



# Let's keep reading!

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and keeping safe.

During all this time at home, something that you and the children might have found plenty of time to do is read. I wonder how many of the genres of text you managed to read from our Easter reading challenge? Perhaps you have been reading stories, poems, information online, non-fiction books, comics, newspapers and so much more!

I'm sure that many of you have lots of books and other sources of reading at home, but if anyone is looking for inspiration around reading, the following links may be useful.

This link to the 'World Book Day' site provides ideas for reading and book related activities to do at home. There are some lovely free audio books available for different age groups, as well as ideas for arts and crafts, quizzes and writing ideas.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/03/book-ideas-hub-brilliant-stay-at-home-ideas-free-resources/>

These links will lead you to the 'Oxford Owl' site, which is full of information and resources around reading (as well as other literacy and maths). The first link will take you to the main site and the second link will take you to their library of free e-books.

This e-book library is an excellent stock of books that your child can read on-screen. The beauty of this for children working through the colour-banded books on our school reading scheme is that you can select the colour band your child is currently reading on at school and select levelled books that are perfectly matched to their current reading level. In the absence of reading books coming home with your child every week, this could be a very helpful resource to keep their reading development ticking over at the moment.

General site: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>

E-book library: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

There are plenty of other free resources around at the moment to support children's reading so please do search for these online to help keep your children engaged with books.

At this time of uncertainty, stories may well provide children (and adults too!) with some happy escapism, and in the words of J.K. Rowling, *"something very magical can happen when you read a good book"*!

Miss Holmes