

Literacy with Mrs Booth



Is there a place for English in 2019?

Humans beat machines in the following areas:

1. Critical thinking
2. Creativity
3. Complex Problem Solving (Forbes)

All of these areas are fundamental to the study of English.

What kind of reader is your child?

A GUIDE TO THE EIGHT Rs

Name	Description
Relisher	Reads 30-40 books a year
Regular	Reads 10-15 a year
Rusher	Reads in bursts
Reluctant	Reads occasionally
Realist	Lacks focus to read novels
Rejecter	Only reads if forced to
Rechanneller	Distracted by online world
Regretter	Wants to read but has problems

- Many children leave Primary school as Regular or even Relisher readers, but increasingly become more Reluctant or Rechanneller readers as other distractions begin to take over their priorities.

Suggested Reading List

Reading Age **below** actual age

- Many of these titles are published by [Barrington Stoke](#), the experts on engaging less able and dyslexic readers.
- Their books are often written by the best children's authors and use a dyslexia friendly font and paper colour.

The Vampire of Croglin (Reloaded)

by Terry Deary

Diary of an (Un)teenager

by Pete Johnson

Desirable

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Ghost Box

by Catherine Fisher

Average RA – but no reading habit

Raven's Gate (Graphic Novel)

by Anthony Horowitz

The Alex Rider Series

by Anthony Horowitz

The Young Bond Series

by Charlie Higson

The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman

Refugee Boy

by Benjamin Zephaniah

Thief

by Malorie Blackman

Reading Age **above** actual age

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

Call of the Wild

by Jack London

The Hobbit

by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

By Douglas Adams

Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

Oliver Twist

by Charles Dickens

What can you do as parents?

- Just as in KS2, we need your help to ensure that literacy remains a priority for our students, and to ensure that their literacy levels continue to grow and develop.
- In school, across the curriculum, we are working to improve the vocabulary, accuracy and understanding that your child has.
- However, at home, it is vital that your children continue to **read** something that isn't school work to consolidate and extend that learning beyond the classroom.



Technology is your friend!

- Technology is probably the single biggest distraction from reading posing students today.
- Games like Fortnite offer instant gratification and even social communication, and is much easier than picking up a book.
- However, technology also poses a great opportunity for promoting literacy.



Kindle: You can download some of the books from the reading list and you can very easily track which page they have got to.

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- There are also hundreds of word game apps which are great for promoting literacy.
- Book Riot has a list of Twelve great ones in an article on their website.
- Blinkist for Non-fiction (7 day free trial)
- You could even challenge your kids to some friendly competition on multiplayer games like Words with Friends!



<https://bookriot.com/2018/10/03/best-word-game-apps-2018/>

Reading

- Accelerated Reader – Wednesday 8.30am
- Reading Journals
- In class support
- Read with a ruler
- LSA support
- Reading mentors/ buddies
- Listen to your child read
- Use arbookfind.co.uk
- Subscribe to First News

Writing

- Explicit teaching of complex vocabulary
- Consistent presentation expectations
- Weekly Writing Challenge Workshops and critiques for ipsative assessment
- Competitions in school and nationally
- Support for less able writers
- Encourage neat presentation
- Discourage from completing homework on the computer
- Value high standards of handwriting
- Calligraphy?

Speaking and Listening

- Formal Presentations
- Debates
- Poetry by Heart
- Connections with Drama
- Frameworks for speaking
- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences
- Encourage debates at home.

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