



## Holiday Reading Activities

### GET READY FOR YEAR 8

Choose **three** books from the list below (or any other *good* book you choose to read) and then choose **one** of the suggested tasks for each book. **Do a different task for each book.** Bring along your finished tasks to your first English lesson and receive a prize!

The Lord of the Rings trilogy  
*A Kestrel for a Knave*  
*The Book Thief*  
*Private Peaceful*  
*The Hobbit*  
*A Monster Calls*  
*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
*Holes*  
*The Noughts and Crosses trilogy*  
*War Horse*  
*The Hunger Games trilogy*  
*His Dark Materials*  
*Wonder*  
The Harry Potter series  
Alex Rider series

JRR Tolkien  
*Barry Hines*  
*Markus Zusak*  
*Michael Morpurgo*  
JRR Tolkien  
*Patrick Ness*  
*Mark Twain*  
*Louis Sachar*  
*Malorie Blackman*  
*Michael Morpurgo*  
*Suzanne Collins*  
*Philip Pullman*  
*RJ Palacio*  
J.K. Rowling  
Anthony Horowitz

**Tasks:** Choose one task for each book you have read:

1. Write a book review and say why you enjoyed it.
2. Write a summary of the characters, say which you like best and why.
3. Design a new front cover.
4. Draw a picture to illustrate part of the story.
5. Give a summary of the story in 100 words.
6. Produce a word search, script or comic strip about your book.

For more ideas look on: [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk)  
<https://www.waterstones.com/category/childrens-teenage/fiction>



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## English Department

### Reading to Succeed!

**Reading** is at the heart of learning. It unlocks knowledge, develops language skills and provides opportunities to think and reflect.

At Seva School we recognise the importance of reading in the learning process, and realise that most progress is made when parents and teachers work together to improve a child's learning.

This leaflet lets you know a little bit about what we do at Seva School to help your child improve their reading, and gives a few tips on what parents can do too.

If you have any problems or concerns about your child's reading progress, please contact your child's English Teacher – Mrs Daler, Miss Gabriel and Mrs Gill.

## What WE do at Seva School to improve your child's reading.

- When your child arrives at Seva School in Year 7 we test him or her to find out his/her reading age, and establish a reading profile to identify strengths and weaknesses. This helps us to focus our teaching at the right level, and to guide your child to select the right book to read. We monitor progress regularly.
- We have a school library run by the English teachers who are ready to help your child locate and use whatever type of book he or she is looking for.
- Pupils are encouraged to bring a reading book to school every day.
- Higher order reading skills, such as skimming for gist, or scanning for information, are explicitly taught.
- Parts of English lessons are given over to reading for pleasure, to encourage your child to develop good reading habits. Your child's English teacher advises and suggests books to help widen his/her reading interests.



## What YOU can do at home to improve your child's reading.

- Reading is a skill that needs to be practiced constantly. So encourage your child to read at least 10 minutes every day.
- Try to get your child to develop the reading habit by providing a quiet place for them to read at the same time every day.
- Find out your child's reading age. Help them to choose the right level book for them, not too difficult and not too easy. Their English teacher will also be able to help them choose.
- Show an interest in your child's reading. Ask them about what they are reading. Encourage them to read for the reading awards.
- Be a good role model yourself. Let your child see you reading. This is especially important for dads.
- If your child is a weak or reluctant reader, sit and listen to them read two or three times a week using the pause, prompt, praise method of encouraging reading.

