

How to support your child's reading during National Lockdown – January 2021

At Woodhouse, we recognise how important reading is especially for those at a primary school age. We also know that it will seem harder during this lockdown to access enough literature for your child as reading scheme books will not be regularly coming home. However, it is absolutely essential that your child continues to read despite being at home.

We continue to suggest that your child should be reading daily and listed here are a few ideas to help you encourage this habit over the next few weeks.

50 Book Challenge and the Reading Scheme

Investing in a few books from the appropriate 50 Book Challenge may be a viable alternative to the reading scheme – a list of these can be found on the school website. If this is not an option presently, you could use some of the links found in this letter to access a range of free reading resources including a huge collection of free reading scheme e-books from [Oxford Owl](#) for all stages.

Reception and Year One

If you are looking for further free e-books for your child in Reception or Y1 to read, please try the [Book Trust](#) or if you have a Kindle, please peruse [Savvy Bump](#) for more basic reads.

Chapter Books

For longer free chapter books, you could browse the [Children's Library](#) or the vast range of classic books found at the aptly named [free-ebooks](#). If you have a Kindle, there are a number of sites including [Amazon](#) and [FreeBooksy](#) that enable you to access relevant free e-books.

Classics from our Literary Heritage

If your child is an advanced reader in Key Stage 2, you may also like to try the [Gutenberg](#) website which contains hundreds of classic books from our literary heritage.

Comics and Magazines

However, it is not just traditional story books that could help your child to continue engaging with reading; you could also download free Marvel comics using this [free app](#) or access the child-friendly [Phoenix Comics](#) for something a little different. Another route to pursue may be free magazines available online such as [Scoop](#), [Aquila](#) or [Whizz, Pop, Bang](#) all at an accessible for many children in Key Stage 2.

We appreciate your continued support in developing your child's love of books in these challenging circumstances and hope that together we can use this time positively to further engage your child in the world of reading.