



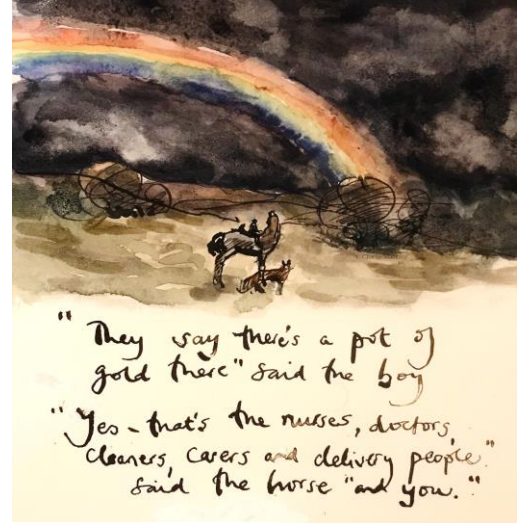

Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter April 2020

'Where Stars Shine Brighter.'
 ...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.



Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,
 I truly hope that you and your family are all keeping safe and well at home and I hope you managed to enjoy the Easter period, the warmer weather in particular. We still really miss you all and are very much looking forward to the time when we can all see each other again.

There are still lots of unknowns and risks – the media have been making presumptions about the re-opening of schools. However, until we get clear instruction from the Government and Department for Education, we carry on as we are and will let you know as soon as possible about any changes. To suggest that the time spent away from school has somehow been wasted is a situation that, as a teacher, I don't recognise and it does our children and their families a disservice. In many ways, these last few weeks have been a utopia of learning; the most amazing learning has been taking place at home! We are so proud that the children have worked their socks off under stressful, worrying and alien circumstances. All of the parents at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery have risen to this challenge in a way that makes me quite emotional and I want to say a huge thank you!



Although we send home weekly Home Learning Packs, there are no expectations about what you do or don't do, these are very unusual and unique times. We do not expect you as parents to teach your children as a replacement teacher and we do not expect your children to want to complete the learning tasks all day, every day.

We are almost at the end of Week 6 (if you include the Easter holidays) and I am sure that you will all agree that these weeks have been mixed with many emotions and this period of uncertainty that we have all found ourselves in, came upon us very quickly. However long this period in our lives may last, we will ALL one day return to Marine Academy Primary - we shall celebrate our community being back together again, we shall greet each other with smiles, handshakes and cuddles and we will celebrate our Year 6's time at primary school, whenever it will be! Please remember we are here if you need us!

Take care, stay safe and continue to be kind.

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

Dear Marine Academy Primary and Nursery children,

School certainly feels like a strange place without the laughter from all of you, your families and the adults who work at school and Watson has been feeling pretty lonely without lots of children to take him for a walk (he has been enjoying having extra naps though!).

The children who are sometimes still attending school are not more special than you. We are looking after them for a while because their parents cannot as they are doing some particularly important jobs right now, which will help to get rid of the germs that have been making some people poorly. Make sure you clap for them each week!

There are lots of good things happening in the world at the moment, amongst the bad things:

- There is less air travel and as a result the environment is getting a bit of a rest, and, who knows, maybe we can work out new and better ways of doing things in the future because we have had to.
- People are talking to each other and offering to help each other more - that is a very good thing, make sure you do that too.
- Did you hear about Captain Tom Moore and how much money he raised for the NHS? He showed a huge amount of bravery. Remember we are on a special journey right now and we all need to be brave too!

I also wanted to tell you that you are all absolute superstars and I cannot believe the amazing learning that you have been doing at home! Not only have you been completing activities from your Home Learning Packs but you have been baking, completing arts and crafts, going for walks in the woods, laying decking, building a playhouse, gardening and much more. The resilience and perseverance that you are showing will help you to be even better role models than you already are.

Your teachers have all been working hard at school and from home and have enjoyed creating videos of them reading stories for you. This helps to make sure that you are still able to have them read to you every day and also shows you just how much they are thinking about you. Some are very proud of themselves as they think they are 'YouTubers' now!

