

**HDHS is a reading school -
Reading for purpose and reading for pleasure**



How to support your child's reading during school closure

Why reading during this time is so important:

In an average school day at HDHS, students are consistently provided with opportunities to read and develop reading skills - even Maths and PE are continuously introducing vocabulary that students are deciphering and are consistently supporting students to develop their reading. In addition to this, we recommend that students read for at least 20 minutes at home every day. Reading for 20 minutes a day has a huge impact on academic achievement, social integration and mental health. At HDHS we call this 'The Twenty' and it is vital that each student gets their daily **TWENTY**. It is therefore crucial that as well as the work set by teachers during this time away from school, students are doing at least 1 hour of daily reading - this can be split up over the day.

Where can we get books?

Unfortunately public libraries have closed for the time being however there are a lot of resources available online and a lot of free access to books on various apps and online platforms.

- Amazon Kindle provides a free Kindle App that can be used on all computers, chromebooks, tablets and smartphones to read e-books purchased on Amazon. In addition, Kindle Unlimited offers a 2 month free trial and allows users to download unlimited e-books from Amazon.
- www.usborne.com Usborne children's books have made all their ebooks 99p. A great selection of books from early readers to young adult readers.

If you are struggling to access books and reading material from home, contact the school directly for further support: Raymond.gallagher@hdhs.school

What books should we read?

When a student is reading it is either for pleasure or for purpose and we recommend students to aim to **read for purpose and pleasure across a week**. We encourage students to read books that are accessible but also challenging (in terms of vocabulary and in terms of ideas).

Each fortnight HDHS will be posting the 'HDHS is a Reading School' newsletter' on the school website and school social media platforms with book recommendations for KS3, KS4, KS5 as well as a section for Staff and Parents. All recommended books will be available for download on Amazon. There is also a 'HDHS READ, READ, READ and READ' list on the school website. This has over 200 book recommendations with information provided on the genre of each book and a summary of each book.

Are you getting your TWENTY ?

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...



Student A

Reads 20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per school year



Student B

Reads 5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per school year



Student C

Reads 1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per school year



----- In standardised assessments they are likely to score -----

90%

50%

10%

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