

Reading Support & Expectations



As you are aware, we value our children's education greatly, so we wanted to write to you all to inform you of the Reading expectations and resources available during the lockdown period. Although your child may be learning differently for the moment, we still strongly advocate **prioritising reading and ensuring your child is reading five times a week for Reception and KS1 and at least three times a week for KS2**; though as you already know, research states that the 'little and often' approach is generally better for their development. Therefore, if you can encourage your child to participate in their Read Write Inc & Whole Class Reading sessions, posted by one of the TBP team every day and also read each day, this would support their overall reading development most successfully.

Children will continue to be rewarded for the number of times they read at home so do remember to sign their reading record each time, as you would usually. For those of you learning and reading remotely, **please take a photo of the signed reading record and upload this to Class Dojo every Friday**, so that Class Dojo points can be added to your child's account for reading. This will be celebrated through our weekly collation of Reading Wristbands and 'word count' totals.



We have created a list of useful websites linked to reading that you and your child will enjoy, including websites that offer free access to downloadable books.

General Websites to support Reading:

- **Vooks** <https://www.vooks.com/parent-resources> (All ages, currently free to sign up) A child safe, ad-free streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks.
- **British Library** <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books> (All ages) Explore centuries of stories, poems and illustrations with Discovering Children's Books. For children, teachers and book-lovers of all ages.
- **Phonics Play** www.phonicsplay.co.uk (All ages, currently free to sign up) A collection of games and resources to support phonics and early reading.
- **Teach Your Monster to Read** <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/> (Reception/KS1) For children who need a little bit more help with reading. The ground-breaking game that makes learning to read fun.
- **The World of David Walliams** <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/schoolzone/> (All ages, free) If you're looking for some exciting activities to keep boredom at bay, then you've definitely come to the right place! Take a look at the treasure trove of fantastic activities, all inspired by David Walliams' tremendous tales.



Websites that offer downloadable books (all you need to do is create a username and login):

- **Oxford Owl** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> (Reception, KS1 and KS2) Discover expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support children's learning home.
- **Oak National Academy** <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/> There is a wealth of free reading books that can be read online, across a varying level of ages. Free subscription.
- **Rising Stars** <https://www.risingstars-uk.com> Free access to many decodable books once you sign up as a Parent/Child. 30 day free trial to access all the free eBooks.
- **Audible** <https://stories.audible.com/discovery> (All ages, free and no sign up) For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Starting today, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection.
- **Epic!** <https://www.getepic.com/> (All ages, currently free to sign up) Instantly access 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes & more of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.
- **Plymouth Libraries** <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/ebooksandaudiobooks> You can use your library card to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. If you have a tablet or smartphone download the Libby App from the App Store or Play Store. You can borrow up to eight titles at a time for a maximum of three weeks; titles can be borrowed again if nobody else is waiting for them.

