



Reading During Lockdown

Reading is an essential part of our Curriculum as it enables us to access the world around us and enter a world of imagination!

At St Peter's we are committed to helping your child's reading journey continue.



Sharing Books Together

The best way to support your child is to share a book with them. Just 10- 15 minutes a day will work it's magic to help your child on their reading journey. This could be at any point during the day or, bedtime. Not only is this a special time to spend with your child but also by reading aloud it stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps to develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

Authors Online

You can access lots of authors and illustrators on social media and Internet searches as well as on YouTube.

Recommendations!

For older readers (8-11):

[Sophie Anderson](https://sophieandersonauthor.com/the-castle-of-tangled-magic-read-along/) has invited you to come join her on her of Tangled Magic read-along sessions <https://sophieandersonauthor.com/the-castle-of-tangled-magic-read-along/>

[Piers Torday](#) is doing daily readings of his Last Wild Trilogy! The story so far: In a world where animals no longer exist!

[Neil Gaiman](#) is reading his new novel 'The Graveyard Book' <https://youtu.be/sOF01vb4Rec>

[S.F. Said](#) author of the AMAZING 'Varjak Paw' is happy for his books to be shared. Click on the link to listen it. He is also hosting a weekly live chat on Twitter with children to ask him questions.



Rob Biddulph - Author and illustrator of '[The Grizzly Bear who lost his Grrrr!](#)' <https://youtu.be/2y9G1FRkrccg> is offering drawalongs with [#DrawwithRob](#)

[#DrawwithStevenLenton](#) illustrator

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbpwB792UfmrY9JeQ2nk5lw>



For our Younger Readers

Caryl Hart

<https://www.carylhart.com/about/book-activities> has a brilliant website full of storytime and engaging activities. Listen to her read **When a Dragon Comes to Stay**

<https://youtu.be/Fluij1GNteM>

Author and illustrator, **Nick Sharratt** reads [Shark in the Park on a Windy Day](#)

Kes Grey and Jim Field 'Oi Frog'

<https://youtu.be/NVnlpS1lReg>



[Book Trust](#) free online books and videos, play games, quizzes the fun is endless!

Useful websites for suggestions on quality books/authors:

[Books for Topics](#)

Listening to your child read

In school, our children read aloud everyday whether it is 1-1 reading, group reading or whole class reading. This helps us to create a reading community that builds on critical thinking, constructs meaning, connects ideas as well as develop fluency and expression. By listening to your child read regularly **3-4 times per week**, you will be able to help them build on these skills.

Unfortunately, we are unable to send books home at this moment in time. However, there are solutions to help your child read aloud at home

- Re-visit your child's favourite books or share some of those books on your shelf you haven't had chance to share together yet.

- Read magazines, newspapers, recipes, leaflets and websites for information about your child's topic or interests.

Free on-line books:



Purplemash: Serial Mash offers a variety of online books to read with follow-up activities

Diamonds: ages 5-7

Emeralds: ages 7-9

Sapphires: ages 9-11

Firebolts: Books to motivate and promote eager readers

Meet the Author

Oxford Owl: There are many free scheme adding books that can be found at www.oxfordowl.co.uk All you have to do, is register and you will be able to access them. The free books are banded. You'll be able to access these books and listen to your child read aloud.

Record in your child's Reading Diary as normal and these reads will be counted on the Whole School Reading Chart and rewards will be given on their return to school.

We would love to see how your child is getting on with their reading, whilst at home, so feel free to send any photos of the books they are reading or a photo of them enjoying their book.

World Book Day isn't far around the corner so we shall be thinking of ways you can celebrate at home.

Oak National Academy: Free reading and writing activities from favourite children's authors from the National Literacy Trust. Scroll down for the Virtual School Library for author of the week and read or listen to exclusive videos of quality books.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Phonics

In Early Years and KS1 your teacher will be sending daily YouTube links to **Read, Write Inc.** for your child to access everyday as part of your child's weekly lessons. Just click on the link for the relevant level.

There are a variety of resources available for parents that may be found useful during the current lockdown:

Oxford Owl gives a great guide to phonics for parents:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

Happy reading and thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Mrs Cole and all the staff at St Peter's.