

Reading for pleasure



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Why should I make reading fun?

Children's reading attitudes and engagement are at an all time low (Clark et al., 2023).

“The impact of reading for pleasure is **four times** more powerful on progress in vocabulary, mathematics, and spelling at age 16, than that of parental education or parental socioeconomic status.”⁷

“Reading enhances educational attainment. By feeding into cognitive skill development, developing forms of **reasoning**, complex concepts and imaginative richness, reading supports children to develop **problem solving** and their **intellectual capacities**.”³¹



- Reading builds confidence and self esteem - “Children who regularly read for pleasure have **better self-esteem** and lower levels of emotional problems (such as hyperactivity and inattention) than those who don’t.”²⁴ They also “have **higher levels of mental wellbeing** and happiness.”
- Reading is entertaining & inexpensive
- Reading reduces stress and anxiety
- Reading develops imagination
- Reading supports identity explorations and develops empathy skills. “Children are emotionally involved in a story, they feel connected to and see their lives as part of the wider human experience.”⁴¹ This can be transformative when it comes to developing their empathy.⁴²



Reading for pleasure - advice

- Match interests, visit library
 - Keep books everywhere & Read whenever you get the chance
 - Read again and again
 - Keep up to date, watch the film
 - Keep bedtime stories & give books as gifts
 - All reading is good – do it for purpose, eg baking or building
- Understand the right level
 - 5 finger rule



Shared reading together



“Shared reading has a unique and **transformative impact on school attainment**.³ Shared reading **at home** exerts a stronger influence on children’s academic performance than parents’ supervision, control of homework or attendance of school activities”.⁴

“Shared reading creates opportunities for **joint attention** and **emotional closeness** between a child and their parent or carer. The availability of the parent or carer¹⁰ during shared reading contributes to their sense of **safety**.¹¹

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The screenshot shows the 'KIDZONE' section of the website. It features a navigation bar with links for Books, Videos, Activities, Prizes, and Polls, along with a 'View Profile' button. Below the navigation bar, there are three main content cards. The first card, titled 'Teaching Resources for Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld', includes an illustration of a child in a colorful tent and a 'TRY IT NOW' button. The second card, for Lisa Williamson's 'Bigg School: Best Friends Forever', features a book cover and a 'TRY IT NOW' button. The third card, for Angie Thomas's 'Nic Blake and the Remarkables', includes a book cover and a 'TRY IT NOW' button. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Activities' with a row of book covers including 'The Polling', 'Bigg School', 'Angie Thomas', and 'Max & Chaffy'.

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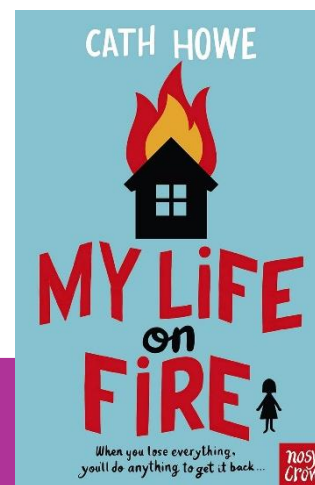
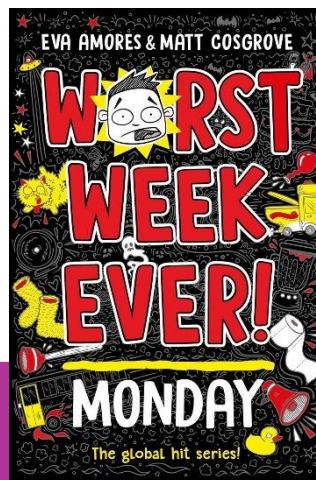
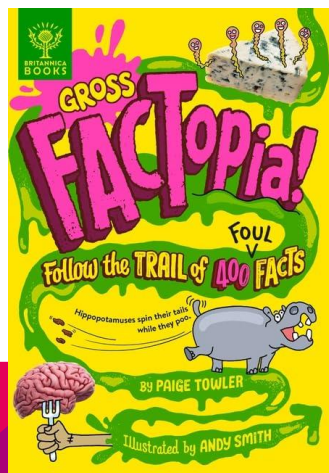
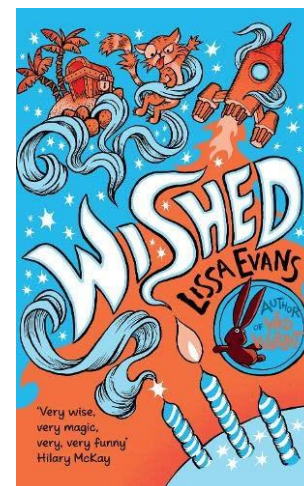
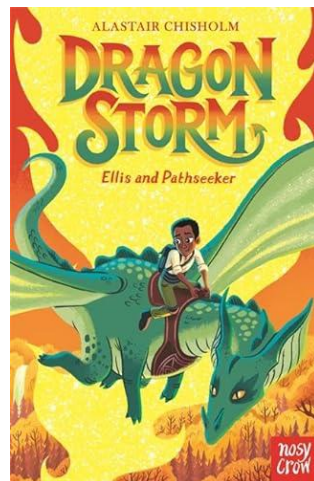
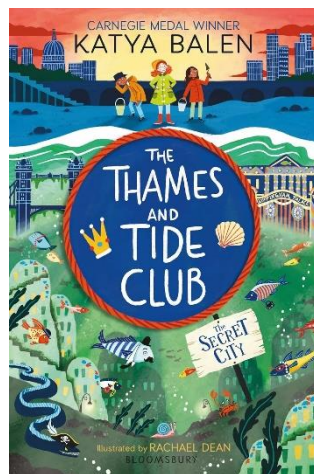
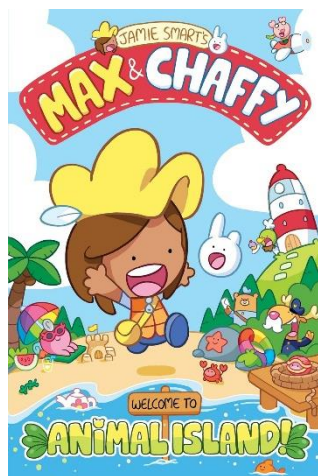
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