



Welcome back! I hope you have had a restful Easter break and are ready for the summer term. A start of a new term is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on your goals or hopes for the new term. It may be an idea to consider the reading pledges you made on World Book Day, and put action in your action plan with these! Speak to adults at school and at home if you need support with keeping your pledges! Reading for 20 minutes a day has a great impact on your mental health, and will make you a more empathetic person. If you did not make a reading pledge on World Book Day, it is not too late to make one! (A pledge is like a promise- something which you commit to doing!)

Here are some examples:

- I pledge to read for 20 minutes every day
- I pledge to get my 100,000 word certificate on AR
- I pledge to read with my younger brother once a week

## Virtual Visit from Karl Nova

I am delighted to announce that on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th May, KS1 & KS2 will be taking part in a virtual visit from poet, author and hip hop artist, Karl Nova. Karl has won awards for his contribution to Literacy in schools, and inspires children to engage in poetry and lyricism through the use of rap. He uses poetry to reflect on his childhood and growth to adulthood through a lens which is optimistic, humorous and sincere.



You can watch some of Karl's poems being spoken aloud by him, or watch interviews with him on his website:

<https://karlnovaworld.wordpress.com/>

## Poetry

In order to prepare for our visit with the fabulous poet, Karl Nova, why don't we immerse ourselves in the world of poetry?

On **Poetry 4 Kids**, you can listen to children's poetry podcasts, read and listen to funny poems for children, play poetry games and even learn to write your own poem!

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/#>



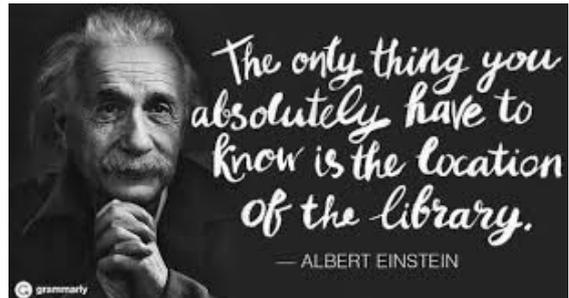
## Library

Toby MacTaggart, Torridge Class, enjoys spending time at the local library and borrows books from there often. Here is his letter explaining why you should also be a member of your local library...

*Hi! My name is Toby I'm a year 5 and I want to tell you, yes you! Why you should be a member of your local library, You see, at the library, you get a library card. Using one of them, you can bring books from the library to your home for a certain amount of time and you can use it as much as you want! You might be looking at this thinking, what's the point of reading anyway? Well reading is good for your brain and exercise is good for your body. Reading can be funny, interesting and disgusting (in a good way!). Reading can make you calm and relaxed and you can learn lots of new words from books as well! Enough about books lets get back to the library bit.... Libraries have lots of types of books and has lots of rooms for example: teens, childrens and adults so you can go to the right section for you and you can choose whatever books you'd like. I hope you enjoyed my bit about the Library!*

Find out more about joining your local library by visiting the Devon Libraries website

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena>



## Stay at Home Story time with Oliver Jeffers

At the start of the year, when immersed in our Recovery Curriculum, we explored the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We loved considering the themes of the book. Here, you can access a range of videos of readings by Oliver Jeffers.

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>

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STAY AT HOME  
STORY Time  
with OLIVER JEFFERS  
STAYing SAFE TOGETHER (but Apart)

## All things Michael Rosen

The hilarious author, Michael Rosen, often has the Year 5 & 6 children laughing with his fabulous 'chocolate cake' story, which they ask to hear over and over again! Listen to all of Michael Rosen's stories which he reads aloud in these You tube videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6IBXdrPw>

Explore the books which Michael Rosen has written here:

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/books/>



## Collaboration in Reading

It has been fabulous to watch you share your favourite books and recommendations virtually on Padlet. If you are stuck for inspiration for what to read next, click on this link to check out the books other Highweek children have been enjoying! It would be great to see it bursting with reviews and opinions!

<https://padlet.com/flilley/4k81qyoqqfh6hmig>



The screenshot shows a Padlet board with a grid of book recommendations. Each card includes the book title, a brief description, and the user's name. The books featured include 'online by Neil Gaiman', 'Captain Underpants', 'Wonderscape', 'Maze Runner - James Dashner', 'Jurassic Park', 'The Explorer by Katherine Rundell', 'Demon Dentist', 'Slime', 'The Borrowers', and 'I'm reading Artemis Fowl'. The board also shows comments and likes from other users.

## Storynory

Visit the Storynory website where you can access a wide range of e-books, audiobooks and stories.

<https://www.storynory.com/>

