



The Mall School

## **A Guide to Reading at Home with your Son**

Reading daily is an ideal routine for your son and the whole family. We suggest that you encourage your son to read at one set time during the day and then as much as he likes at other times. Your son should read for at least 20 minutes every day but up to an hour if possible. All boys can read to and with their parents and we recommend that you try to read to your son at least once a day and at bedtime, if possible. Try reading a classic together, there are lots of free ones to download on Amazon or choose your childhood favourite from the book shelf.

Family book club is a great way of sharing your enjoyment of books. Choose a book you will all enjoy and listen or read it together in a group; take it in turns to read. Stop after each chapter or ten pages and discuss the themes, characters, plot and setting. You can record a family review of the book when you have finished and share with other families on video calls.

Below are some suggested sites you can access for free books and reading resources:

### **Amazon**

Amazon offer a top 100 'free books' you can download onto a kindle or kindle app (free):

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Best-Sellers-Kindle-Store-Childrens-eBooks/zgbs/digital-text/362219031>

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Kindle-Popular-Classics/b?ie=UTF8&node=434020031>

### **Audio books**

Listen to audio books for children for free here:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

David Walliams's books can be listened to for free here:

<https://soundcloud.com/harpercollinspublishers/the-worlds-worst-children-by/s-dgoZWNYMFFq>

### **Accelerated Reader**

Keep up with completing a quiz after reading every book, use the link below and log in just like you would at school.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes at home <https://Ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/2260802>

## **Storybooks and games**

Storybooks and games can be found here for younger children as well as top tips on how to read best with your child:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

## **Epic**

The app and website Epic offers a wide range of reading books from Reception to Year 6. Many of the books are linked to AR so boys can select according to their reading levels. It is chargeable but currently has a free 30 day trial:

<https://www.getepic.com/>

## **Oxford Owl**

This has books for the younger boys to read online which are linked to the bookbanding used in Reception and Year 1:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>

## **Resources linked to World Book Day:**

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/primary/>