

Kelmscott School Literacy Department

Literacy News



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At Kelmscott School we are committed to ensuring all our students have the opportunity to improve and sustain outstanding literacy skills.

Literacy is a combination of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Students with good literacy skills are more likely in the future to have:

- higher self esteem
- better health
- better jobs
- higher wages

Research shows overwhelming evidence that literacy, happiness and success are directly related. It gathers existing research on the impact of literacy across the areas:

- economic well being
- aspirations
- family life
- health



Kelmscott students are expected to read 20 pages every night at home to improve and maintain a good reading age.

We encourage all parents/carers to work with us to help our students gain an outstanding education.

At Kelmscott we have a comprehensive library with a large selection of books our students can borrow. The library is open before and after school from 8am – 4,30pm.



Reading is important because it helps to energise and make your brain more knowledgeable. You learn new words and stuff you didn't know. Every time you read a book you are more smarter. Dorcas 7S

Reading is important because you can build up your vocabulary and build up your reading skills. It is great fun reading books that you enjoy. Felicia 7S

Reading is important because without reading you would not learn. Yousaf 7C

Reading is important for children's bright future. It's very vital for our learning because in most situation something needs to be read. Reading is the best thing for me. Not only is it fun but inspirational. I love reading. Tara 7M

Reading is important as you use it in everyday life. It is important if you want a job or want a college or university place. It is great to pass time reading. Ehsaan 7S

Reading is as vital as it expands your vocabulary and teaches you new techniques in English. You need to read every night at least 20 – 30 pages. IT IS ESSENTIAL YOU READ. Ahsa 7M



The Kelmscott literacy department have made up a literacy activity calendar to help your child work on their literacy skills **at home**. Parents have vital roles in their child's educational journey and we encourage you to engage with it as often as possible. You don't need to know everything but giving your child the confidence to attempt and master new topics is really important.



Reading Activity Calendar

Monday 13 th November 2017	Monday 20 th November	Monday 27 th November	Monday 4 th December
Halloween was on the 31 st October. Write a short spooky story. 	On 19 th November 1620 the first settlers arrived in USA. Research their journey and the reasons why they wanted to find a new place to live.	Ask a family member to read an article from the newspaper or BBC online (preferable about the environment). Discuss your views about it together.	Make up a word search using key words from your favourite subjects at school. Make sure you understand the meaning of all the words.
Monday 11 th December	Monday 18 th December	Monday 1 st January	Monday 8 th January 2018
On the 11 th December 1901 the first transatlantic radio signal was sent. Research how communication has changed between 1901 and today ?	Kelmscott Christmas reading challenge. This is compulsory for all yr7 and yr8 students. You must read 300 pages over the holidays and record your book titles. 	Write a book review about one of the books you have read over the holidays. Challenge yourself to write an alternative ending!	Today is the famous scientist Stephen Hawking's birthday. Research who he is and what he discovered. Make bullet points and share this information with your family.
Monday 15 th January	Monday 22 nd January	Monday 29 th January	Monday 5 th February
Poetry is a great way to write down your ideas and feelings. Write a poem about Winter. Famous poets to be inspired by are Michael Rosen and Benjamin Zephaniah.	Kelmscott is a multi lingual school. Imagine you are starting school in a new country and you cannot speak the language. Write a letter to a friend explaining how you may feel and what obstacles you encounter.	Swap a book with a friend that you have really enjoyed reading. 	Listen to an audiobook. You can download them free from the following site: www.librivox.org 
Monday 12 th February	Monday 19 th February	Monday 26 nd February	Monday 5 th March
Draw your favourite book cover or create a book cover about your life in colour	The BBC has created a list of 100 classic books. Look online how many have you read? https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/10203.The_BBC_Book_List_Challenge	There are many different book genres challenge yourself by reading a book from a genre you have never read from before.	Ask a family member to find 15 medium to difficult words and see if you can spell them. This task you could do every week to build your vocabulary.

