



Reading Matters

Poole High School Reading and Literacy Newsletter

Return to school advice and guidance: KS3

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Hello

It is nearly time for us to all be reunited in school; well done for online learning over the past few months – we know that it has had its challenges.

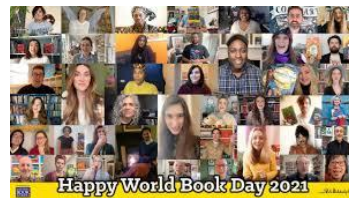
Since my last newsletter, I have been very aware of the dialogue in the media about lost-learning. I know how hard teachers and students have been learning, and I know we are all excited to get back to face-to-face classroom time with students to build upon that learning. Moving forward, I will continue to provide newsletters once per half-term to help you support your child with something we know consolidates this learning: reading!

I also hope your child enjoyed our World Book Day resources, and [The Masked Reader](#) Competition.

If you are concerned about your child's reading/literacy since lockdown, this newsletter will suggest how you could support them with reading resources.

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There are a HUGE amount of reading resources and links on the 'Reading Matters' Google Classroom. Enjoy!



It's not all doom and gloom!

- Children's enjoyment of reading has increased during lockdown (from 47.8% pre-lockdown to 55.9% post-lockdown), having reached a 15-year low before lockdown
- More than a quarter (27.6%) of children and young people say they are enjoying reading more during lockdown
- A third (34.5%) of children and young people say they are reading more during lockdown

Children have turned to adventure, comedy, fantasy and real life stories during lockdown and have found joy in discovering books they'd never read before.

Most book-sellers in the independent sector, along with libraries and charity shops, have unfortunately had to close their doors again. Online ordering is being honoured quickly though with many shops offering speedy home delivery. In order to help you source books in the most suitable and affordable way for you, here are some suggestions.

1. BorrowBox – free to borrow audiobooks available from your local library. The app is free to download and very easy to use. Free here: <https://www.borrowbox.com/>, but also has apps in Apple or Google Play Store.

Fabulous blog here with children's book recommendations

LIBRARY LADY

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Remember!

Science has proven the benefits of daily reading. 30 minutes a day of engaged, uninterrupted reading has been shown to lower stress levels, increase vocabulary, and to improve literacy levels.

<https://youtu.be/1-zISnJ-o>



Marsha Robinson
As a parent I wish that my children wanted to spend all their time reading... but actually they love television! By turning on the subtitles I can encourage my girls slightly as I know it is improving their reading without them even noticing. Both of them are good at reading and I am convinced having subtitles on has contributed to that.

Subtitles!

I know from experience how challenging it can be to persuade a TV-loving child to pick up a book. This is of course still key to the best literacy levels, but did you know that some experts say putting the subtitles on can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading! Read more here:

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>

Local libraries are partially open; please visit

<https://www.poole.gov.uk/libraries-museums-art-and-culture/libraries/>

for information about opening hours and Covid-safe regulations for visitors.

World Book Day tokens will be delivered to tutor groups.