



Yardley Primary School

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Dear parents/guardians,

Here at Yardley, we pride ourselves on the reading ethos we have in school. We believe in the importance of developing children's word-reading and comprehension skills, and we also encourage children to read widely and for pleasure.

Not only does reading help to stimulate children's imaginations and expand their understanding of the world, it also helps them to develop their language and listening skills too.

Having access to books at home is a key aspect of reading for pleasure. To further support with this, we have recently launched Yardley Primary School's own 'Virtual Library'.

Our aim is to use this as a central online platform to support children with reading for pleasure and helping to develop their literacy skills.

This resource can be accessed either by using the new button on the home page on the school website or by visiting the following link: <http://www.yardleyschool.com/virtuallibrary>. As you navigate the site, simply click on a book cover and you'll be able to hear a story. There are other interactive elements for children to discover too - have fun clicking and exploring!

We will be updating the library periodically, adding new books and resources to access, as well as the latest events in the literary calendar. For the latest updates, be sure to follow us [@YPSEnglish](https://twitter.com/YPSEnglish) on Twitter if you aren't already!

We also welcome any feedback and suggestions as to how we can develop the 'Virtual Library' further. We want this library to reflect the needs of all pupils in the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mr Lloyd and Miss Orford

Leaders of English

