



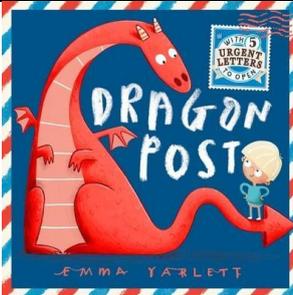
☀️ Summer 2020 ☀️

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.

At a time when our children are 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 and escape.

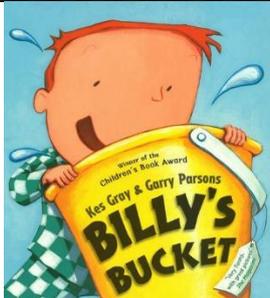
Whilst there is nothing better than holding a real book in your hands, we recognise that sourcing physical copies may present difficulties at this present time with bookshops and libraries currently closed. We would therefore like to share some useful links to where thousands of e-books and audiobooks can be accessed. Please see the final page of this newsletter for further details.

Fiction: Recommended reads



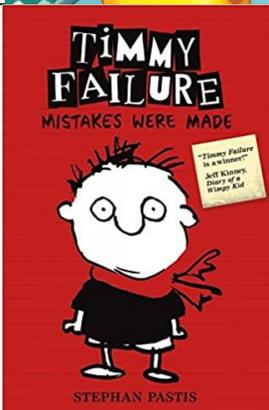
Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett (5+ years)

A story about friendship and asking for help. One day, Alex finds a dragon living in the cupboard under the stairs. Luckily, he knows just what to do. He writes letters to lots of different people – including the fire brigade and the butcher – to ask how he should take care of his surprise visitor. Children will love opening the five envelopes, reading the hilarious letters to Alex and following his magical adventure with his new fiery friend.



Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray (5+ years)

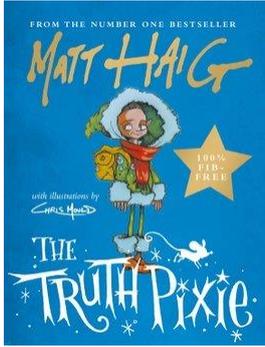
Billy wants only one thing for his birthday— a bucket. Inside it, he can see all kinds of magnificent sea creatures. But Mum and Dad are sceptical and, when Dad unwittingly uses the bucket to clean his car, he's in for a big surprise! A humorous tale about the power of our imagination and what happens when parents don't do as they're told...!



Timmy Failure (Mistakes Were Made) by Stephan Pastis (7+ years)

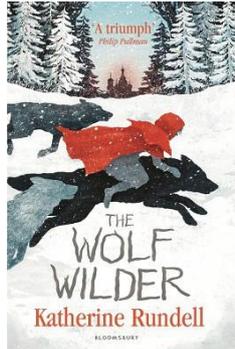
Riotously funny and perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates and Barry Loser. Meet Timmy Failure, founder of the "best" detective agency in town - Total Failure, Inc. With the help of his polar bear 'Total', the clueless, comically self-confident Timmy already has plans for world domination. Plans that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. And plans that will defeat Corrina Corrina, "The One Whose Name Shall Not Be Uttered". Young readers will enjoy spotting Timmy's rookie errors which are wittily conveyed in both the words and the engaging illustrations. A fabulously fun read!





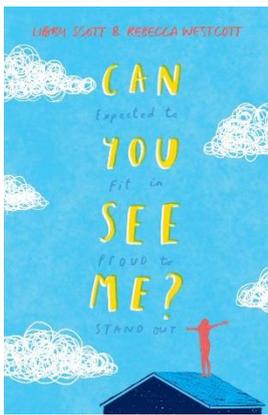
The Truth Pixie by Matt Haig (7+ years)

From number one bestselling author Matt Haig comes a hilarious and heart-warming story, brilliantly illustrated throughout by Chris Mould. Wherever she is, whatever the day, she only has one kind of thing to say. Just as cats go miaow and cows go moo, The Truth Pixie can only say things that are true. Already amassing an army of fans, The Truth Pixie is an innovative and characteristically profound story in verse that addresses children's fears, worries and anxiety.



The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell (9+ years)

A girl, and the wolves who love her, embark on a rescue mission through Russian wilderness in this lyrical and adventurous tale. Feo's life is extraordinary. Her mother trains domesticated wolves to be able to fend for themselves in the snowy wilderness of Russia, and Feo is following in her footsteps to become a wolf wilder. She loves taking care of the wolves, especially the three who stay at the house because they refuse to leave Feo, even though they've already been wilded. But not everyone is enamoured with the wolves or with the fact that Feo and her mother are turning them wild. And when her mother is taken captive, Feo must travel through the cold, harsh woods to save her - and learn from her wolves how to survive.



Can You See Me? by Libby Scott (9+ years)

With diary entries written by 11-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, written in collaboration with esteemed author Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism. Tally is 11 years old, and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic. Tally's autism means there are things that bother her even though she wishes they didn't. It means that some people misunderstand her and feel frustrated by her. People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears - and notices - all of it. And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with. Endearing, insightful and warmly uplifting, Can You See Me? is a story of autism, empathy and kindness that will touch listeners of all ages.

Online resources



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/#>



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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>

Reading Rocks at Home: Book-based learning

Look at a book as a stimulus with Heather, then complete some of the suggested ideas together, incorporating different curriculum subjects. Printer not essential – alternative ideas given. Around 15 minutes of fun learning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNIBy-GABKs&feature=youtu.be>

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/>

Eleveses with David Walliams

Listen to the World's Worst Children stories being read aloud by the author himself.

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

