

St Christopher's School Library Resource Roundup #9

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Creative Writing

We hope you find them useful (and fun)

All the resources featured are FREE to access.

Creative Writing Competitions

Any budding authors out there? Check out the following links to writing competitions. More details available on the websites.

www.hgwellscompetition.com/2020/02/24hg-wells-short-storycompetition-2020-vision/?v=79cba1185463 - Closing date 6 July

www.generationlockdown.co.uk - Closing date 17 July

www.foyleyoungpoets.org - Closing date 31 July

www.louiserennisonnationalfunnyaward.com - Closing date 31 August

www.walterscottprize.co.uk/young-walter-scott-prize/ - Closing date 31 October

www.capita-readingcloud.co.uk/mindtravels - Competition running with deadlines every 2 weeks

Resources

The following link was shared with you earlier in lockdown but I think it is worth mentioning again.

sla.org.uk/school-closure-resources

There are links to a whole wealth of resources designed to help teachers, students and parents. There are more competitions, digital escape rooms, YouTube lessons, useful resources on Twitter, home learning sites and CPD.

(Please note that some of the competition deadlines may have expired)



Some of you in previous years may have taken your children to your local public library to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11.

With this not being possible this year, the Reading Agency have gone online!

Please click the <u>link</u> to join the challenge online!



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A parent's guide to myON

During these unprecedented times, reading is more important than ever for your child(ren). Not only will it help them academically on their return to school, reading is associated with improved mental wellbeing (National Literacy Trust, 2018) and opens up countless new worlds for them to explore from the comfort and safety of their homes.

During the period of school closures, Renaissance is providing students with free access to over 7,000 enhanced e-books along with student friendly news articles. Details on how to access these resources can be found below:

- 1) Go to <u>www.readon.myon.co.uk</u>.
- 2) Click 'Start reading'.
- 3) Choose a book:

Browse for a book by clicking through the categories:





Or Search for a specific book that fits your child's interests and/or ability:



Filter by:

- Topic
- Accelerated Reader
 <u>ATOS</u> Book Level
- Year Level
- Story type: long or short

What about quizzing? If your child has an Accelerated Reader (AR) account and would prefer a book they can quiz on, they should filter their search under Language to 'English (UK)'. They can then search for the book by its title on their school's AR website.



Read or listen to the book

Once you've chosen a book, simply hover over the book and click Read.





myON books also offer audio narration. This is a great tool for younger readers or if your child is reading a challenging book with lots of new vocabulary.

Use the Play/Pause button to control this.

myON News

Your child also has access to thousands of news articles on myON news, with five new articles added every weekday.



Browse the archives or read that day's news.

All articles are available in English, French and Spanish (including audio!).

Encourage your child to find out more using the multimedia features or by reading one of the recommended books.

Did you know that all myON news articles are written by professional journalists and are reviewed by child psychologists?