Stay safe, keep smiling and please keep in touch. We miss you all very much and you are all in our thoughts! I look forward to the very day where we meet together again as the wonderful community of Marine Academy Primary.

Please remember: Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things will Happen!

From Mrs Meredith :)

COVID-19 Advice and Support for Parents/Carers

An online hub providing advice and support for parents and carers during the coronavirus outbreak is available from the NSPCC. Content includes: information on keeping children safe from abuse; tips and advice to help parents working from home; and ways to talk to a child who is anxious or worried about coronavirus. Available at: [NSPCC Coronavirus Advice and Support](#)



Decca Bursary

Marine Academy Primary are delighted to announce that they were successful in their application for a Decca Bursary. Decca is the biggest classical record label in the UK, and a brand recognised for excellence. They pride themselves on breaking down the barriers associated with classical music, encouraging accessibility for everyone. The Decca Bursary gives children from the UK the opportunity to experience classical music. It aims to inspire and encourage a new generation of classical musicians and composers. Its mission is to help children afford a classical music education, no matter their financial background. Mr Clennel-White was delighted that we were successful and is already planning the classical instruments that we will be able to purchase with the Bursary!



Resources to Support Mental Health and Wellbeing

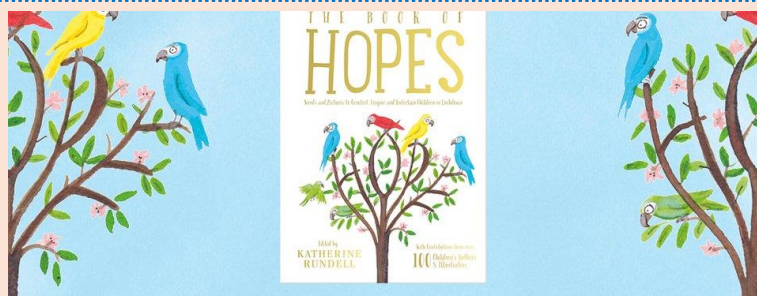
The Anna Freud Centre has published a range of resources to help support the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, school staff and parents. There are three toolkits altogether but one in particular is the most useful to parents. You can find this toolkit by clicking on this link: [Resources for Mental Health and Wellbeing Toolkit 1](#)

Coronavirus - Resources for Mental Health and Wellbeing includes:

- a booklet to support schools
- videos to provide practical guidance and tips to schools, parents and carers about coronavirus (COVID-19) and mental health
- activities to ease anxiety that can be done at school or at home and other helpful advice, helplines and resources for adults and children.



**Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families**



This is a free online book for all children and families. An extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures which has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson.

The collection, published by Bloomsbury, is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.

Click on this link to access it online: [The Book of Hopes](#)

If you need any help or support throughout the school closure then please do email the Primary Team on primary@marineacademy.org.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. The Reception Desk is not always manned and therefore voicemails will not always be picked up as quickly as normal.

If you would like to liaise with a specific member of staff then please write 'FAO:' and their name in the subject of the email.

We're here
to help

Home

Away

Start

End

All Boys



All Girls

01 May 20, 15:33

31 May 20, 15:33

Times Tables Rock Stars

Get your fingers at the ready... there is a battle about to commence! For the month of May, Marine Academy Primary will be in a battle of Boys V Girls! We will be letting you know the leaders of the competition though weekly Facebook posts so keep your eyes peeled and get practising those times tables!

HYPE

Helping Young People
(children and families) Engage

Join Our Being Well Blog.

Barnardos HYPE Service in Bristol and Plymouth supports young people to create change in health services, working particularly closely with mental health services.

Young people have create a blog so that young people can support each other and encourage each other to stay positive

All of the posts are created by young people aged 25 and under who use Barnardos and other support services.

The blog page is edited by young colleagues involved in HYPE

We would be grateful if you could share the blog page widely with young people.

