



Literacy Newsletter

Ideas, Resources and Support for Literacy Learning in Lockdown

Week 3

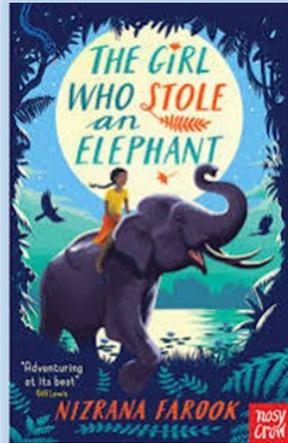
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Did you know...

that nationally, during the last lockdown, children's enjoyment of reading increased from 47.8% pre-lockdown to 55.9% post-lockdown. That means that from March to July last year, 1000s of children rediscovered the joy of reading. At Bedford High School, we are committed to promoting reading because research tells us that reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success in later life. So, if you are someone who hasn't read a book in years - read this newsletter and find some inspiration.

Oak National Academy Virtual Library

Steal an elephant with Nizrana Farook. Read or listen to *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* completely FREE below, watch an exclusive video about Nizrana's new book, discover her top three children's books and read an interview all about reading. <https://library.thenational.academy/>



Have you found a book that you would love to read but can't get your hands on it! Register for Manchester Central Library and see if they have the eBook. Details of how to register can be found in week one's literacy newsletter? Newsletters can be found on the school website under the literacy tab.

Year 7 Competition

Write a book review of the stories shared in last week's newsletter. Details on how to write a book review and how to enter the competition can be found on the school website under the literacy tab.

Download the BBC Sounds APP

Listen to 100s of audiobooks for FREE! Fancy listening to some classics - *Pride and Prejudice*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *War of the Worlds*, or do you fancy something more contemporary? Whatever your taste, you will find something to interest you on this App.



Word of the Week: Gregarious – Definition: being fond of company; sociable; enjoying being with people. Example: She was a popular and gregarious young lady. Try to include this word in your work this week. Your teachers will be looking out for this!



Fancy a Challenge

Look back at all the 'Words of the Week' that Miss O'Donovan has shared since September and see if you can use all of the words in your written work and in your conversations with teachers, friends and family. The more you use new vocabulary, the more it becomes embedded in your everyday written and spoken language.

A Book to Suit Every Mood

Not sure what to read?
Check out the 'books that will make you...' link for inspiration : <https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Books-that-will....pdf>



BBC Learning In Lockdown

The BBC has brought hundreds of educational resources together to help with home-schooling. Whether on TV, online or on social media, they have lots of brilliant content to help you learn at home. Check out the learning schedule for this week. <https://bam.files.bbci.co.uk/bam/live/content/zmbyp4j/pdf>



UK publisher Penguin have curated an incredible series of talks aimed at introducing readers to new ideas and perspectives - all free to watch online. How about listening to Michelle Obama talk about the importance of education and self-belief? Or to Stormzy and other #Merky Books authors discussing the importance of finding your voice? Click here to watch:

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