



Bluecoat Wollaton Summer Literacy Challenge

Reading and writing challenges to keep you learning throughout the summer.

Bring any completed work to your new English teacher or Ms Courtney in September for a chance to win a prize!



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believe in yourself, in others, in God

Encouraging reading over the summer – an activity a day for a month!

1. Design a timeline showing the order in which these authors wrote:
Robert Browning, William Shakespeare, Emily Bronte, Patrick Ness, Jacqueline Wilson, Jane Austen, J.K. Rowling, Benjamin Zephaniah, Geoffrey Chaucer and Carol Ann Duffy.
2. Read the number plates of cars you pass on a journey. Make up silly sentences using their letters.
3. Read a newspaper together. Can you find the 5ws? (who, when, where, what and why?)
4. Find your parent/carer's favourite children's book and read it together.
5. Read a tourist leaflet and plan a visit together.
6. Put your books in alphabetical order by writer's surname.
7. Read the sports results out loud like a TV or Radio presenter.
8. Read a book out loud and record yourself doing so (maybe on your phone) – add in sound effects.
9. Read a recipe and make it together.
10. Take a photo of you reading a book in an unusual place. Send a copy to school.
11. Listen to an audio book (maybe in the car).
12. Find an article about a celebrity. Read it together to find out new information about them.
13. Work through the alphabet in a dictionary and find a new word each day to use. Who can use the most?
14. Borrow a Kindle, an iPad or look on the Internet to read an e-book.
15. Research a famous myth. List all of the qualities of the hero in the story.
16. Look at a weather map and prepare your own weather forecast.
17. Write an alternative title for the book you're reading.
18. Read a children's book to a younger family member.
19. Design a survey about reading and ask your family and friends to complete it. What have you learnt?
20. Watch a film on DVD or in the cinema that is based on a book that you've read. Discuss which was better.
21. Read a magazine article together. Can you find the 5ws? (who, when, where, what and why?)
22. Visit the local library – it's free to join! Maybe there's a summer activity programme?
23. Create a fact-file on the different literary periods throughout time. Which are you most excited to look at?
24. Plan a party for the characters in a book you've just read. Design the invitation, games and menu.
25. Find the locations mentioned in the last book you read on a map.
26. Read a chapter or a book out loud in a silly voice.
27. Read a newspaper headline – talk about what you think the article will be about. Then read the article, were you right?
28. Read a poem out loud.
29. Read the TV guide and plan your viewing for the week.
30. Have a go at a crossword in a newspaper or online, and look up any words you didn't know.
31. Read part of a story and then act it out.

You can also complete the activities on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/summer-reading-challenge/z7p9vwx>

Encouraging reading over the summer - Complete a book review of one full book you have read during the summer holidays. If you have read multiple, pick your favourite one and review it. You might be able to share these recommendations with your new class and teacher in September!

Book Review

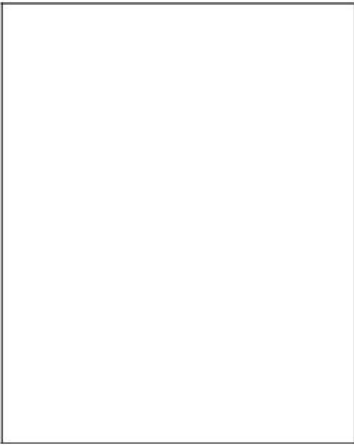
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Name of Reviewer _____

Title _____

Author _____

Genre _____



A brief synopsis:

Recommendations (would you recommend this book? Who to? Why?)



Encouraging writing over the summer – an activity a day for the summer!

Below are enough writing prompts to keep you busy all summer! **Try to write at least two each week.** You should have a minimum of six pieces of completed writing when school begins in September. (That does not mean write six times in the last week of August!) Choose from any of the topics below. You do not have to write them only on that specific day or during that week. (For example, it's okay to write about a July topic in August.) Give your writing into Ms Courtney for the chance to win excellent prizes. Of course it's okay to have more than six pieces of writing!

Remember:

- ◆ Do not rush through these tasks. Each piece should be an example of quality work. Always reread your work, then reread it again!
- ◆ If a prompt says to write a paragraph, remember that means a minimum of five sentences!
- ◆ Remember your accuracy – check your punctuation and try to use impressive vocabulary.

July 24

Today is “Amelia Earhart Day” in honour of her birthday in 1897. Earhart was the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. Using resources in the library or on the internet (with your parent’s permission) learn five facts about Amelia Earhart and summarize them in your own words in a paragraph.



July 25

July is “National Recreation Month.” After you have looked up the word “recreation” in the dictionary, describe your favourite recreational activity. When and where do you like to do this activity. Why is it your favourite?

July 26

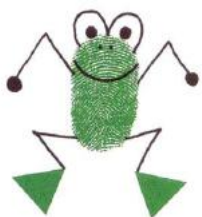
The Sesame Street character Bert was introduced for the first time in 1969. Bert lives with his best friend Ernie and his hobbies include cooking oatmeal, paperclip collecting and watching pigeons. If you could create a new character for Sesame Street, what type of character would it be? What would you name the character? What would your character’s hobbies be? Write a paragraph describing your new character and of course, draw a picture of him/her/it!



July 27

Pretend that television, computers, the Internet, smartphones, iPad, and video games had never been invented. How would you spend your time on a rainy summer afternoon? Write a paragraph describing what you would do without any technology.

July 28



On this day the first fingerprint was taken for identification. Ed Emberley is known for his fingerprint drawings. Using ink and your fingers (with parent’s permission of course!) create several characters. Give each of them names and think of what their personalities would be like. Write a short story (1-2 pages) about them.

