Summer Reading Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer Term Reading Newsletter—a place for us to share reading recommendations and support our children in accessing and enjoying great books over the summer holidays.
At a time when our children have been learning from home, one of the most important activities they can do is to read! We strongly believe that regular reading is crucial—not just for academic learning but also as a chance to relax, escape and learn more about the world.

Whilst there is nothing better than holding a real book in your hands, we recognise that sourcing physical copies may present difficulties at this present time with bookshops and libraries currently closed. We would therefore like to share some useful links to where thousands of e-books and audiobooks can be accessed.
We would also like to remind you of the online staged reading books that are available through resources purchased by the school to support your child.

If you want to do some fun whole family reading activities, please see our summer reading activity sheet.

Information from Worcester County Council

'Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020!'

The annual Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11 years is being delivered online this year and offers a perfect solution for a summer term project that supports reading and literacy and helps promote reading for pleasure.

The theme for this year's challenge is Silly Squad with a focus on the enjoyment of reading for pleasure; children are encouraged to read anything that makes them happy and can register for the challenge here - https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

They can read books available at home or those free to download and borrow from Worcestershire Libraries. Remember, library membership is free and Worcestershire residents of all ages can join instantly online with a digital membership – a wide range of junior fiction is available from the digital library http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20786/digital_library including a dedicated 'Silly Squad' collection of books in ebook and eaudio format using the 'Borrowbox' app.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, Worcestershire Libraries are unable to host the SRC in their library buildings or run any face to face events and activities. However, many library services, events and activities are now available online - visit the Digital Library Hub http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20783/digital_library_hub to explore or access the SRC events and activities via Worcestershire Libraries Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/WorcestershireLibraries/.

EYFS and KS1 Online Stage Reading Resources



The Bug Club is a whole-school reading programme that gives children their own login details and provides the opportunity for children to read at home. Class teachers are able to select a range of books appropriate for your child to read. These books will appear in children's 'My Stuff' area on their personal homepages.

Your children should already have their login details and books allocated for them to enjoy over summer.

Website: https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0

KS2 Online Reading Resources



The following information provides the school login details for KS2 children to access thousands of enhanced digital books. You can access the site through any device with an internet connection.

Website: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html

Go to myon.co.uk and enter your login information:

a. **School Name**: St Catherine's CofE (VC) Primary School
(type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu)
b. **Username:** st983student
c. **Password**: read
Click on the Sign In button, select a book, and start reading!

Online Resources

St Catherine's CE Primary School

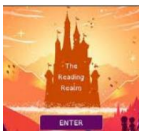
Free e-book collection, developed for children aged 3-11 years old. Explore the range of over 100 books and browse categories filtered into age groups and book types.
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/

Instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Log in with your Amazon account, explore the collection, select a title and start listening!
https://www.audible.co.uk/

A great choice of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults and children, all of which can be borrowed for free with your library card. There are no late fines and with a great choice of titles there's something for everyone. Borrow up to ten titles from both OverDrive and BorrowBox for up to three weeks.
https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/mainPage.html?b2bSite=5491

Vast online store of animated and narrated comic strip stories based on myths and legends from around the world. http://myths.e2bn.org/

Visit https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/category/resources/ for resource ideas, links to stories being read aloud and go to the Reading Realm Facebook page for livestreamed lessons, too! You can also download The Reading Realm app



An amazing totally FREE iPad app to support pupils to expand their vocabulary! The app has 100 common words and 600 alternative word choices!

Oliver Jeffers: Stay at Home Story Time Every weekday at 6pm live streamed on Instagram or watch the videos any time on the website.
https://www.oliverjeffers.com/abookaday

Authorfy
A wonderful way to link reading with writing. Videos for writing ideas straight from authors themselves! There will be a 10-minute creative writing challenge set every day during the school closures.
https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/

Elevenses with David Walliams
Listen to the World's Worst Children stories being read aloud by the author himself.
https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/

Additional Summer Curriculum Information

Malvern Science in the Park

Malvern Science in the Park is back this year but due to social distancing it will have a different feel. Join for free from your own home or garden for the fourth annual fun and exciting day exploring the wonders of science and technology from 10am-4.30pm on both Zoom and Facebook Live on Saturday 27th June.

Try out some experiments for yourself guided by live science demonstrators, ask those burning science questions, and find out what it's like to be a scientist working in a lab.

All the content is aimed to be interesting and engaging for primary and early secondary school aged children.

Register https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fqj_sMUqSRCjAmU9z2PaWA to join the event as a webinar attendee on Zoom (numbers are limited, but for some of the talks you'll be able to ask the speakers questions). The event will also be streamed live on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MalvernFestivalOfInnovation/live/