



# Literacy Newsletter

Ideas, Resources and Support for Literacy Learning in Lockdown

Week 5

to care | to learn | to achieve

## 5 Surprising Facts About Reading That Prove It All Adds

READING FOR **6 MINUTES A DAY** REDUCES STRESS BY 68%.

When children have a home library, as little as **20 books** of their own, they achieve **3 more years** of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000 words** per year.

Children who read **1,000,000 words** a year are in the top 2% of reading achievement.

Children learn **4,000 to 12,000 words** per year through reading.

### Are you going to study literature at college?

#### Check out: Young Adult Northern Literacy Festival

The Northern YA and KIDSLitFest focuses on bringing brilliant events to the North of England. This time they're going virtual!

Click the link below, sign up, and watch some fantastic events!

<https://www.crowdcast.io/nyalitfest>

Or how about...

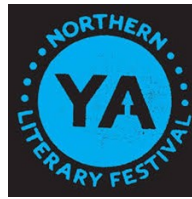
#### University of Oxford The 10 Minute Book Club

We believe that literature is more important than ever as we live through the current pandemic, and come to terms with its challenges and meaning for all of our lives. Ten-Minute Book Club aims to make a great conversation about literature possible, and to offer a quick and accessible way into some of the greatest writing by extraordinary writers from all backgrounds, guided by Oxford's expertise on exciting authors and books.

<https://www.english.ox.ac.uk/ten-minute-book-club>

### Check Out Spotify

Listen to audiobooks for FREE! There are many titles to choose from such as *The Hunger Games*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Captain Underpants* amongst others. You can register and listen for FREE!



### Have you joined Manchester Central Library?

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.

### Download the BBC Sounds APP

Listen to 100s of audiobooks for FREE!



### BBC Learning In Lockdown

#### Shakespeare Week

Monday - Macbeth  
Tuesday - Romeo and Juliet  
Wednesday - Shakespeare's Mother  
Thursday - How to be EPIC @ Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Friday - Tudor Monastery Farm

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/live/bbctwo>

### Word of the Week: Sporadic

**Definition:** happening sometimes; not regular or continuous

**Example:** There were reports of sporadic fighting in the streets.

Try to include this word in your work this week. Your teachers will be looking out for this!



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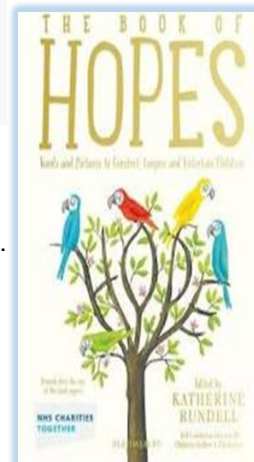
### Read this book for free!

#### The Book of Hopes and Dreams

This extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators.

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### Are you in Year 7 and Looking for Something to Read?

Click on the link and scroll to the end of the document for books in your age range. Follow the links and listen to the authors read extracts from the book.

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