

Gable Hall Library: Preparing for Year 7



Year 6's are known for their enthusiastic attitude towards reading however in Year 7 students sometimes decide that they do not like reading anymore. What are some good ways way to ensure that your children keep reading over the summer?

1) Books to try before Year 7 Have a look at the list on the other side of the sheet. These are some of the most popular library books with Year 7's at Gable Hall School. Has your child read any of the books on this list? It might be an idea for your child to choose some to read over the summer. The books are really quite good so maybe you could pick one to read too. We also suggest exploring basic Classics which will form a fundamental part of their English studies. It is never too early to start!

2) Thurrock Libraries - I would advise that if your child isn't already a member of Thurrock libraries that you consider joining them up. It's totally free and they have 10 branches in the borough. Not only do they have great book stock and events for teenagers they also have free online resources for homework and an e-book platform so you do not even have to visit the library to reap the benefits of membership. All libraries are closed until further notice. You can access newspapers and magazines and e-books and e-audio online.

Newspapers and Magazines:

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/get-online-with-your-library/newspapers-and-magazines>

E-Books -<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/get-online-with-your-library/e-books-and-e-audio>

3) Make Reading Fun - Watch film adaptations of books over the summer holidays. Bring your children into super bookstores such as Foyles on Charing Cross Road or Waterstones on Piccadilly Circus for a browse, these shops often do free events for youngsters. Also try out specialist bookstores such as Forbidden Planet which specialise in every kind of comic and manga.

Listen to these free books...

The Blind Boy - A story about forgiveness and wisdom - It's about a boy who was once a great hunter and has gone blind, forced by his mother to live on the porch and eat dog meat. Seething with resentment, he seeks answers from the red-throated loon. The loon tells him that his mother deliberately cursed and blinded him while he slept, but that he can be cured. [Click HERE to go to 'The Blind Boy' audio book](#)

Baba Yaga - A battle between good and evil, light and dark. - It's about a little girl called Vasilisa. One day her mother placed a little doll in her hands she said, "My child, I am dying. Take this doll...Somebody

must go to Baba-Yaga and ask for a light” After her mother dies Vasilisa lives with her jealous stepmother and stepsisters on the edge of a dark forest, inhabited by the evil Baba Yaga. One night the stepmother sends Vasilisa to visit Baba Yaga, an errand from which the gentle girl has little chance of returning home alive. [Click HERE to go to ‘Baba Yaga’ audio book](#)

15 Minutes Reading A Day..

Want a story read to you? We have a book for each year group - Just 15 minutes a day, with a short quiz to complete after every recording. Year 7 Reading Programme [Click HERE](#)

Reading list

- WATERSHIP DOWN RICHARD ADAMS
- BIG NATE LINCOLN PEIRCE
- DORK DIARIES RENEE RUSSELL
- ALL BOOKS JACQUELINE WILSON
- THE HOBBIT J R R TOLKIEN
- A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS LEMONY SNICKET
- SKULDUGGERY SERIES DEREK LANDY
- THE KICK OFF DAN FREEDMAN
- HARRY POTTER SERIES J K ROWLING
- INVISIBLE CITIES M G HARRIS
- WOLF GILLIAN CROSS
- THE SEEING STONE KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND
- BOY ROALD DAHL
- GOING SOLO ROALD DAHL
- MINDERS DIANA HENDRY
- A WINKLE IN TIME MADELINE L'ENGLE
- ACROSS THE BARRICADES JOAN LINGARD
- STONE COLD ROBERT SWINDELLS
- NORTHERN LIGHTS PHILIP PULLMAN
- THE SUBTLE KNIFE PHILIP PULLMAN
- BLACK BEAUTY ANNA SEWELL
- THE EAGLE OF THE NINTH ROSEMARY SUTCLIFFE
- THE CAY THEODORE TAYLOR
- THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN MARK TWAIN
- BLITZCAT ROBERT WESTALL
- THE SWORD IN THE STONE T H WHITE
- PIG HEART BOY MALORIE BLACKMAN
- FRAMED FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE
- THE GRAVEYARD BOOK NEIL GAIMAN
- THE BOOK THIEF MARCUS ZUSAK
- PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTENING THEIF RICK RIORDAN
- BOX OF DELIGHTS JOHN MASEFIELD
- HOLES LOUIS SACHAR
- TWELVE MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT CHRISTOPHER EDGE