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Keeping in Touch During School Closure (COVID-19)

Dear Families,

I hope this finds you safe and well. As you know, our website is full of ideas to help you with your home learning, and we have asked that reading take a priority.

I am really pleased to be able to share with you this reading resource - it's called myOn, and while the school is closed it is FREE! Some have compared it to a Netflix for books and there are over 7000 books to explore. Children can read them or listen to them being read. (This is particularly helpful if you have a reluctant reader!) Real books are of course brilliant, but you may not have access to as many as you'd wish at home.

This is the link: <https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html>

I hope you will encourage your children to read because you love reading and enjoy it. However, if you need any more encouragement, this is what the research says:

- Young people who read daily are **four** times more likely to read above the level expected for their age compared with their peers who don't read daily (NLT 2019).
- The impact of reading for pleasure on progress in vocabulary, maths and spelling between the ages of 10yrs and 16yrs, is **four** times greater than the impact of having a parent that has a degree (Sullivan and Brown 2013).
- Children who hear stories daily, hear **well over a million more words** than their peers not read to daily. (Logan et al. 2019) This means they perform **better in maths, vocabulary and spelling** compared to those not read to at home. (Sullivan and Brown 2013)

Attached is the guidance to access it, or you can watch this video here: <https://bep.education/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/MyON-Guide-29-04-20-internet-film-1335.mp4>

I've also attached some 'Top Tips' to guide you with reading at home.

Please stay safe and well, and if you need us, please email.

With best wishes,

Mrs Good
Head Teacher

