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Assalamualaykum Dear Parents,

During the summer holidays, we would really encourage you to promote your child’s love for reading and ensure that they keep up with this absolutely fundamental life skill. We would recommend that all pupils read on a regular basis, preferably for a minimum of ten minutes daily.

The following is a list of useful websites which you can use to access reading materials for your child(ren) in KS2:

* **Oxford Owl –** [**www.oxfordowl.co.uk**](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

*Please use the log-in details provided by your child’s class teacher to access these e-books.*

* **Manchester Library –** [**https://manclibraries.blog/2020/04/01/how-to-use-borrowbox-ebooks-and-eaudiobooks/**](https://manclibraries.blog/2020/04/01/how-to-use-borrowbox-ebooks-and-eaudiobooks/)
* **RNIB Library –** [**https://www.rniblibrary.com/**](https://www.rniblibrary.com/)
* **The Week Junior –** [**https://www.theweekjuniorparentsclub.co.uk/**](https://www.theweekjuniorparentsclub.co.uk/)

The Week Junior Learning Hub*offers downloadable articles and activities from their magazine.*

**Additional useful resources:**

\***The Reading Agency** is running *‘The Summer Reading Challenge’* again this year. Please visit: [**https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src**](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src)for further details about how you can take part.

\*In addition, **Audible** is offering free children’s audiobooks:
[**https://stories.audible.com/start-listen**](https://stories.audible.com/start-listen)

\*Another great way of encouraging children’s love for reading is through accessing the following websites which include shared **read aloud videos by authors and fun follow-up activities**:

[**https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/**](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/)

[**https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/**](https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/)

[**https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/**](https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/)

\*The following website offers **recommended booklists**, categorised by age range and topic, covering fiction and non-fiction: [**https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/**](https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/)

\***The Children’s Poetry Archive** offers an archive of spoken poetry recordings which children can listen to: [**https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/**](https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/)

**Please note:**

\*Please be aware that the books we have in school undergo vetting to ensure that they are suitable for our pupils. Please ensure that you check books before sharing/allowing your child(ren) to read them to make sure that they do not contain any inappropriate content.

We hope you find these resources helpful and wish you a relaxing summer holiday.

Jazak’Allah Khairun,

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