

BEDLINGTON ACADEMY

READING NEWSLETTER

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WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN I MAKE?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in academic tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too early to start reading together. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

With that in mind, we would encourage all students to sign up to their local library. When you have your library membership number, you can sign in to the BorrowBox app and download up to 5 books absolutely free! Please contact the school for more information.

STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

"I really enjoyed reading 'The Boy in the Dress' recently. I gave it four stars in my library review!"

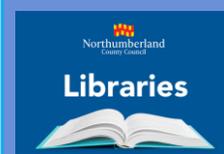
Year 8 student.

This novel is available on Borrow Box for free. There are many more David Walliams books and audiobooks on this website, all absolutely free.

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Many more FREE books are available on [borrowbox.com](#) – just sign up to Northumberland Country library to access it. You can also download many more audiobooks on [audible.com](#).

It's easy to sign up; just follow the link we've sent you by text message to give permission to your child to sign up in school. We'll do the rest for you!



3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the fox on the front cover? Why do you think he's so sad?'



Opportunities to read in school: Reading Club.

Miss Corner is running a reading club after school on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Students are invited to join the club – by invitation only – and are given a free book to read and discuss. Their current novel is *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. The students even have plans for future trips. The club are encouraged to discuss their chosen novel over biscuits and juice!



“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, and the one who doesn’t read, lives just one.”

George R. R. Martin

Famously wrote the series ‘A Song of Ice and Fire’ which forms the basis of the television series ‘Game of Thrones’.

Top Tip for reading at home: Try to ask your child to predict what might happen next using the clues from the text. Write down the prediction and read on to see if you are correct! If you were wrong, question your child to see if they can find the clues that lead to the correct outcome within the text. Be a text detective.

Spotlight on Music:

Students will be studying Solo Performance in Year 7 next half term. To support their learning in this subject, we would encourage students to read:

‘*Piano Time*’ by Pauline Hall (They will learn to read treble clef and rhythmic notation.)

Students who are studying A Level Music would also benefit from reading ‘*Heinemann Advanced Music*’ By Pam Hurry and Mark Phillips.

Did you know?

Children who read regularly:

- Providing children with a stream of age-appropriate books can triple interest in childhood reading.
- Children who read regularly have better language skills, larger vocabularies and higher cognitive skills than non-readers.