<https://www.facebook.com/Barnardos-HYPE-Blog-112337810440341>

We want other young people to get involved creating blog pages and sharing their ideas, thoughts and feelings. To get involved message us on facebook or email us at hype@barnardos.org.uk

More exciting news! Earlier this month, Miss Codner gave birth to a delightful baby girl called Emma! Both are doing really well. A huge congratulations to Miss Codner and her partner!



We are very excited to share that Mrs Critchlow gave birth to a very adorable baby boy! Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Critchlow! Mrs Critchlow and baby Rupert are doing really well!

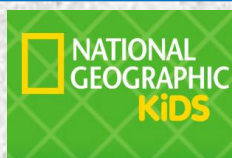
Congratulations

Hungry Little Minds



Simple, fun activities for kids, from newborn to five

Keeping your children entertained during this current situation can be difficult at times. The Government's 'Hungry Little Minds' website offers lots of ideas for Nursery, Pre-School and Reception aged children, to keep them learning through fun simple activities. This link will take you there: [Hungry Little Minds](https://www.hungrylittleminds.gov.uk/)



Did you know that National Geographic is an online magazine for Primary aged children? It is packed full of activities for children as well as videos, facts, competitions and games relating to Science, Geography and the natural world.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/home-is-good/>



Do you know anyone with a child who will be 3 years old by 1st September 2020 that would like to come and join our family at Marine Academy Primary! The closing date for Pre-School admissions are 1st June to start in September. Please ask them to complete the application form online (<https://marineacademy.org.uk/nursery/apply-place>) or email primary@marineacademy.org.uk for further information. If your child already attends our Nursery - you need not apply as you will automatically receive a place.

Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, we are committed to help you to access this provision. A Free School Meal is a statutory benefit available to school children of families who receive other qualifying benefits. If your situation has changed recently and to see if your child is eligible to receive free school meals please click on this link: [Plymouth City Council Free School Meals](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals). During the closure of our school we have made provision to ensure those in our school community who are eligible to receive free school meals continue to do so and have accessed the Government's FSM Voucher Scheme. These vouchers are allocated per family, based upon the number of children in the family who are of school age, and do not include Universal Infant Free School Meals, which all Reception, Year 1 and 2 families are eligible for. We are providing these vouchers for a number of reasons, in addition to all children who are eligible to Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals), we have also provided vouchers to children who have had recent Social Care involvement, those who were previously eligible for Free School Meals, families who receive food hampers and have had a Foodbank voucher. If you need additional support as your circumstances have recently changed then please contact us and we will try our best to help you in any way that we can!

Critical Workers

If you are a critical worker then please do confirm the provision needed by 10:00am each Thursday (if you have not already confirmed a regular weekly booking). You can do so by emailing: primary@marineacademy.org.uk

This provision is strictly for critical workers who have no other adult at home to look after children and who are immediately required in the response to this virus.

If we have not already confirmed that you are a critical worker then when emailing, please attach a photo of your work ID page. We will endeavour to provide spaces for all children but please do understand that we need to ensure numbers are not too high to enable social distancing. If the number of requests exceeds our limit, we will have to prioritise the children and families who are offered the places, with certain job roles taking priority.

We would also like to reiterate our huge thank you to all of our parents who are critical workers that are doing the jobs that they do to help our country fight against this international pandemic.

THANK YOU!



PROTECT THE **NHS**

save lives

Thank you



KEY WORKERS

Pre-School Learning – Happily Ever After

This month, the Pre-School children have been learning all about different fairy tales. At home the children have been making the Three Little Pigs' houses out of different materials, decorating Little Red Hen paper plates and finding different sized teddies in their house and objects to match, for example, a baby bear and a small bowl or a daddy bear and a large bowl.

Pre-School staff have loved seeing what the children have been learning at home – thank you for sharing their achievements, please do keep us updated. We hope you are enjoying the fairy tales and DEAR books read by the staff on YouTube too. We will continue to send out more fairy tale activities and books for your children to watch and listen to.



