



School Closure: Reading activities

Reading is such an important skill for children to not only master but to also derive enjoyment from. Because of how we are currently living our lives, it truly has never felt more important; after all 'Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are'-Mason Cooley

Please explore the links below which provide a range of free to access resources for children across the key stages.

- Collins Big Cat ebooks can be accessed for free. Go to <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx> , click on the Teacher portal and enter:
Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk
Password: **Parents20!**
- Oliver Jeffers is reading a book aloud each day:
<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>
- Stevenage library: You can sign up for membership online. You can then access a range of e-books, magazines and audio books.
- Every day at 11 o'clock, David Walliams has a new free audio story:
<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>
- Audible: free to sign up and currently has lots of free audio books.
- Listen to the Sarah Jane Adventures and Doctor Who series:
<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/listen-sarah-jane-adventures>
- Alex Rider is being read by Anthony Horowitz live at 11am. Old chapters can also be listened to. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVh1b_qo1bs
- BBC Sounds: lots of free audio stories from Hansel and Gretel to Carries War. Free to sign up an access <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/childrens>
- Lots of videos which explore illustrators and teach children how to draw different characters
<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resource-tags/video-resource/page/2/>
- Children's poems and stories read by Michael Rosen
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6IBXdrPw>
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt read aloud by Michael Rosen:
<https://www.jointhebearhunt.com/explore/videos/>
- Nursey Rhyme library: some of which have mp3s to sign along to
<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/songs>