

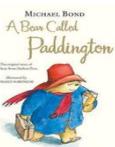
Grangefield Reading Newsletter

Teachers believe that a child's skills and learning can decline by up to a month over the long holidays. One way to avoid this "summer slide" is to encourage your child to keep reading over the summer. Here's some top tips to help keep reading fun - and avoid losing those hard-won new skills.

- Set aside 20 minutes each day for reading time. It can be a chapter book, a comic or even a much loved picture book.
- Use these few minutes to read your own book or magazine, too. Seeing you enjoy reading will help your child realise that reading is not just something she or he has to do for school.
- Make a reading nook or den where your child can snuggle up with some cushions.
- Visit the library and encourage your child to choose books that he or she likes.
- Listen to audio books too, at home or on a car journey. Concentration and listening are also important skills to nurture.
- Keep reading aloud to your child. If she or he is not yet a fluent reader, reading to themselves can be hard work and they'll enjoy sharing a book with you.
- Talk to your child about the book they're reading, what happens in the story and their favourite character. They might like to draw a picture based on the story, or even write a short review.

Let your child choose their own books and don't worry if you think they choose something too easy for them, or a book they have read before. As their skills improve, they will choose more demanding stories.

Book Recommendations



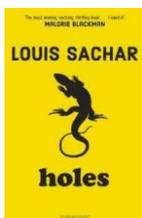
A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond

Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and marmalade sandwiches.



Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith

When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups. Fly names the piglet Babe and teaches him all he needs to know about the farm and its animals.



Holes - Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre in the middle of the Texan desert. There is in fact no lake there at all and not much green either. Stanley soon discovers that his work at the camp will be to dig a deep hole each day, and to report back about anything he finds there.

Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge**, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Gadgeteers**, created in partnership with **Science Museum Group** and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

The Challenge and the accompanying book collection will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where this starts. Through taking part in the Challenge, with free packs from public libraries or on the children's website, children will be able to join six fictional 'Gadgeteers.' The characters use their curiosity and wonder to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

The Challenge will launch in libraries in Scotland and N.I. on Saturday 25 June and in England and Wales on Saturday 9 July. Children can also join in the fun online, here on the official Challenge website.

Grangefield Summer Reading Challenge

We have created our own Grangefield Summer Reading Challenge. If you would like to have a go, you can find the challenge board on our school website.

<https://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/reading-at-grangefield>

Please take some photographs of you completing some of the reading challenges and bring them into school in September.

Have fun - Keep reading!

Grangefield Summer Reading Challenge



Read a book to a family member	Make a den and read inside it	Read a book in an unusual place	Read for 15 minutes	Read a story with magic in it
Read a story with an animal in it	Read a book that has been made into a film	Read a book that is set in a different country	Read a hardback book	Enjoy a magazine or comic
Read a recipe and make it	Hunt for a web and read to a spider	Read under a tree	Read a book with a female lead character	Read in the dark with a torch
Read a book for your pet or toys	Read a book with a male lead character	Read a non-fiction book	Read in your pyjamas	Read a book and swap it with a friend