



Summer Reading Booklist

A booklist for KS1 & KS2 pupils

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The end of term is in sight and the summer holidays are looming!

However, it's a well-known fact that if children don't read at all during the six week break then their reading skills take a dip and it's harder to encourage them back into reading again in September.

Parents are often looking for ways to encourage children to read more but sometimes don't know where to start. It can be quite daunting to understand what a child of a particular age and reading ability should read or even what they might be interested in reading, after all there are thousands of children's books published each year.

To help, we've compiled two booklists; one for younger children and one for older children and we've also provided some tips to help parents encourage their children to keep reading during the summer holidays.

We hope you will find this useful and are able to share it with your parents before the end of term so that they can use it at home.

If you have any feedback, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Best wishes,



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How to make summer reading fun

By Jonathan Douglas, National Literacy Trust

Jonathan Douglas, Director of the National Literacy Trust, shares his top tips for helping you get your children excited about reading over the holidays.

If your child could do anything this summer, what would it be? Walk with dinosaurs, embark on a treasure hunt with pirates, propel themselves into outer space, or maybe play for their favourite football team in a cup final? Anything is possible—when you find the right book!

[National Literacy Trust research](#) shows that when children enjoy reading, they do better at school, but if they stop reading over the long summer break, their reading skills might start to slide.

We've put together our top tips for helping children to enjoy reading over the holidays, and stay in love with it this summer.

1. Make time to read

If your child is younger, try to read a bedtime story with them every night during the holidays. If they're older and prefer reading independently, why not have designated family reading time when you all sit down with your preferred reading material? Just 10 minutes of reading a day can make a difference, so little and often works best.

2. Let your child choose what to read

Your child is more likely to develop a love of reading if they are able to choose the books they read with you. Join your local library for free and your child can pick from a wide selection of books that suit their interests and hobbies, or feature their favourite sports teams, bands, hobbies or films. You'll also be able to sign up for the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) at your local library!

3. Don't be worried about reading on screens

Recent [National Literacy Trust research](#) suggests that reading on screens could actually be a great way to help reluctant readers, especially boys, become more interested in reading. Most phones and tablets have free apps for reading, and eBooks are also a good option and are widely available. You can also read extracts [online](#) which are great if your avid reader is trying to decide which story to read next!

4. Get family or friends involved

[Encourage your child to read with other family members](#) including their grandparents, brothers and sisters, and aunts and uncles. You could even team up with other local parents and start a book club for your child and their friends!

5. Create fun reading challenges at home

On an inevitable British summertime rainy day, you could organise a treasure hunt around the house (start practicing your map drawing now). Or give your child a list of things to find and see how quickly they can read the list and collect all the items. You could also create a reading checklist with different books to read every day. For example, day one: read a book about horses, day two: read a comic book, day three: read outside, and so on.

6. Be positive

Praise your child for trying to read, especially if they are a less confident reader. Let them know it's alright to make mistakes and that it's ok to read at a different pace to their friends or siblings. The main thing is that they are enjoying the story.

7. Be a reading role model

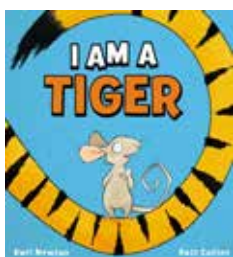
Your child learns from you, so seeing you enjoying and valuing books can be a great inspiration. Ensuring your home is filled with different types of reading material; going out together to buy books, and just generally talking to your child about the kinds of stories you like to read or read as a child yourself, are all great ways to encourage a love of reading!

Visit the National Literacy Trust's [Words for Life](#) website for more ideas and activities to get your child reading this summer.



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Key stage 1



I am a Tiger by Karl Newson

Ages 3 to 6 years

The bold little mouse declares "I am a tiger," and manages to convince a raccoon, a fox, a snake and a bird not only that this is true, but that they are not what they think they are. When a real tiger turns up, can the persuasive and fearless little rodent manage to persuade the tiger that he is a mouse!.

Macmillan



How to be on the Moon by Viviane Schwarz

Ages 3 to 6 years

Best friends Anna and Crocodile are going on an intrepid adventure – to the moon! But soaring into the space is no simple task. To start with, it's very far away. Then there's the not-so-simple matter of building a rocket. And there are the sandwiches to make for the journey. But when Anna and Crocodile set their sights on something, nothing can stand in their way..

