

Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world!

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East Dene Reading Newsletter #9

Welcome to our East Dene Reading Newsletter. Each edition will include a wealth of information and activities to help support your child with reading at home. Happy Reading!

### The summer reading challenge is coming: July 9th

#### How the Challenge works:

- Sign up through your local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and/or a medal.



The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer:

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to sign up. Your child will receive more information during next half term.

### Virtual Library

Don't forget to check out our Virtual Library! Click on the link below for access to a range of recommended audiobooks!

[KS2 Virtual Library](#)

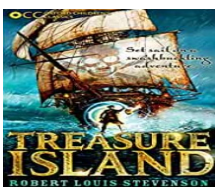


This year, we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Below are some recommended reads linked to the Jubilee- click the book.



A commemorative book mark will also be coming your way!

### Recommended Reads: click the books for more information!



#### Why is RED so important?

1. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
2. Through reading a range of texts, your child's vocabulary will expand and improve.
3. Reading allows children to develop their imagination and a sense of curiosity and wonder.
4. Reading helps children to develop empathy - they can imagine how a character is feeling and think about how they would feel in certain situations.



### 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots)  
Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but worksheets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!
- 2 Ask your child lots of questions  
All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading for' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'WH' questions, such as Who? What? Where? When? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'
- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read  
If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'
- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read  
When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'
- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read  
Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.
- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family  
Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'
- 7 Maintain the motivation to read  
Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. 'Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



Click the link the link to play the reading game and find many more! <https://pbskids.org/games/reading>