Year 4 Learning – The Vikings

First of all, Mr Wilson and Miss Gammage would like to thank all of Year 4 for the efforts that the children are putting in, to carry on with their learning, whether that be with the packs or extra learning that you have found. Year 4 have started their new topic of Vikings. They have begun to learn about the different Gods and how many Gods the Vikings actually believed in. In Maths, Year 4 will be looking at decimals and in particular they will be finding out what happens when you divide a number by 10 or 100. It would be great if we could see loads more of your amazing learning! We hope everyone is staying safe and we miss you all.



Year 6 Learning – Twentieth Century Conflict

Well done Year 6 for all of your brilliant learning so far. I hope you have enjoyed watching the videos of 'Oranges in No Man's Land' as much as I (Miss Brunning) enjoyed recording them for you! I can see on the views that lots of you have been using these to help support your learning and these will continue throughout the term! You have been able to use the protractors sent home to you to help your learning around angles and in English you have been looking at how humans impact the Earth. This seems more relevant now more than ever! Please do keep sending in your lovely pictures as I love to see what you have been getting up to at home.



Reception Learning – Splendid Safari

Although not in school, Miss Rowe and Mr Ferry have been very impressed with the super home learning taking place! They have loved receiving pictures and hearing about all the wonderful activities that the Reception children have completed. Reception's topic this term is 'Splendid Safari' where we hope the children have enjoyed listening to a story linked to this theme every week. The children have begun to identify the differences between where we live and an amazing country called Ghana! The children have even created their own Ghanaian flag using different materials. At home, the children have also been very active, creating repeating patterns using different movements, as well as using their toys at home to create a pattern. Reading and listening to stories is still a very important part of learning, so all the staff hope the children are enjoying listening to stories that are read by their teachers online! Reception are even continuing to practise their own reading using their Phonics knowledge, by accessing our new Bug Club subscription! The Reception team are looking forward to their return to school, whenever that may be, where the children can impress their teachers with all the amazing learning that has been done at home!

Year 5 Learning – Middle East

Year 5 have been completing lots of excellent learning at home and it has been wonderful to see many examples of this. Mr

Druce and Miss McNicholas are endeavouring to provide engaging learning experiences across the curriculum that the children would have covered in school. In English, they have developed their understanding of figurative language and empathised with characters through a Faraway Fiction book called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. Year 5 have enhanced their understanding of decimals by ordering and comparing them, rounding them to various degrees of accuracy and linking them to their fraction and percentage equivalences. The children have started their History learning about the Middle East and have enjoyed a range of learning in other curriculum areas, including Andy

Goldsworthy style Art using natural resources and PE via Fitter Future and Joe Wicks' workouts. The Year 5 team are missing the children and hope to see you all in the near future.





Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. If you have any questions or queries then please do contact a member of the Primary Admin Team or email primary@marineacademy.org.uk to arrange a time to virtually meet with Mr Ferry our Computing and Online Safety Leader. He will always be more than happy to help you out!

Netflix has seen subscriber numbers surge this year, as lockdowns around the world keep people at home where they want to be entertained. Almost 16 million people created accounts in the first three months of this year, which is almost double the new sign-ups it saw in the final months of 2019. There are ways to ensure that your profiles are secure for your children to use below.

TOP TIPS

If you want to restrict access to a specific profile on your account, you can protect it with a Profile Lock PIN.

To add a PIN to a profile you need to:

1. From a web browser, go to your Account page.
2. Open the Profile & Parental Controls settings for the profile you want to lock.
3. Change the Profile Lock setting.
4. Enter your Netflix account password.
5. Check the box to Require a PIN to access the selected profile.
 - a. To remove the PIN requirement, uncheck the box.
6. Enter four numbers to create your Profile Lock PIN. Unless you're using an unsupported device, you will enter this PIN to enter the profile or play titles downloaded from it.
7. If you want to require a PIN any time a new profile is added to your account, select Require PIN to add new profiles.
8. Select Submit.

