

Reading Resources and Challenges - KS2

Website	Summary
https://www.thereadingjourney.co.uk	The Reading Journey App - A free resource with a built in reading diary. It is available on a range of devices.
https://childrens.poetryarchive.org	The Children's Poetry Archive – A free resource where the children can listen to a range of different poems.
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder	Book Finder – A website to help you find a range of book suggestions that can be sorted into age range and book type.
https://stories.audible.com/discovery	Audible Stories - They are giving away hundreds of free children's books to listen to.
https://www.booksfortopics.com	Books for Topics – A website to help you find a range of book suggestions that can be sorted into age range, book type and topic.
https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/	Oxford Owl – Some useful resources and activities to support at home as well as free e-books for a range of ages.
https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/	First News – We have a school subscription with First News and the children love them! They are offering some free digital downloads of their newspapers.
https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Nature-and-Animal-Realm-1.pdf	Reading Realm – Free downloadable reading activity pack with some great questions and activities for the children to do.
https://theweekjunior.co.uk/	The Week Junior – They are currently offering 6 issues for free.

Vocabulary and Retrieval				
Find interesting adjectives in the text and make a list of them. Extra Challenge: Can you make up your own sentences using the adjectives you have found? Can you think of any better adjectives that could be used instead?	Make a list of all the vocabulary you don't know the meaning of then use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Extra Challenge: Can you write your own sentences using the new vocabulary you have found?	Find interesting adverbs in the text and make a list of them. Extra Challenge: Can you make up your own sentences using the adverbs you have found? Can you think of any better adverbs that could be used instead?	Find as many nouns in the text as you can and make a list of them. Extra Challenge: Can you make up your own sentences using the nouns you have found?	In the text you are reading, find all the words with apostrophes and write them down. Extra Challenge: Can you explain why each apostrophe has been used?

Can you use a thesaurus to find different synonyms and antonyms for these words?	Can you make a list of any vocabulary you could use in your own writing in the future? Can you use a thesaurus to find different synonyms and antonyms for these words?	Can you use a thesaurus to find different synonyms and antonyms for these words?		
Inference				
Imagine you are one of the characters in the story. Write a diary entry from their point of view reflecting on their thoughts and feelings about an event in his/her life. Extra Challenge: Can you include evidence from the text to explain why you are feeling this way?	Think of 5 questions you would like to ask one of the characters. What do you think their response would be? Extra Challenge: Can you write down their response? Make sure you have written their response in the first person!	Draw and label a picture of one of the main characters. Label it with evidence from the text. Make sure you use words and phrases from the book. Extra Challenge: Can you write your own description of one of the main characters? Think about their looks, the way they dress, the way they talk and their personality.	Draw and label a picture of one of the settings. Label it with evidence from the text. Make sure you use words and phrases from the book. Extra Challenge: Can you write your own description of the setting?	Draw 5 thought bubbles and write what the main character might be thinking at different stages in the story. Extra Challenge: Can you add character actions and facial expressions to each thought bubble to show what they're thinking and feeling.
Predict				
Who is on the front cover? What is in the background? Extra Challenge: How might they give us clues about the content of the book?	Think about the author's other stories? Are there any similar themes/ characters/ settings to the story you are reading? How did the story end? How might this story end? Extra Challenge: Can you plan your own story with a similar theme/ character/ setting?	Based on what you have read, what does the last paragraph suggest will happen next? Extra Challenge: Can you write down your own version of the next paragraph showing your predictions?	Before you finish the book, write down your predictions for the ending. Extra Challenge: When you have finished the book, check back to see how accurate your prediction was.	Write an alternative ending to the story you have just read. What would happen to the characters? Extra Challenge: Can you write your own blurb for your story? Can you change it so that it includes your alternative ending?

Author's Choice				
<p>How does the story hook you at the beginning?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Make a list of words and phrases that you feel are effective in making you want to read on.</p>	<p>How has the author made you feel angry/ sad/ happy/ frustrated?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Which words are the most important in doing this and why?</p>	<p>Which words do you like the most?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you explain why you like these words the best? What effect do they have on you as the reader?</p>	<p>Why do you think the chapter names or character names have been chosen for this book?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you think of your own chapter names or character names that could also be appropriate for this book?</p>	<p>Make a list of the words and phrases used in the story to create an atmosphere. What is the atmosphere of the book?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you think of your own words and phrases that could create a similar atmosphere?</p>
Summarise				
<p>Write a book review for a friend.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Draw a poster advertising the book. Make sure you write on the poster why people should read it.</p>	<p>How did the book make you feel when you were reading it? Explain your answer.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: List the words and phrases that made you feel this way.</p>	<p>Which chapter do you think is the most important and why? Which chapter is your favourite and why?</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you write a short summary of this chapter?</p>	<p>Draw a cartoon strip/timeline of the main events in the story you have read.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Add a caption/a few sentences underneath each picture.</p>	<p>Design a new front cover for the book you have read. Don't forget the title and author too!</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Include your own blurb summarising the story. Remember not to give too much away!</p>
Non-Fiction				
<p>Create a thought shower to show what you have learnt from reading this book.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you add diagrams and keywords to your thought shower?</p>	<p>Draw a diagram of something mentioned in your book and label it.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you create a glossary for any keywords you have included?</p>	<p>Reading through 3 paragraphs of your book and make notes on the most important points/facts.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you add diagrams and keywords to your notes?</p>	<p>Write down the most interesting facts you found out from reading this non-fiction text.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you create a fact page/poster showing the facts you have learnt?</p>	<p>Create your own glossary for some of the keywords in the text.</p> <p>Extra Challenge: Can you use a thesaurus to come up with different synonyms and antonyms for these keywords?</p>