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FREE ways to get your children to love reading this summer

What is the summer slide?

The 'summer slide' isn't just about playground fun; it's about children forgetting some of what they learned in school during the six week holidays. Studies show that children can forget about a month's worth of learning over the summer and over the last eight years, research has also indicated fewer children are reading during the holidays. So when school starts again, teachers spend a month or more ensuring everyone has caught up.

But there's good news - you can stop the summer slide by reading! This newsletter will give you lots of ideas of free ways to keep your child reading this summer and avoid that summer slide.

AT HOME

- Create a cosy reading den using whatever you have at home. You could make it more special by reading in the dark with a torch or having hot chocolate or snacks in your den whilst reading.
- Turn the subtitles on when your child watches TV or films.
- Read to your child every day. Try reading different things: magazines, comics, non-fiction, picture books (even if they are older), joke books and newspaper articles.



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OUT AND ABOUT

- Libraries are amazing places to get children reading. Not only are there thousands of books you can borrow for free but during the summer holidays they also run an annual summer reading challenge. Your child can collect stickers each time they read a book and if they complete the challenge (six books), they'll get a medal and certificate.
- How about reading in different places outside?
- Chatting to your child about what you can see on a trip to the park or a day out will really benefit their reading by developing their vocabulary and understanding. Did you know that there are a number of places offering £1 or cheap tickets to families receiving universal credits? [Click here to find out more](#) or scan the QR code.



ONLINE



- Sign up for a free account at [Oxford Owls](#) to access free graded e-books for your child to practise their reading.

- Get involved in the [Blue Peter Book Club](#). When your child reads a book and completes the book review form they will be sent a Blue Peter badge and card giving them free entry into lots of popular attractions including London Zoo, Hampton Court and many more. Click on the picture to the left or scan the QR code to find out more.



- Watch videos of authors reading their books and illustrators teaching you how to draw on the amazing [BookTrust website](#) or scan the QR code.



- Look up your child's favourite authors and illustrators and sign up for newsletter updates, e.g. Hannah Gold <https://www.hannahgold.world/> or Terrie Chilvers <https://terriechilvers.com/>
- Sign up to receive a [free Lego magazine](#) four times a year on the Lego website or scan the QR code.

Come to Learn to Love to Read's FREE Summer Reading Club at St Michael's Church, Southfields, every Wednesday during the summer holidays from 11:00am-12:30pm. For children aged 3-11 years old and their parents and carers. Find out more by clicking here: [Summer Reading Club](#) or scan the QR code.



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Learn to Love to Read is a Wandsworth reading charity which:

- Provides reading volunteers to schools
- Delivers early years classes for children aged 0-4 years and their parents/carers across the borough
- Delivers parent talks and workshops to support parents to help their children with reading

We are always looking for new reading volunteers, so if you fancy a new challenge, get in touch.



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