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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 e-books for your child(ren) in EYFS or KS1:

* **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.*

* **Engage Literacy –** [**www.online.raintree.co.uk**](http://www.online.raintree.co.uk)

*Please use the following log-in details:*
***Username:*** *UKfreeaccess****Password:*** *engage
These books can be accessed for free until 31st August 2020.*

* **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 following are useful phonics websites:

[**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\_FbjYUP\_UtldV2K\_-niWw/**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/)
[**https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/**](https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/)

[**https://phonicsinternational.com/**](https://phonicsinternational.com/)

[**https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/**](https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/)

[**https://www.syntheticphonics.net/**](https://www.syntheticphonics.net/)

**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://thechildrensbookshow.com/news**](https://thechildrensbookshow.com/news)

[**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:**

\*Class teachers will let you know what reading book band pupils are on via Class Dojo. Please note that some e-books have been categorised within specific book bands due to the content and not the reading level of the child. These books are to be read by an adult to their child.

\*\*Please also 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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