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A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

A GUIDE TO SUPPORT READING AT HOME

Here at St Christopher's we believe that reading, writing and language development is the key to unlocking the wonders of the knowledge-rich curriculum we offer. Learning to become a skilled reader is critical part of education, but we also want all our pupils to develop a love of reading.

Here are a few strategies you may find useful in helping us to foster a love of reading in every pupil.



Concentrate on reading quality

- Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' reading each day, just be on the lookout for reading, whatever it is!
- TIP: comics, recipes or even a set of instructions.



Ask lots of questions

- All reading matters, so think of reading as 'reading with' not just 'reading to'.
- TIP: Ask Who? What? When? Where? Why? About the text.



Make predictions

- Ask your child to predict what might happen next, perhaps before they've read the next chapter, or even more than the blurb!
- TIP: Look for clues in the artwork on a book, consider how a character might change?



Summarise what has been read

- When they've finished reading, talk about what they have read. Describing the big idea in a chapter reading helps to maximise learning.
- TIP: Ask them to recite all the key events, characters or new developments they've just read.



Ask them to write about it

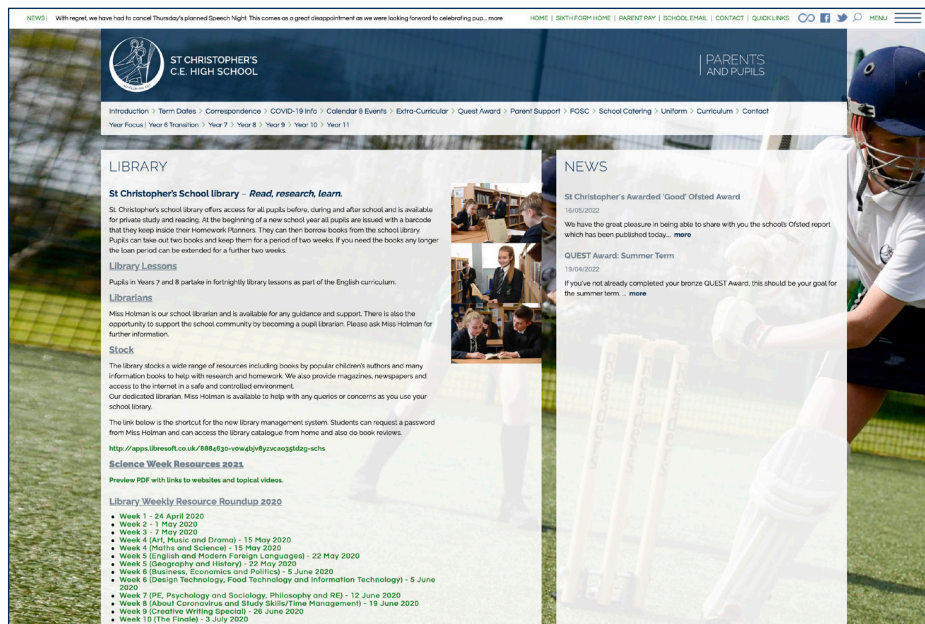
- Write, draw pictures, even create a cartoon strip! Any activity that encourages them to consider what they've read.
- TIP: Can you get creative? How can you bring the text to life?



Make reading part of the family

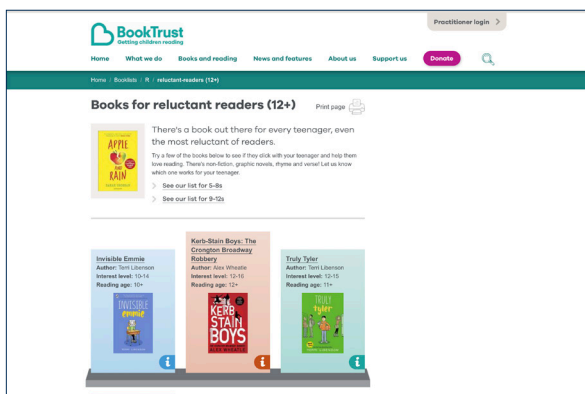
- Encourage their reading through modelling good reading habits yourself. They will enjoy the reading journey with you, rather than feeling like they've been made to.
- TIP: Discuss your own reading with them. What types of reading do you enjoy? How can you fit it into family life?

Some great reading can be found via these links:



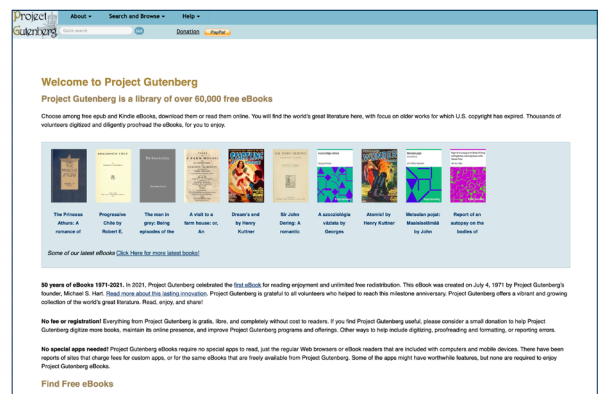
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Our school library including reading lists.



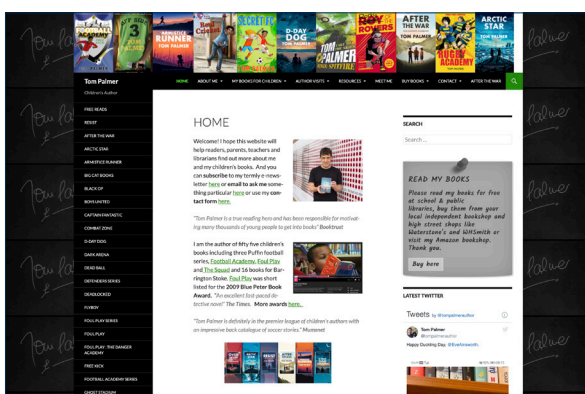
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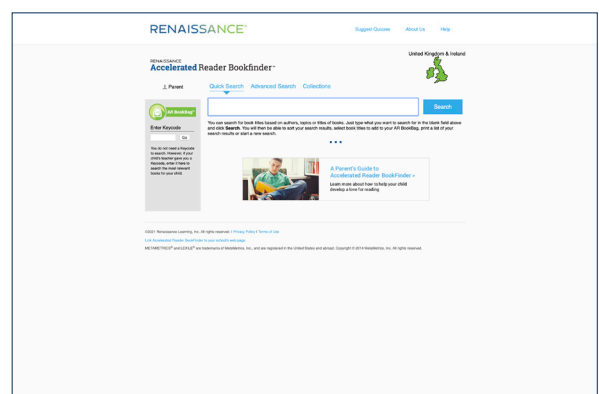
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‘That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not
 wither - whatever they do prospers.’

Psalm 1:3