Walker Books



The Runaway Pea by Kjartan Poskitt

Ages 3 to 6 years

It's time for tea, but one pesky pea has decided to ping himself off the plate in search of a party! The rogue pea shoots, flings and bounces across the kitchen as he embarks on his perilous adventure - but will he find the fun he is looking for or is the kitchen a scarier place than he thought? This quirky caper will show you just what can happen when you take your eye off your dinner for a second!

Simon & Schuster

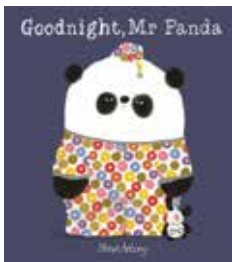


Anna and Otis by Maisie Paradise Shearring

Ages 3 to 7 years

Anna and Otis the snake are great friends and they love having fun together. But Otis knows people are scared of snakes, so he usually just plays at home or in the garden. He is nervous when Anna suggests a new adventure. At first people are afraid, and Otis feels he isn't welcome in the town. But Anna encourages Otis not to give up, and it soon turns out that maybe snakes aren't as scary as people thought!

Two Hoots



Goodnight Mr Panda by Steve Anthony

Ages 4 to 6 years

A hilarious Mr Panda picture book, about the importance of doing the Bedtime Routine properly! Mr Panda and his friends are getting ready for bed. But some won't brush their teeth, others won't have a bath, and one won't even wear pyjamas! It's down to Mr Panda to show them how to do bedtime properly.

Hodder

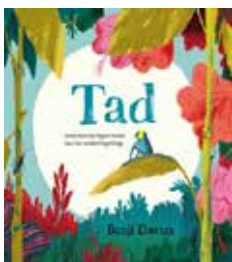


Jasper and Scruff by Nicola Colton

Ages 3 to 6 years

Jasper has everything he could want – a fancy apartment, bow ties in every colour and a large book collection. The only thing he's missing is the right type of friends! Jasper wants to become a member of 'The Sophisticats', a society for exceptional felines, more than anything. When they accept Jasper's dinner invitation, he knows his chance to impress has arrived. But a boisterous puppy called Scruff follows Jasper home and his evening doesn't quite go to plan...

Little Tiger

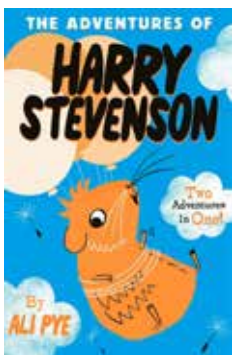


Tad by Benji Davies

Ages 4 to 7 years

Meet Tad. She's the smallest tadpole in a big pond, and lives there with all her tadbrothers and tadsisters. Although something else lives there too... BIG BLUB! And when everyone else starts to disappear, Tad starts to wonder if Big Blub will get her too...Or is everyone else going somewhere else; somewhere better? And if so, will Tad ever get there too? A big story about a tiny tadpole – about growing up, branching out, and taking a leap into life.

Harper Collins

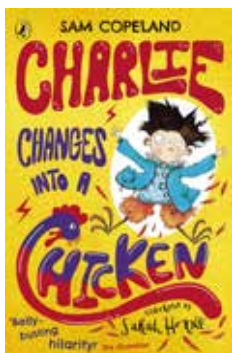


The Adventures of Harry Stevenson by Ali Pye

Ages 6 to 7 years

At first glance, Harry doesn't seem any different from your average guinea pig. He has ginger fur and sparkly black eyes and likes nothing more than snacking on a piece of broccoli. But don't be fooled! Harry may just want to sleep and eat (and then eat some more) but somehow he always manages to get swept up in adventures.

Simon & Schuster



Charlie Changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

Ages 7 to 10 years

Worried about his big brother’s hospital stay, Charlie unexpectedly turns into a pigeon – then continues changing into random fauna whenever he’s stressed, be it by his nemesis or the imminent school play. A supportive cast of friends (fiendishly clever Flora in particular), subtly planted strategies for coping with worry, and some joyfully silly meta-narrative tricks (including a publisher’s letter of apology) place Charlie head and shoulders above the competition; Sarah Horne’s wild-haired, twitch-eyed illustrations add another layer to the fun.

