

Coventry Schools Library Service Newsletter :

Primary Schools

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Update for the Book Awards 2021

To try and give schools more of a chance to get the most out of the Book Awards we have moved the key dates to the summer term. This will hopefully allow more pupils to get access to the books and be able to read and vote for their favourites. We won't start to evict the books until **26th April** with the final announcement of the winning books on **9th June**. We have also changed the dates for the inter-school Hooked on Books quiz to **23rd April - 30th April**. We are also working on adding additional links to the individual book pages on the CIBA website. Including links to the e-book on the Coventry Public Libraries (where possible) which are free to borrow. All of the new dates and information are available on our website. www.coventry.gov.uk/bookawards

Special SLS Loan Offer

To support your school community SLS would like to offer all schools the opportunity to borrow a box of specially selected books

We can provide a selection of resources for you to use with the children in school and to lend to families whose children are at home. The selection can include books to support reading for pleasure, curriculum topics, dual language books, books to support children and young people experiencing bereavement, anxiety & other mental health problems. Contact SLS@Coventry.gov.uk for more information.

SLS is still open to deliver resources to your school. Below are some of our new Artefact and Story Sack Plus collections ideal for supporting KS1 Curriculum topics

Under the Sea

A collection of games, play figures, interactive and story books to learn about life in our seas and oceans



Life in the freezer

Find out more about polar habitats with animal figures, mini story sacks and even fake snow!



We're going on a Bear Hunt Story Sack Plus

This collection includes a cuddly bear, story map, animated film DVD and memory game



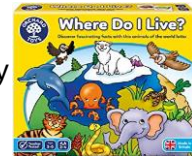
Wriggle and crawl

includes a set of insect viewing magnifiers, games and story, number & discovery sacks all about minibeasts



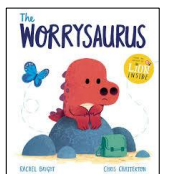
Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Includes games, finger puppets and story and discovery sacks to explore the animal world



Children's Mental Health Week 1-7 February 2021

We have updated the Health and Well-Being section of our [Primary](#) and [Secondary](#) Digital resources pages to include links to new book lists and activities supporting this important topic. We are continuing to update these pages to keep them reliable and relevant. The curated and annotated lists of web links (organised by subject) help to give schools and parents a reliable and age-appropriate list of web resources to help with online schooling.



Supporting Literacy and Reading for Pleasure during Lockdown

It has been difficult for many children and young people to keep up their reading during the last year. This fall in reading for pleasure can increase the attainment gap between classmates. To help you support your pupils to keep reading at home we have put together this quick guide to the resources currently available both nationally and in Coventry which can be shared with families.

[Coventry Public Libraries](#) have e-books, e-comics, e-magazines, e-newspapers and audible books available for families to access for free. If not already a member of the library parents can sign up online and take advantage of the e-library without having to visit a branch. They also have [online rhyme times](#) for the youngest members of the family.

Coventry SLS have their own [E-book platform](#) which customer schools can access. We have been working on increasing the number of titles available to schools by purchasing new books and a wider range. If you would like to know more or to request logins please contact SLS.

The National Literacy trust and Oak National Academy have set up a [virtual school library](#). Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

[World Book Day](#) is on 4th March 2021. Their website has lots of great online resources including a brand new Book Club and Share a Story corner which feature videos from children's authors and illustrators as well as related activities and challenges

Great free resources from Michael Rosen both on his [YouTube channel](#) and his [website](#) which can be incorporated into a wide range of reading and literacy lessons as well as just for enjoyment.

High quality [free resources from the UKLA](#) to support home learning in reading. Includes offline activity suggestions as well as links to free books to read or listen to covering all Primary school ages and with related activities to aid reading comprehension.

Oxford Owls have created a free [eBook Library](#) to help children aged 3–11 develop their reading skills at home. You'll find books from *Oxford Reading Tree* and *Read Write Inc* and their *Read with Oxford* range.

[Virtual Reading Club](#) from SLS. Includes a page of free e-books, many of which can be downloaded and read offline. Also has links to great reading resources, creative writing tips and help for parents.

Here at SLS we are very aware of the problems many families will have with access to online resources either through a lack of devices or Broadband (or both). We would like to reassure schools that we are happy for SLS books to be loaned to children who are at home and if you need specific types of book to do this then please use the box of books offer highlighted overleaf. If you would like additional resources such as comics that can be sent out to families please contact us.