

Friday 8th January 2021.

**Reading at home and school**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I mentioned in my Headteacher’s Blog this week; as a staff we would like to thank you for your continued efforts with home learning and in particular, hearing your child read. We are aware that some children may have read the reading books that were sent home before the Christmas Holidays. Unless children need books for a direct lesson we will not be sending ‘real’ books home as this is extremely hard to manage and by not sending books home it will also prevent lost or damaged books as this unfortunately happened during the last lockdown period. We have therefore made the decision to purchase a new resource called MyON.

**MyON** 

Over the next week we will be very excited to launch our partnership with MyOn for pupils within our school (the website for our school stock is currently being built and staff will receive training first).

MyOn is a digital library with 5000 ebooks for children to choose from. 4500 of these books are directly linked to Accelerated Reader and therefore will have the correct ZPD for your child and they will also be able to quiz on the books.

These books are linked to your child’s age and can be tailored to their interests. These digital books will allow you and your child to read books together during this home learning period.

The website allows your child to interact with books by highlighting sections, annotating with virtual post notes and listening to text. Part of the website has a news section where there will be current child-friendly news articles for your child to access.

If you are worried about internet access you can also download 20 books at a time to your device for your child to read offline at any time.

**In the meantime, don’t forget Oxford Owl**

Don’t forget to use the book service Oxford Owl - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> which also had further links to amazon kindle books, many of which are free.

Your child’s class teacher will also share reading activities with you as part of their online learning.

Please remember that reading is everywhere and is not just limited to newspapers and magazines, there are games on School 360, Sumdog Grammar and Spelling games, reading games and apps to name but a few things which can support your child’s reading.

**Northumberland County Council Libraries Information**

**Access our Digital Library 24/7**

Our digital library is available and library members can access eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines with [BorrowBox](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/northumberland%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). Access our digital library 24/7 from the comfort of your own home for free. [BorrowBox](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/northumberland) has hundreds of eAudio and eBooks for children and adults. This great selection of eBooks and eAudio are guaranteed to be available for you to borrow today.

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I will be in touch as soon as everything is ready.

Best Wishes,

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