

BEDLINGTON ACADEMY

READING NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

"I would recommend 'The Company of Eight' by Harriet Whitehorn. It is about a girl call Cass whose dream is to be part of the circus.

Year 7 student.

If you or your child enjoy the 'Violet' series, by Harriet Whitehorn, they may also enjoy 'The Company of Eight'.

READING AND EVERY DAY LIFE

Reading is more than just a favourite activity for bookworms. In fact, most of us are actually reading every single day. We read signs, social media, emails and letters in order to understand the world around us.

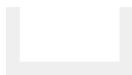
Having many forms of text also means that there are many reasons to read. Written language originated to expand communication. Think of all the written messages you receive on any given day.

We read for meaning or information most of the time. But what if we read to encourage imagination and further our interests? A secondary advantage to reading is that it improves our comprehension. The more we read, the more we comprehend.

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.

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!

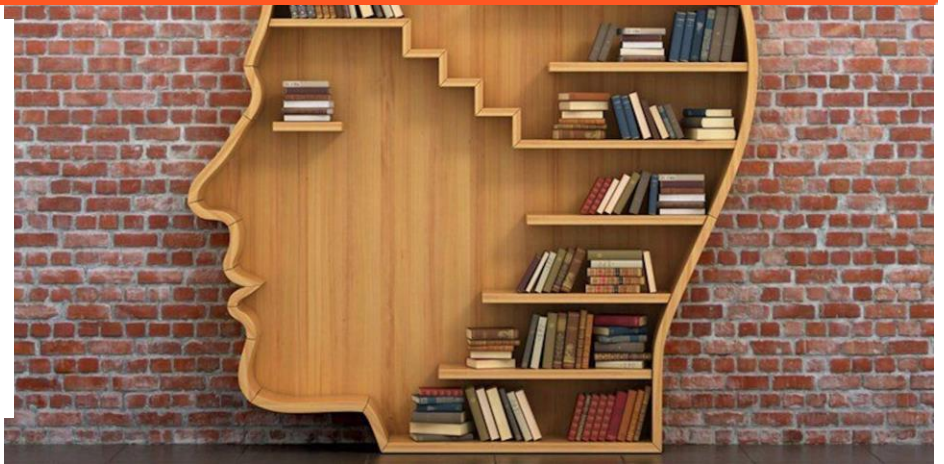


2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

Top Tip for reading at home: Try to build reading into your child's routine. Find out which part of the day they are most comfortable reading and encourage them to read to you or read together. Try to ask questions about the text your child is reading to ensure they understand what they've read.



"We read to know we're not alone."

William Nicholson

(BAFTA winning British playwright)

Opportunities to read in school:

Every student has access to a book.

Most classrooms within school are running a 'Classroom Library' where students may sign out any book they might enjoy.

See your teacher to find out more!

Spotlight on Geography:

Students will be studying Weather and Climate Change in KS3 next half term. To support their learning in this subject, we would encourage students to read:

'How we know what we know about our changing climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming' by Lynne Cherry



'The Right to be Cold: One Woman's Fight to Protect the Arctic and save the Planet from Climate Change' by Sheila Watt-Cloutier



Did you know?

Children who read regularly:

- Reading reduces stress by 68%.
- It doesn't take much to read a lot of words. If you read for 20 minutes a day, you'd read 1,800,000 words a year.
- Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are in the top 2% of reading achievement.

