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‘Tis the season to get reading



Just as the author of the epic ‘Game of Thrones’ series says: winter is coming. The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in and the bookshelf is calling; this is the perfect time of year to start a new novel and immerse yourself in another world whilst escaping the driving rain and freezing winds of the northeast. Our tips for a right royal read-a-long? Hot chocolate, the plumpest

cushion in the house and a pair of fluffy slippers – turn down the lights and float away to a land of amazing ideas.

What’s new with reading?

Feel like it’s time to try something new? Read on for some inventive ways to keep the kids gobbling up those words this month...



Embrace the seasons

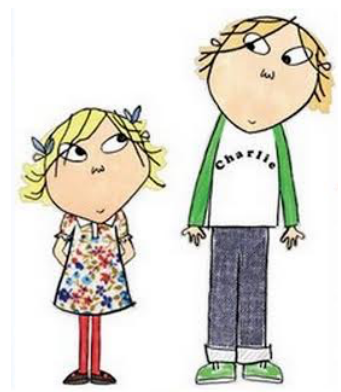
Reading a spooky Halloween book? Get out the torch and snuggle up under a blanket fort for that extra special eerie vibe. Tackling a Christmas-themed novel? Brave the snow for a reading session amidst the snowflakes!

Start a family wordsearch

Choose 2 or 3 common words and challenge every member of the family to find them in everyday reading. For example – the word ‘sugar’ can be found on in books, recipes, cereal boxes...the one who finds the most examples, wins!

Keep book characters “alive”

As your family faces different situations, ask how the characters in their favourite books might react. Dropped the phone down the loo? What would Batman do in that situation? How would Harry Potter handle forgetting his homework?





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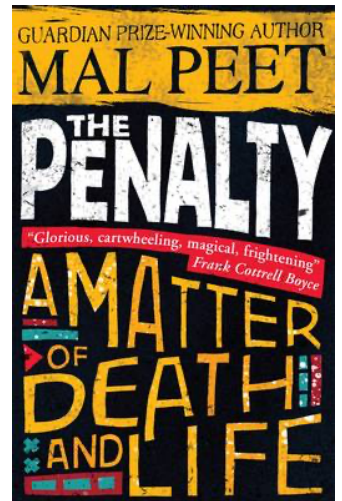
Recommended Reads

The Enemy by Charlie Higson - With a generous helping of gory violence, this is not a book for the faint-hearted youngster but may be just what 11-13 year-old zombie fans have been waiting for.

The Ant Colony by Jenny Valentine - Funny, shocking and gripping, this thought-provoking novel addresses many societal issues.

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he Penalty by Mal Peet - A gripping thriller, aimed to engage a teenage male audience, this novel addresses both historical and cultural issues



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