow Box makes it incredibly easy to browse their choice of e-books and audiobooks, and they have a reservation system in case any of the books are loaned out.

We are hoping to also utilise this system in school, during library lessons, therefore, it would be fantastic to see as many pupils signed up as possible. Hopefully, this will offer a new way for pupils to read, as well as offering a wide variety of choice to help them find something that will really interest them.

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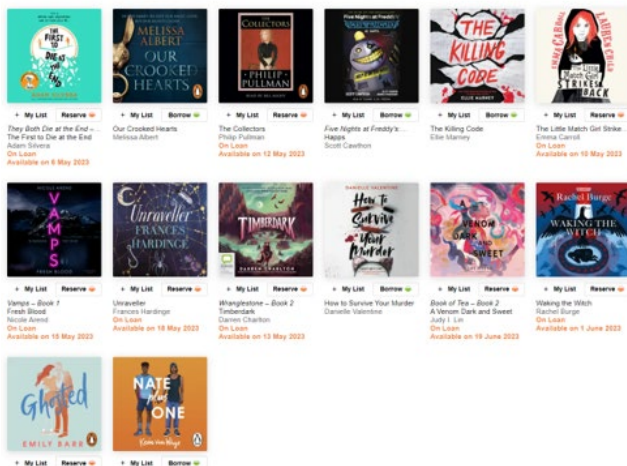
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covered in this newsletter



## Introducing... Borrowbox

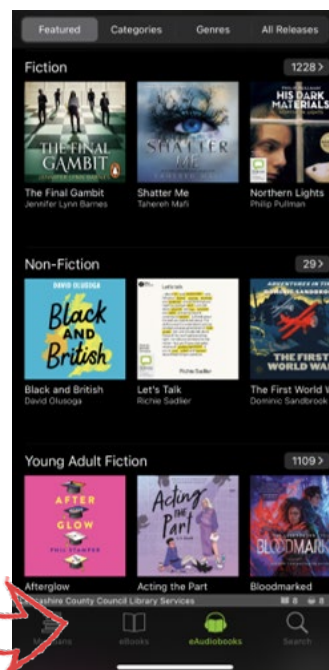
### What does Borrow Box offer?



Borrow Box is a fantastic, free app and website that allows access to thousands of E-Books and Audiobooks.

You can reserve books that interest you if they are already out on loan.

Both the app and the website offer e-books and audiobooks.



### What does Borrow Box offer?

#### TOP GENRES

Romance ▾  
Crime & Thriller ▾  
Children ▾  
Lifestyle - Wellbeing ▾  
Literary Fiction ▾  
Biography ▾  
Business & Finance ▾  
Sagas  
Contemporary Fiction  
Young Adult Fiction  
Historical Fiction  
Classics ▾

Borrow Box offers a wide variety of popular young adult fiction books, as well as graphic novels and a huge range of non-fiction text options.

You can loan up to 8 books at one time.

These are just the top genres. They have over 60 genres to choose from.



### How do I join up?

1. If you are not already a member, sign up to your local library. You can do this online by searching 'Sign up to Lancashire Library'.
2. Once you have your membership number, download the Borrow Box app to your smart phone or tablet, or go onto the Borrow Box website and sign up.
3. Browse through the selection of books and audiobooks and enjoy!

## Introducing... Reading Plus

All our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils are using a reading programme called Reading Plus in their library lessons from this half term onwards.

### What is Reading Plus?

Reading Plus is an adaptive literacy solution that improves fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, stamina, and motivation. Used in more than 7,800 schools, Reading Plus is helping more than one million students become even more proficient readers.

Reading Plus not only provides proficient and advanced readers with the opportunity to further deepen their reading skills by providing individualised reading activities to accelerate skill development, enhance reading rate, and stimulate academic growth, but also helps struggling readers as it is designed to rapidly accelerate proficiency and growth.

Pupils read fiction and non-fiction articles online within the programme and Reading Plus customises the instruction and content for every student and places them at their 'just right' levels based on assessment data, and continually adapting to ongoing progress.

Your son or daughter can choose to engage with Reading Plus at home and can logon here:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>

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READING PLUS