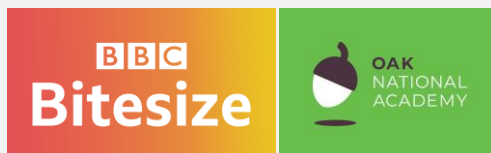
NETFLIX



Nintendo Switch Hack – Nintendo have confirmed a data breach, which means that over 160, 000 accounts have had their details stolen, some of these accounts have already been used to make illegal purchases.

Nintendo have stated they will contact affected users and their advice is to do the following:

1. Log in to your Switch account and change the password, remember to use a good, strong password.
2. Enable 2-factor authentication. This means if somebody tries to use your login details, you will get a code sent to your phone, so you know that somebody is trying to log in.
3. Go to the HaveIBeenPwned website (<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>) and put in your username/email address to see if any accounts have been hacked.



To support Parents/Carers at home during this challenging time there are two really good websites that provide a wealth of learning opportunities for children from Early Years through into Primary and Secondary education.

Please see the links below:

1. BBC Bite Size offers a wide range of interactive game and videos that cover the whole curriculum.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
2. Oak National Academy offers videos, led by real teachers, that aim to teach children subject and topic specific learning. This would be a great place to start in teaching your children and then use BBC Bitesize as a complementary resource to further support your child's knowledge and understanding of the subject. Oak National Academy Spanish and History lessons are brilliant and are in line with what we study.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

These online resources will complement the learning packs you are already receiving from Marine Academy Primary.

Nursery Learning

The Marine Academy Nursery team have really enjoyed sharing videos of themselves reading stories for the Nursery children to listen to each week! It has been fantastic to see the number of children who have watched them. The Nursery team have also been excited to see the fabulous activities that the children have been taking part in when they are not at Nursery. Well done superstars! We can't wait to see you soon!



Questions to ask your child in self-isolation

YOUNGMINDS

What could help you to complete your school work at home? Where would you like to work at home?

Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

How can you keep in touch with friends and family at the moment? e.g. Facetime, Whatsapp

What things would you like to do in the future?

What difficulties are you facing now?

What can I do to help?

Where is a place you feel safe?

Would it be helpful if we planned each day together?

Do you have any worries about the coronavirus?

Where in our home do you feel like you can have your own space?

What have you enjoyed about today?

What are you worried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

Can you think of anything fun that we can do at home?

How do you feel about things changing?

How do you feel about staying at home?

38 Things

We have absolutely enjoyed seeing the children continuing to accomplish more of their '38 Things' this month. It has been amazing to see the children developing such character and resilience through the things they are doing. Keep sending the photos in as it makes us really proud to see them. We look forward to having a good look through the books and signing them off when the children return.





VE Day Celebrations Friday 8th May 2020

Victory in Europe Day commemorates the Allies accepting the surrender of Nazi Germany in the Second World War. At the time, the long anticipated news resulted in celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment. Unfortunately, public celebrations have been cancelled this year because of the Coronavirus outbreak but there is nothing to stop us from celebrating at home Marine Academy Primary style!

We would love it if children could mark the occasion by:

- dressing from head to toe in red, white and blue
- decorating and displaying the bunting included in your Home Learning Pack in any way you choose
- holding a 'very British tea party' (we have included some special wartime recipes that you may like to try in your Home Learning Packs too)

In order to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today; we are also encouraging you to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on Friday 8th May, from the safety of your own home by standing up and raising a glass of refreshment of your choice and undertake the following 'Toast'

"To those who gave so much, we thank you."

Please send all photographs of your celebrations, along with videos of your 'Nation's Toast' into primary@marineacademy.org.uk will be awarding prizes for the 'most British' celebration!

The total books and words read by all children on Accelerated Reader currently stands at...
8,089 books and 29,032,336 words!

