

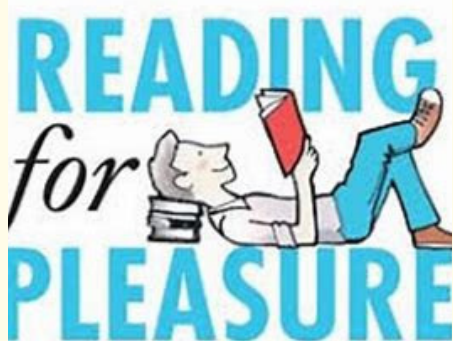
# READING

## *in the summer holidays*

### Dear Parent/Carer

As another school year comes to an end and the long summer lies ahead, we would like to encourage you to keep reading high on your child's list of summer activities. Why? because like other skills, reading needs to be practised every day .

We know that those children who read a lot OUTSIDE of school often do better and get better exam grades. Research shows that children develop empathy, creativity and imagination; are healthier and happier; and have better mental wellbeing and self-esteem when they read for pleasure .



### Summer slide

We also know that when children do not read, it takes 2-3 months for children to regain their reading levels. When this happens year on year then the impact on reading ability is considerable.

## Here are some things you can do to help

- Help your child to find books that interest them. We have lists of books suitable for each age group.
- Read to your children - they aren't too old! Maybe a book you enjoyed as a child
- Magazines, comics, newspapers, blogs and online articles count as reading!
- Turn the subtitles on when children are watching television
- If your child likes quizzes, this website might be interesting

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/quizzes>



### Rampaging Rugby: Dive into the scrum and take our quiz!

Rampaging Rugby author Robin Bennett has penned an awesome quiz for rugby fans - how much do you know? Test your knowledge!



- Visit your local library and get involved with the summer reading challenge.
- Reading bingo charts can add more excitement.

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*Have a happy summer!*