

# Lunsford Primary Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest Lunsford Reading Newsletter!

As we approach the summer holidays, just a reminder to please encourage your children to keep reading over the break. It makes a huge difference and regular reading at home is the best thing that you as parents can do to support your children with their education. Keep reading for lots of tips to hopefully help inspire and motivate.

Happy reading everyone! Mrs Lomax

## Simple Steps to Keep Your Children Reading Over the Summer

### **1. Start small**

Reading doesn't have to mean long novels – magazines, graphic novels, audiobooks and comics all count. Practising with shorter materials that they enjoy will give your child the confidence to read more.

### **2. Be a reading role model**

Children will often mimic the behaviour of adults so why not leave your phone for a few hours and read instead? 91% of UK adults say that reading has a positive effect on mental health and wellbeing.

### **3. Have a chat**

Talk to your child about what they are reading and don't forget to keep reading to them. A book has the ability to unlock a child's imagination and allow them to see the world through someone else's eyes.

### **4. Get their friends on it**

Make reading something children can do with their friends. Encourage them to swap books, meet at the library or to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### **5. Make it a routine**

It's often hard to change or build a new habit. Why not set aside 15 minutes for reading every day over the summer, for both you and your child? Find a time that works for you, whether it is before dinner, at bedtime or even listening to audiobooks in the car.

Based on <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/childrens-article/5-simple-steps-to-keep-your-kids-reading-over-summer>



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

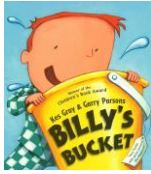
In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) ·

What have we read this term?

YR – Billy's Bucket



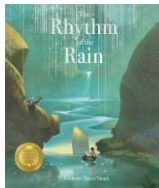
Y1 – The Secret of Black Rock



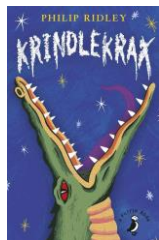
Y2 – Olga da Polga



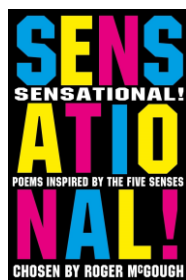
Y3 – Rhythm of the Rain



Y4 – Krindlekrax

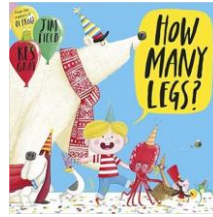


Tiger Class – Sensational!



Zebra Class

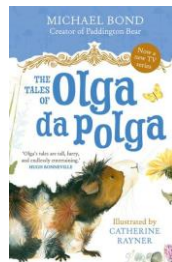
If you liked that book, why not try.....



How Many Legs? By  
Kes Gray & Jim Field



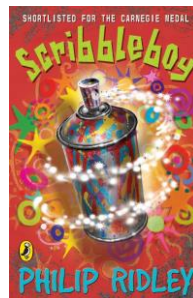
The Last Wolf  
by Mini Grey



The Tales of Olga  
da Polga by  
Michael Bond



Farther by  
Grahame Baker-  
Smith



Scribbleboy by  
Philip Ridley



Poetry Pie by  
Roger  
McGough

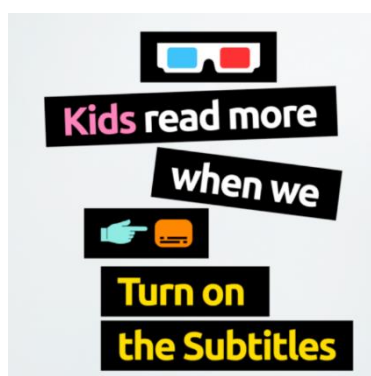


Go Big – the  
secondary school  
survival guide by  
Matthew Burton

Larkfield Library in Martin Square is our local library and like all other libraries, is completely free to join! If you are not already a member, why not make a trip there over the holidays to get signed up. It is open from 9am – 5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri then from 9am – 2pm on Saturday. Once signed up, you can visit and borrow books from any Kent library.

If you join the library, you will also get access to the Kent libraries online services Libby and BorrowBox. These allow you to borrow and download audiobooks for free – a perfect idea for both reluctant and keen readers!

Whilst visiting the library, you can also sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge! A perfect free summer activity!



Research shows that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time. #turnonthesubtitles

Go to <https://turnonthesubtitles.org> for more information

#### Blue Peter Book Badge

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