We Are Readers



We were chuffed to have Accelerated Reader UK dedicate a post to us on their Facebook page and share some of the photos of children receiving their Reader certificates at home! Well done everyone! Keep the photos coming, we love seeing them!

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We're in awe of schools like Marine Academy who are posting their AR certificates out to their students! The dedication of teachers and librarians during these crazy times continues to blow us away. ❤️



WOW! It has been great to see and hear all about how much reading children are doing at home! I am really missing being able to talk to children about what they are reading so thank you to all of you who have been sharing your reading at home with us through emails and pictures. There have been hundreds of raffle tickets going in the box each week which is amazing! Thank you also to those of you who sent in a book review (please find these on the next page) - I will definitely be trying some of the recommendations and I hope you do too!

Keep safe and keep on reading!

From Miss Mitchell



SHOUT OUTS!

A big shout out to these children who have all been reading so much that they have now passed over 100 quizzes this year! Amazing!

Jacob
Year 4



Ralphy
Year 2



Logan J
Year 3



Aashna
Year 3



A massive well done to **Aidan W** in Year 4 who has read several challenging books this month that are level 6s and this has resulted in him reading 374,451 words! Fantastic!

READERS HALL OF FAME

These are children who have been reading and quizzing lots this month and have achieved an average score that's above 90%, well done them!

- Year 1 - **Derin** has passed 24 quizzes with an average score of **99.2%**
- 2AG - **Poppy** has passed 26 quizzes with an average score of **99.2%**
- 2AJ - **Harrison** has passed 14 quizzes with an average score of **99.3%**
- 3JN - **Harlan** has passed 11 quizzes with an average score of **98.2%**
- 3LI - **Lola-May** has passed 17 quizzes with an average score of **97.6%**
- 4AW - **Bethany** has passed 10 quizzes with an average score of **96%**
- 4LG - **Aimee** has passed 17 quizzes with an average score of **98.8%**
- 5AD - **Isaac** has passed 14 quizzes with an average score of **97.9%**
- 5DM - **Lily-Mae** has passed 16 quizzes with an average score of **92.5%**
- 6IC - **Ada** has passed 14 quizzes with an average score of **99.3%**
- 6PB - **Alyssa** has passed 8 quizzes with an average score of **95%**

Top Ten Number of Words Read So Far:

- Ada (6IC)** 2,226,246
- Harry (5DM)** 1,346,648
- Jay (4LG)** 1,203,411
- Ryan (4LG)** 830,287
- Daisy G. (5DM)** 711,594
- Jacob (4AW)** 645,034
- Ava (5AD)** 619,621
- Gabriel (5DM)** 605,490
- Toby (5DM)** 532,984
- Santiago (6IC)** 515,890

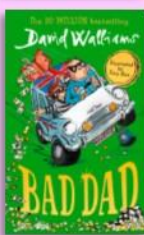
I recommend...



No lie, pigs (and their houses) can fly! By Jessica Gunderson

"I really enjoyed this book because it innovated the story three little pigs and I liked the way the author perceived the wolf as a good guy!"

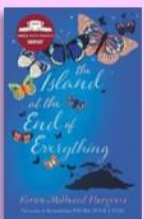
- Ayda-Rose, Year 4



Bad Dad by David Walliams

"I would really recommend 'Bad dad' by David Walliams. It tells the story of a lad called Frank, whose dad, Gilbert, robs a bank who brings humour and lots of laughter during the time that police try to capture him. I have read several of David Walliams' books and this book I would give 5 stars."

- Harry C, Year 3



The Island at the end of everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

"I give this book 5 stars. I love this book because it has lots of characters and great grammar and punctuation. I recommend this book to everyone, it's a good adventure book. The author has lots of imagination."

- Isla, Year 4



Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

"This book is about a special dog called Dog Man. Dog Man is a superhero dog that tries to help people but always fails. I like this book because he always defeats Petey. Petey gets annoyed at Dog Man because of this. I really enjoy reading the Dog Man books and I would give this book 5 stars."

