



# READING

## Newsletter

## The Great Reading Revival

Reading has been one of our country's favourite past-times for hundreds of years and 2022 is no different: the release of a new book from a world-famous author often makes front-page news and has everyone talking, and book-to-film adaptations are bigger than ever. So what does that mean for us? It means that more books with fantastic stories and amazing characters are making their way onto bookshelves, ready to change the lives of anyone who reads them. Where will your next book take you?

### How to engage young people with reading

Parents and carers are always asking: how do I get my child to read more? Here are our top tips on getting your young person reading every day:

#### Create a lovely atmosphere

Make a comfy corner in your home where snuggling up with a good book can happen—a nice cushion and a cuppa does wonders.

#### What about their phones?

Phones aren't the enemy: apps like Kindle and BorrowBox make reading books super simple, portable and often free

#### Asking questions

Do you know what book your child is reading? If not, ask! What is their favourite character called? Where is it set? What is the most exciting thing to happen in the book so far? All these questions can help build excitement around reading and give your child a great opportunity to talk to you about it.

### 'Recommended Reads'

#### For young people

David Walliams - Space Boy

Cressida Cowell - Which way to anywhere

Christopher Edge - Escape Room

James Patterson - The Elephant Girl

#### For grown ups

Richard Osman - The bullet that missed

Stephen King - Fairytale

Maggie O'Farrell - The marriage portrait

Margaret Atwood - Burning Questions

### Where can you go for more information?

- Check out [bedlingtonacademy.co.uk](https://www.bedlingtonacademy.co.uk) for more information on the reading we do in school
- Google '**Northumberland Libraries**' and sign up for free – this also gives you access to BorrowBox with thousands of great books to borrow for free
- **YouTube** some free audio-books including Roald Dahl and Sherlock Holmes and listen together