

Backwell School Library and Reading Lessons Guide for Year 7 Parents and Carers



"Children who read for pleasure are likely to do better in Maths and English than those who rarely read in their free time,"

*Dr Alice Sullivan
Institute of Education
2013*



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| Library opening hours | Mon, Wed, Thurs | 8am—4.30pm |
| | Tues | 8am-5pm |
| | Fri | 8am—4pm |
| Staff: | Mrs Gibson (Librarian) Mrs Vaux Mrs Rundle | |
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| Library Blog: | www.booksatbackwell.wordpress.com | |
| Twitter: | @booksatbackwell | |

Reading Lessons and homework

Year 7 students have completed their **Library Induction Programme** and are now ready to use the resources during their lessons and in their free time.



They have a fortnightly **Reading Lesson** where we encourage getting “lost” in a book of their choosing (from the Library or home) in our Reading Room.

Library staff will help them find suitable titles and students are encouraged to share what they enjoy and make recommendations to each other during lessons.

Reading Journals are used in class to note books read and to reflect upon reading.

Homework challenges will be stored here—and these will be set in Term 2, Term 4 and Term 6.

Information can be found on the Frog Library page.

We reward dedicated reading with merits and certificates.

You will find more Library information and Reading Lists on our Frog Page and Booksatbackwell Blog

Read every day

We hope that reading for pleasure isn't a chore, recommending all students read for at least 2 hours a week as part of their homework.

This can be

- 20 minutes a day
- 40 minutes every other day
- or a long read at the weekend!



8 great ways for you to encourage reading

1. *Leave reading material lying about—books, magazines, cookery books newspapers, comics, and e-readers if you have them!*
2. *Encourage a regular time for reading—when they get home, before ‘lights out’, during a weekend lie-in...*
3. *Continue reading with your children—you may be surprised that they still love this! Books you could enjoy are The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon, the Harry Potter series or The Hunger Games. Read books you can all talk about making it light-hearted, not testing!*
4. *Have an “unplugged” night at home—switch off the wifi and put games controllers and phones away after supper!*
5. *Hunt for things your child might like to read based on hobbies and interests .*
6. *Let your child see **you** reading regularly.*
7. *Encourage reading to younger siblings.*
8. *Phone or email the library staff for more ideas:*

Librarystaff@backwellschool.net

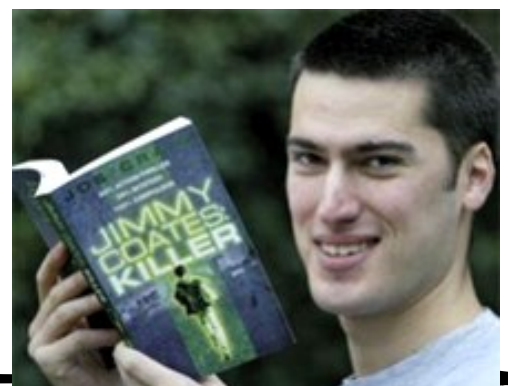
“Reading a book is a direct injection of inspiration.

Reading shapes brilliant minds. It gets your brain throbbing and your heart racing. It can bring you a thousand years of experience in a few pages.

Reading means bigger laughs, deeper feelings, a peek at the secrets of life.

We understand the world through stories.”

Joe Craig, author



COMING SOON.....YR 7 EVENTS THIS YEAR

Author visit: This term we will be welcoming back **Gill Lewis** a veterinarian, with a love of animals and the natural world which play a big part in her writing.

She will be promoting her new book, Sky dancer but we also have plenty of her other books for students to borrow in the Library.



Annual Y7 Christmas Quiz Battle of the Book-a-trons

A very popular event where
Students compete in teams,
testing their knowledge of well known books.

WEBSITES TO HELP WITH SUGGESTIONS:

www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk

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Inspiring a love of books

www.literacytrust.org.uk



www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk

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And finally.....

don't forget the library blog:

www.booksatbackwell.wordpress.com