- Harlan, Year 3



Amelia Jane is Naughty Again by Enid Blyton

"I like this book because it has good vocabulary and the illustrations are fun to look at. The book would appeal to most children."

- Isabella, Year 5



The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

"This book is really interesting because there's lots of different adventures that happen in the story. I really like how there are lots of different characters too."

- Honey, Year 5



Tom Gates Excellent Excuses by Liz Pichon

"This book is really funny, which makes it an interesting read. I also can relate to the book which makes it even more engaging."

- Summer, Year 6



Mr Stink by David Walliams

"I like this book because the story line show kindness and the characters have lots of different personalities."

- Abigail, Year 5



The Famous Five by Enid Blyton

"The book is full of adventures. I particularly liked the adventure in the caravan. There is really good language and description used too."

- Harry, Year 5



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Borrow eBooks & audiobooks



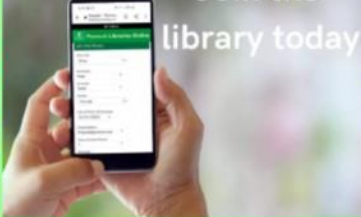
Meet Libby.

The app for eBooks and audiobooks

We would love for children to be able to change their reading books in school but as that is not currently possible, we have tried to provide you with as many different reading resources at home as we can - please see the list of websites that was sent home at the start of the School Closures.

One great way to read at home is using the eBooks and eAudiobooks provided by Plymouth Libraries. You can access them by visiting <https://plymouthuk.overdrive.com/library/kids> or through the 'Libby' app which you can access either through a web browser using this link www.libbyapp.com or by downloading the 'Libby' app for free to a tablet or smartphone.

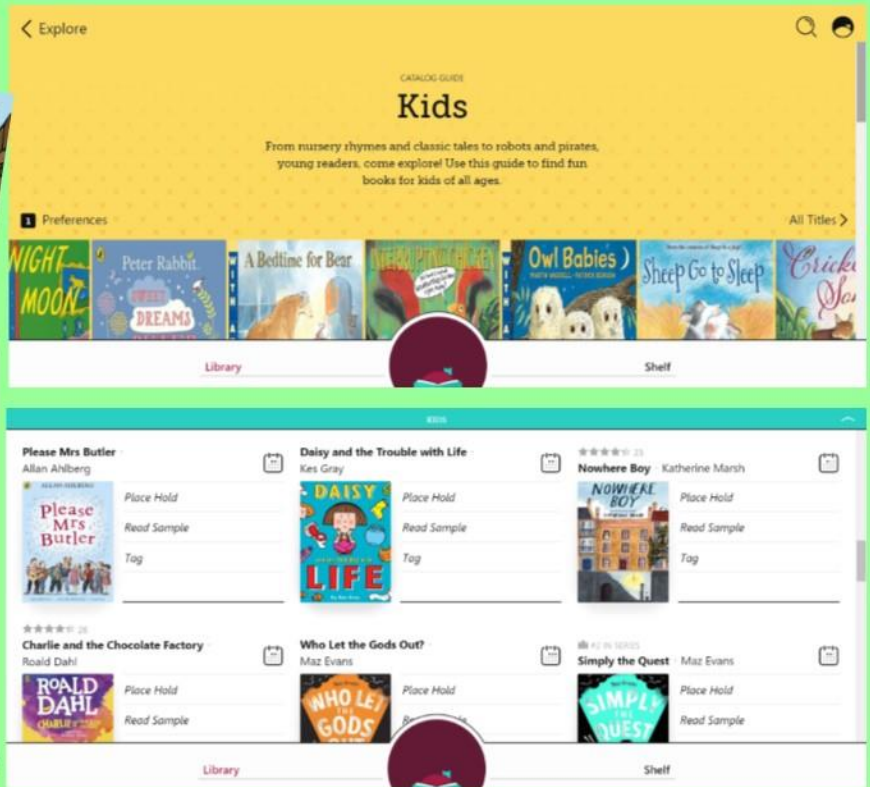
If you already have a library card, all you need to do is to sign in using your library card number and pin. If you don't know your pin, please email library@plymouth.gov.uk.