Puffin

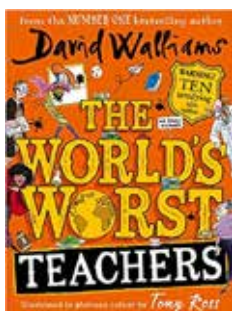


Head Kid by David Baddiel

Ages 7 to 11 years

What would happen if the strictest head teacher swapped bodies with the naughtiest kid in school? Strictest head ÷ naughtiest boy = chaos. Bracket Wood is about to be visited by the school inspectors. But there’s one big problem: Ryan Ward. The maestro of practical jokes, Ryan has played so many tricks that in the end the Head Teacher just walks out. And then the new Head Teacher, Mr Carter, arrives. A man so strict even the teachers are scared of him. So imagine his surprise – and Ryan’s – when they swap bodies. Now Ryan is Head Teacher – and his mortal enemy is one of his pupils. It’s every naughty kid’s dream!

Harper Collins



The World’s Worst Teachers by David Walliams

Ages 7 to 11 years

Think your teachers are bad? Wait till you meet this lot. These ten tales of the world’s most splendidly sinister teachers will have you running for the school gates. Dr Dread teaches science and is half man, half monster... Watch out for the ghastly Miss Seethe. She is ALWAYS furious – and she’s on a detention rampage. And as for Pent, he’s a teacher with a real difference. He is bone-shakingly terrified of... children!

Harper Collins



A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

Ages 9 to 11 years

Three sisters trapped by an ancient curse. Three magical objects with the power to change their fate. Will they be enough to break the curse? Or will they lead the sisters even deeper into danger?

Simon & Schuster



The Midnight Hour by Benjamin Read and Laura Trinder

Ages 8 to 11 years

Emily's parents have vanished into the secret world of the Midnight Hour - a Victorian London frozen in time - home to magic and monsters. Emily must find them in the city of the Night Folk, armed only with a packed lunch, a stowaway hedgehog and her infamously big mouth. With bloodthirsty creatures on her tail, Emily has to discover the truth to rescue her parents. What family secret connects her to the Midnight Hour?

Chicken House



Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Ages 9 to 11 years

Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons -until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Knights of Media



A Moon Girl Stole My Friend by Rebecca Patterson

Ages 8 to 11 years

It's 2099. Lyla lives in a world of robocats, flying sweets and instant snow, but some things never change. Little brothers are still annoying, school teachers make you cringe, and, when your best friend deserts you for the new girl, it still HURTS. Especially when that new girl is from the Moon. But Lyla's problems lead her into unexpected adventures...

Andersen



The Last Zoo by Sam Gayton

Ages 9 to 11 years

Pia is a zookeeper, tending her charges on a run-down ark; the creatures she looks after, though, are angels, not animals. They come from the Seam, a fault in reality where skilled operatives can shape curious creatures, humanity's last hope for repairing the damage it has done to the world. On Pia's 10th birthday, however, much to her despair, the angels disappear. Poignant, strange, and featuring an extraordinary cast of creatures, from smellephants to Fabergé chickens, Gayton's latest novel is his most moving and ambitious yet.

Andersen



The Steam Whistle Theatre Company by Vivian French

Ages 8 to 11 years

In debt and in need of a change, the Pringle Players leave London for the north, hoping to find new audiences as the Steam Whistle Theatre Company. But can they outwit the villainous Olio Sleevey, and Baby Bubbles, their unscrupulous competition? A classic-feeling, satisfying story, full of transporting Victorian detail.

Walker Books



Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

by Humza Ashad & Henry White

Ages 8 to 11 years

"You've probably heard of me, right? Little Badman. No? Oh. Well. . . Doesn't matter. You will do one day. I'm gonna be big." I'm Humza Khan, the greatest eleven-year-old rapper Eggington has ever known; soon everyone will know my name. Only problem is school has got really weird, man. All my teachers are disappearing and our aunties are taking over. But now these aunties are trying to mess with my music, so me and my best friends Umer and Wendy are going to hunt for the truth. Cos something big and bad is going on and we won't let anything mess with my music... or you know, the world.

Puffin



We Won an Island by Charlotte Lo

Ages 8 to 11 years

When Luna's family win an island, Luna thinks it will solve everything AND she can finally get a donkey! But things don't go entirely to plan - no one expects Luna's younger brother to win a Sheep Pageant, for example - and the secret festival they hold soon spirals out of control. But the island is beautiful, and the family are happy, and maybe Luna will get her donkey after all...

Nosy Crow