

English challenge

Hi all,

Here are some activities below which would act as useful preparation for September and could be completed over the summer. Any completed activities should be brought to school in the first week and handed to your English teacher. The work is not compulsory but there will be prizes for the best pieces and some of the work will be displayed in school in recognition of outstanding achievement.

We also encourage and highly recommend reading as widely as possible to maximise potential and progress at Key Stage Three. Attached is a reading list of recommended fiction and a list of the key vocabulary you can start learning before starting in September.

Summer Holiday Activities

- Read some good quality fiction (reading list attached).
- Revise Key Stage Two spellings (list attached).
- Write a letter introducing yourself to your new English teacher.
- Write out a list of the books you have read over the past year and review your favourite.
- Design a new cover (either front, or front and back) for your favourite book.
- Write a story about an interesting event that took place during the summer holiday.

Reading lists

Fantasy

Joan Aiken- Midnight is a Place

David Almond- Skellig, Heaven Eyes

Eion Colfer- Artemis Fowl series, The Supernaturalist, Half Moon Investigations

Chris D'Lacey- Icefire, Shrinking Ralph Perfect, The Salt Pirates of Skegness

Helen Dunmore- Ingo

Cornelia Funke- Inkheart, Inkspell, The Thief Lord

Alan Garner- The Owl Service, Elidor

Alan Gibbons- Warriors of the Raven

Elizabeth Goudge- Little White Horse

Anthony Horowitz- The Power of Five series

Erin Hunter- Warrior Cats series

Brian Jaques- Redwall

Diane Wynne Jones- Eight Days of Luke, The Chrestomanci Series

Elizabeth Kay- The Divide, Back to the Divide etc

Stephen Moore- Tooth and Claw

William Nicholson- The Wind on Fire Trilogy, The Noble Warriors Trilogy

Jenny Nimmo- Charlie Bone series

Ian Ogilvy- Measle and the Mallockee

Christopher Paolini- Eragon, Eldest

Michele Paver- Wolf Brother, Spirit Walker, Soul Eater

Terry Pratchett- Johnny and the Bomb, Diggers, The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents

Philip Pullman- His Dark Materials Series

Philip Reeve- Mortal Engines

Philip Ridley- Mighty Fizz Chilla

Adventure

Jon Blake- The Last Free Cat

Frank Cottrell Boyce- Millions, Framed, Cosmic

Melvin Burgess- An Angel for May

Joe Craig- Jimmy Coates series

Jamila Gavin- The Blood Stone, Surya Trilogy

Carl Hiaasen- Hoot

Charlie Higson- The Young Bond books

Sophie Mckenzie- Girl Missing

Willard Price- Volcano Adventure etc

Chris Ryan- Alpha Force series

Ruth Thomas- The Runaways

Mark Walden- H.I.V.E series

Jeanette Winterson- Tanglewreck

WW2

Nina Bawden- Carrie's War
John Boyne- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
The Diary of Anne Frank
Anne Holm- I am David
Robert Leeson- Tom's War
Michele Magorian- Goodnight Mr Tom
Linda Newberry- Blitz Boys
Christne Nostlinger- Fly Away Home
Jill Paton Walsh- Dolphin Crossing
Robert Westall- Blitzcat

Classics

Frances Hodgson Burnett- The Secret Garden, The Little Princess, Little Lord Fauntleroy
Arthur Conan Doyle- The Lost World
Alexandre Dumas- The Three Musketeers
W. E. Johns- Biggles
C. S. Lewis- Narnia
L. M. Montgomery- Anne of Green Gables
E. Nesbit- The Railway Children
Mary Norton- The Borrowers
Arthur Ransome- Swallows and Amazons
Anna Sewell- Black Beauty
R. L. Stevenson- Treasure Island
Mark Twain- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jules Verne- Around the World in 80 Days

Modern Classics

Richard Adams- Watership Down
Joan Aiken- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Lynne Read Banks- The Indian in the Cupboard
Gillian Cross- The Demon Headmaster series, The Great Elephant Chase

Penelope Farmer- Charlotte Sometime

Norman Juster- The Phantom Tollbooth

Jack London- White Fang, Call of the Wild

Jenny Nimmo- The Snow Spider Trilogy

Phillipa Pearce- Tom's Midnight Garden

Sylvia Voight- The Homecoming

Laura Ingalls- Wilder Little House on the Prairie

Henry Williamson- Tarka The Otter

Popular authors

Geraldine McCaughrean- Stop the Train, The Stones are Hatching, A Little Lower than Angels, Peter Pan in Scarlet

Michael Morpurgo books for older readers- Out of the Ashes, Private Peaceful, Alone on the Wide Sea, Adolphus Tips, Why the Whales Came

Jacqueline Wilson- The Illustrated Mum, Vicky Angel, My Sister Jodie

Thought provoking books

Malorie Blackman- Pig Heart Boy, Tell Me No Lies

Zizou Corder- Lionboy

Peter Dickinson- The Kin

Anita Desai- Village by the Sea

Deborah Ellis- The Breadwinner series

Adeline Yen Mah- The Chinese Cinderella

Humour

Dinah Capparucci- Aliens Don't Eat Dog Food

Susan Gates- Killer Mushrooms Ate My Gran

Pete Johnson- Trust Me I'm a Trouble maker

Diana Wynne Jones- Charmed Life

Phillip Reeve- Night of the Living Dead, Night of the Living Veg

Alan Temperley- Harry and the Wrinklies

Spelling list

accommodate	criticise (critic + ise)	immediate(ly)	relevant
accompany	curiosity	individual	restaurant
according	definite	interfere	rhyme
achieve	desperate	interrupt	rhythm
aggressive	determined	language	sacrifice
amateur	develop	leisure	secretary
ancient	dictionary	lightning	shoulder
apparent	disastrous	marvellous	signature
appreciate	embarrass	mischievous	sincere(ly)
attached	environment	muscle	soldier
available	equip (-ped, -ment)	necessary	stomach
average	especially	neighbour	sufficient
awkward	exaggerate	nuisance	suggest
bargain	excellent	occupy	symbol
bruise	existence	occur	system
category	explanation	opportunity	temperature
cemetery	familiar	parliament	thorough
committee	foreign	persuade	twelfth
communicate	forty	physical	variety
community	frequently	prejudice	vegetable
competition	government	privilege	vehicle
conscience*	guarantee	profession	yacht
conscious*	harass	programme	
controversy	hindrance	pronunciation	
convenience	identity	queue	
correspond		recognise	
		recommend	