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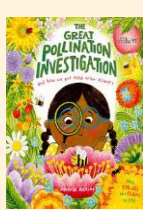
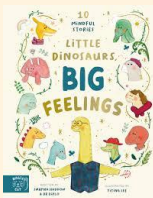
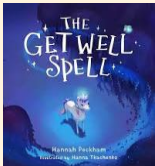
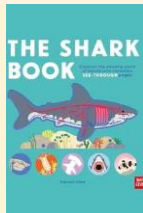
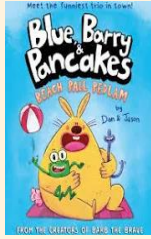
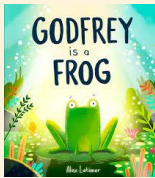
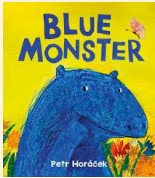
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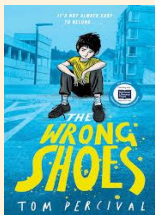
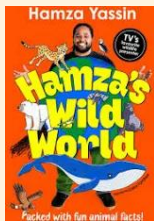
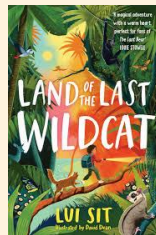
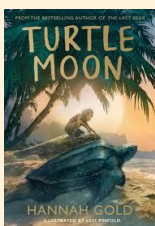
## Great Summer Reads

The world of children's books and authors is a diverse and rich one. There are many brilliant books out there, just waiting to be explored. These are our sensational summer reads!

EYFS and Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2



## Thank you!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every parent, carer, grandparent and friend of Masfield, who has read with your son or daughter this year! Your children's love and passion for reading is wonderful for us to see. Please continue to read with your child over the summer holidays. You will be making a massive difference to their lives and yours!

## New Library Catalogue

Over the course of the Summer Term, we have been working on creating a 'new' library cataloguing system, with the hope of reopening our school library next academic year. We have created a simplified cataloguing system, that will allow both pupils and staff to manage the library more effectively and allow our pupils to engage with our fantastic range of texts.

## Summer Reading Challenges and Events

The Reading Agency: Summer Reading Challenge:

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

[2025 Reading Challenge – The 52 Book Club](#)

[7 tips for keeping children reading through the summer...](#)

[| BookTrust](#)

[The Summer Slide: 15 Tips for Preventing Summer Reading Loss](#)

[Five Fun Summer Reading Tips - Governor's Early Literacy Foundation](#)



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## Summer Reading Tips for Parents

**Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially reading.**

**Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.**

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

**1. Read aloud together with your child every day.**

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

**2. Set a good example!**

Parents must be willing to model behaviour for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

**3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.**

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

**4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.**

It will only discourage the reading habit.

**5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.**

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

**6. Take your children to the library regularly.**

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

**7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to child-friendly magazines.**

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

**8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favourite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.**

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

**9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.**

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

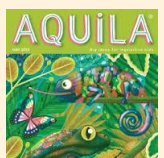
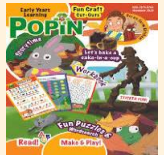
**10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.**

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.



## Marvellous Magazines!

The children's magazine market is blessed with a number of quality publications for children of all ages. If your child is a reluctant reader, or has a taste for something different, why not try a magazine? These are our favourites...



### What is Yellow, by Mary O'Neill

#### What is Yellow?

Yellow is the colour of the sun, the feeling of fun

The yolk of an egg, a duck's bill

A canary bird and a daffodil.

Yellow's sweet corn, ripe oats

Hummingbird's little throats

Summer squash and Chinese silk

The cream on top of Jersey milk

Dandelions and daisy hearts

Custards pies and lemon tarts.

Yellow blinks on summer nights

In the off-and-on of firefly lights.

Yellow's a topaz a candle flame.

Felicity's a yellow name.

Yellow's mimosa, and I guess,

Yellow's the colour of happiness.