

## Reading for Pleasure- a guide for parents.

This document aims to provide ideas for accessing different texts to encourage children and young people to engage with reading for pleasure whilst in school, at home, and beyond! (Reading doesn't need to just be for learning - it can be fun too 😊).

### Children can access different books/poems by:

Visiting their local library.

Having a book swap with their friends/other family members.

Visiting charity shops to see what book selection they have available (some charity shops may even offer bundles!)

Visiting the local supermarket to see if they have any books on offer.

Visiting a bookstore (some bookstores may even have author visits scheduled!)

Checking if the local library has any e-books available online (this information can be found on the library website).

Asking their friends/other family members to recommend a book/poem they enjoyed.

Looking at books to purchase online (websites to consider include **The Book People** and **World of Books** if you are looking for discounts 😊)

Listening to audiobooks - these can be purchased in the form of a CD or can be listened to via subscription to an audiobook app (for example: Audible).

Visiting the Children's Poetry Archive website (<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>).

This website allows you to listen to poems being read by the poets themselves!

Searching for stories on YouTube - many authors/poets record themselves reading their own books/poems!

Visiting The Scottish Poetry Library website

[\(https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/\)](https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/)

Asking adults to recommend a book/poem they enjoyed as a child.

Downloading books onto an iPad/Tablet/Kindle (or other devices).

Looking on the Book Trust website for book recommendations from a wide range of categories!

[\(https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/\)](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/)

Entering a Book Trust competition to win some book prizes!

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Being read to by an adult in school or at home.

Collecting books to create a class/family bookshelf.

Creating QR Codes which take you straight to a YouTube video/website where you can access a story! (There are tutorials online to help with creating these).

\*in light of current events with the coronavirus outbreak, some of these ideas may not be applicable due to closures of stores/online shops/libraries. However, they may be ideas to consider in the future! 😊