July 29

Trees are full of leaves and life at this time of year. Draw a tree that is near your house or in a place you know (like a park). Can you describe it using all the senses? Don't forget to think about what can grow on trees and what can live on trees! (what you can see/smell/hear/touch/taste)

July 30

Write one page describing your best day ever!



July 31

What is your favourite animal? Draw it and explain why it is your favourite.

August 1

On this day in 1779, lawyer and poet Francis Scott Key was born. After witnessing an attack during the American Civil War, Key wrote a poem. This poem was later set to music and became known as, "The Star-Spangled Banner" a song about America. Write your own poem honouring an event in British history maybe based on events happening in the news this week.



August 2

In the summer we often have more time to be outside in nice weather. Nature is very good at helping us to feel calm and happy. With parents' permission, go outside somewhere and write down all the animals you can see and hear, and describe the plants around you.

August 3

On August 3, 1492, explorer Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain. Many people remember this with the rhyme, "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." While learning about new things, it sometimes helps to create rhymes to help remember specific facts. Think about something you have trouble remembering. Write about what it is you have trouble remembering, and then write a rhyme that will help you remember it. Can you think of any other rhymes you could make for other things that are tough to remember?



August 4

On this date in 1901, musician Louis Armstrong was born. Armstrong was an amazing jazz trumpeter. Write a paragraph answering these questions: If you could play any instrument, which instrument would you want to play and why? If you already play an instrument, why did you choose that instrument?



August 5

Write a letter to one of your favourite relatives telling them how much you appreciate and love them, and how much fun you have with them. Remember to include a greeting and a closing.

August 6

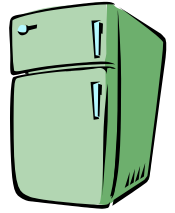
Today is Friendship Day. What makes a great friend? What characteristics does a friend have? What is a friend willing to do? Create a "wanted advert" that could go in a newspaper looking for a "Great Friend."

August 7

In the holidays lots of people go to the seaside. Describe your favourite trip to the seaside. If you have not been to the ocean, explain why you would or would not like to go to the ocean.

August 8

On this date in 1899, a man by the name of Albert T. Marshall received the patent for an "automatic refrigerating apparatus," better known as the refrigerator. In at least one paragraph, explain why you think the refrigerator was such an important invention. How would life be different without refrigerators?



August 9

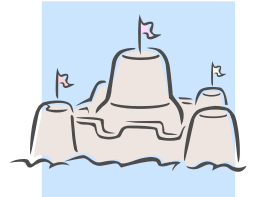
Forest fires are extremely dangerous. Write a paragraph persuading people who like camping to handle fire carefully. Design a sign you would post in the woods to remind people not to do things that could start a forest fire.

August 10

Would you like to be Prime Minister? Why or why not? Write a speech introducing yourself as the new British Prime Minister stating your beliefs and plans for your term of office.

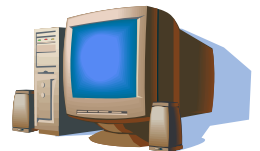
August 11

Today is "National Play in the Sand Day." Describe what your ideal sandcastle would look like. Don't forget to include a sketch.



August 12

On this day in 1981, IBM announced a new personal computer (PC) for home use. Write a paragraph explaining how you think computers have helped our lives. Are there any negatives that computers have brought?



August 13

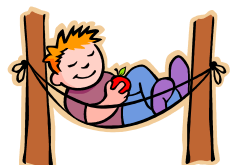
August is "National Inventors Month." Think of a new invention you would like to create. Write a paragraph describing your invention. Explain why it is needed. Don't forget to write about how your invention will be used and who will use it. Draw a picture to go along with the description of your invention.

August 14

Describe a time that you had to solve a problem with a friend or family member. What was the problem and how was it resolved?

August 15

Today is "National Relaxation Day." Write a paragraph that describes one way you have relaxed and had fun during this summer holiday.



August 25

Today is “National Banana Split Day.” Write directions for how to make a delicious banana split. Make sure you include a list of ingredients needed and step by step directions on how to make it. Ask your parents to use the Internet if you need help.



August 26

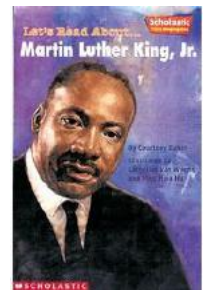
In 1768 James Cook set sail on the Endeavour to the Pacific. Write an account of a journey you would like to make. What would it be like to discover a new place?

August 27

Mother Teresa was born on this day in 1910. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to helping others. Write a list of ten things you can do to help others today or this week. After that, write a paragraph describing what you did and how it helped someone else.

August 28

On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream was for all people, no matter what their skin colour, to be treated equal. What is your dream? Write a speech that describes your dream.



August 29

On this day in 1934, the first Scout camp opened. Have you ever been to a camp? If so, describe your experience. If not, describe what camp would you like to attend and what activities you could do there. Would you like to go to a day camp or a sleepover camp?

August 30

Lots of people like to go to the seaside in the summer, but more and more of our ocean life is being threatened with plastic waste. Write down a list of what you could do in your family to reduce how much single-use plastics you use at home (and in school!). You might want to illustrate it too!



August 31

It's nearly the end of your summer holiday. Write a postcard describing what you've enjoyed.

Congratulations! You have completed your literacy challenge for the summer!

Don't forget to bring all your work to Ms Courtney to be in with a chance of winning a prize.