

Reading for the summer holidays

To access a wide selection of Big Cat e-books, please click on the link below. These books will be familiar to the children as we currently use these in our book banded system, however they are more likely to be appropriate for EYFS, Key Stage One and low Key Stage Two. We have set up a generic child login and the details are below.

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx>

Class Name: Big Cat

Pupil First Name: Pupil

Pupil Last Name: Access

DOB: 01/01/2001

Year Group: 1

Once you have clicked on the link you will need to select our school and enter the first letter of the last name (A) day and month of birth (1/1) and year group (1).

Access ebooks at Oxford owl (you will need to create an account)

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Myon - <https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/search.html>

Story time sessions, power points of books (ks1) and extracts of books (ks2):

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/>

CLPE: Authors reading their books aloud.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFtPjIfGAYxRik7kNvW4Jc5rnad2nx7r&utm_campaign=11413002_POP%20resources%20to%20help%20parents&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLPE

Free printable comics

https://schools.beano.com/lesson_plan_category/readingrocks/

Borrowing ebooks

<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

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<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Lots of resources on here for specific age ranges.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

Accelerated Reader. Access to its online books at myON.

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

Audible Discovery. Free audio books for children on Audible Discovery during school closures. <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

BBC Bitesize. Reading activities with text provided.

BBC Sounds Online podcasts and reading resources for children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/childrens>

Vooks has a great selection of animated books. At the moment, it is free for one month for parents. <https://www.vooks.com/>

Love Reading for Kids has developed a range of materials on their website, including polls and competitions. <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/>

David Walliams. Elevenses Catch up.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/>



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Discovering Children's Books: a brand new resource from the British Library

The British Library has just launched a brand new website - [Discovering Children's Books](#). It's completely free to access and full of creative activities to do at home. Aimed at primary school children, teachers and book-lovers of all ages, the site explores the history and rich variety of children's literature, through treasures from the British Library, Seven Stories, Bodleian Libraries and the V & A.

Explore over 100 fascinating items, from one-of-a-kind manuscripts to illustrations and printed books. Go down the rabbit hole with Lewis Carroll's original manuscript of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Rifle through Roald Dahl's drafts, John Agard's poetry notebooks or sketches by Judith Kerr, Axel Scheffler and Liz Pichon.

For the writers and artists of the future, there's a gallery of free activities to spark children's creativity and inspire their own stories, poems, illustrations and more.

- Learn how to draw a Gruffalo
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/videos/axel-scheffler-how-to-draw-a-gruffalo>
- Create your own characters
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/videos/viviane-schwarz-how-to-develop-a-character#>
- Try Joseph Coelho's poetry prompts
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/poetry-prompts>
- Make a miniature book
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book>
- Make your own comic strips
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-your-own-comic-strip-stories>
- Invent your own superhero
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/what-makes-a-hero-super>

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Or get in touch with Andrea.Varney@bl.uk. She'd love to hear from you.

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books>.