If you don't have a library card, you can sign up online here <https://library.plymouth.gov.uk/web/arena/self-registration>.

Once signed up and logged in, you can borrow up to eight titles at a time for a maximum of three weeks; titles can be borrowed again if nobody else is waiting for them.

To ensure your child is searching for suitable books, you can set your preferences by clicking on 'Preferences', then 'Audience' and select 'Juvenile'.



CAMHS Outreach Team

Is your child or the child you are caring for experiencing anxiety, worry or stress?

Are they experiencing psychological or emotional distress?

Do you need to talk to someone who can offer support and advice?

This service is open to Children, Young People, Parents, Carers and Professionals

The Urgent Mental Health Support Telephone line is open now 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 01752 435122 for advice and support.

information

CORONAVIRUS

If your children are worried or you would like to find ways to explain what is happening in the world at the moment to them then here are some super links that you can click on!

- [BBC Newsround hub](#) – regularly updated with information and advice
- [#covibook](#)
- [Children's guide to coronavirus](#) – a download from the Children's Commissioner to help explain the situation to children

Bug Club for Reception and Year 1

Please remember to complete the quiz by pressing the two bug faces in each book and pressing 'done' for your child to show as having read.



Before and during reading

- 1 Say the sounds
h b f f f
l l l s s s
- 2 Blend the sounds
Say the sounds, then the word
h-o-p-s, hops
f-i-ll, fill
m-e-ss, mess
- 3 Read the tricky words
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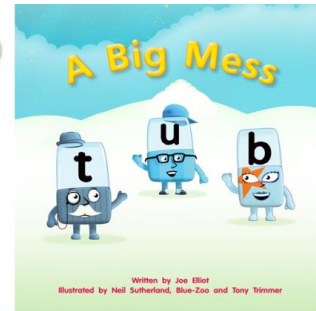
Read out the tricky list at the end of the book to see if you can read them!

Meet the Alphablocks
Say the Alphablocks. We each have our own sound. When we get together, we can make words. Listen to the sounds and see how they help to make the words.

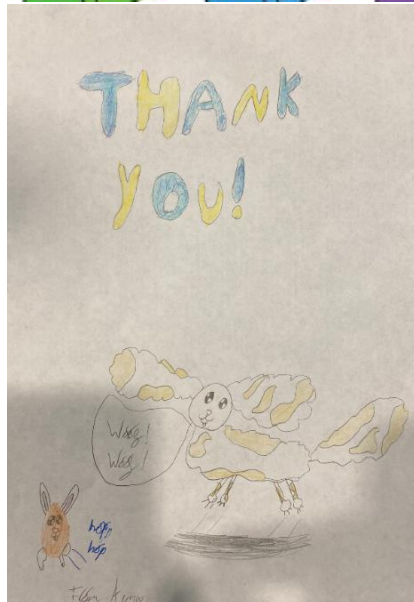
Talk together
Ask the children to read the word and then the sentence. Who found it most difficult? Who found it easiest? Who found it most interesting? Who found it most fun?

Vocabulary check
Go page 3, check that the children can read the word 'mess' and then 'hops'.

While you read
1 Listen to the children reading the book. Ask them to stop the words and read them out again. Read with them if they are struggling.
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Well done to all of our Reception and Year One children who are keeping up with their reading at home using our new online version of our school reading books! A big 'SHOUT OUT' to Layla, Derin, Joseph, Katie, Mollie, Oscar S and Sophia P who have read the most times in Year One so far and Ella and Hollie from Reception who have read the most times in Reception!



The Marine Academy Primary and Nursery teams are hugely appreciative of all of your kind words and support throughout this school closure period. Thank you very much!



The lovely letters and pictures have put smiles on everyone's faces!