

# Make Yours a Summer of Learning

"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."  
— Maya Angelou

*The links below have been selected to ensure that you can keep learning this summer with lots of ideas, activities and competitions on a range of topics.*

## The World Around You

- **The Big Bang Digital Live** - Online event for young people (11+) taking an inspirational, uplifting look at the essential role of science and engineering in a pandemic.
- **Aimhi** - live, interactive online lessons.
- **On The Edge** - conservation activities & teaching resources.
- **Tate Kids** - games and quizzes.
- **James Dyson Foundation** - engineering challenge cards.
- **Empathy Day Live!** - 9.6.20, video archive available.
- **Upgraded Points** - 101+ virtual tours of popular tourist attractions around the world.
- **Get Creative 2020** - #GetCreativeAtHome.
- **Natural History Museum & Lego** - The LEGO Group and the Natural History Museum are challenging you to predict what life could look like in other parts of the universe. Every Wednesday for 4 weeks they will be introducing a new environment.
- **Hobbycraft daily #KidsCraftClub** - new activity released each day at 11a.m. on Hobbycraft Instagram, Twitter & FaceBook.
- **Derbyshire Music Hub** - weekly activities, ideas and resources to keep you motivated and inspired under lockdown.

## Competitions and Activities

"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself."  
— Rumi

- **100 Great Black Britons** - home school learning competition – deadline 30.9.20.
- **Foyle Young Poet of the Year competition** - deadline 31.7.20.
- **Into Film & Puffin** – 'Big Dreams on Screen' competition deadline 3.8.20.
- **Generation Lockdown** - writing competition for kids aged 7 - 17 closing date 17.7.20.
- **10 Minute Challenges** - daily challenges by bestselling authors and illustrators. You can also watch authors talking about their books and learn a bit more about them.

## Writing/ Watching/ Listening

"If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."  
— Toni Morrison

- **The 500 words blog** – the competition may be over, but there is still lots of information about writing on here, including interviews with writers, as well as advice for young people about writing.
- **BBC Writer's Room** – lots of advice, examples of scripts and interviews, for those wanting to have a go at being a TV writer!
- **Hive North Theatre Company** – 'Be more Martyn' the musical is FREE to watch!
- **Royal Shakespeare Company** - watch recent performances of 'Macbeth', 'Romeo & Juliet' and 'Much Ado About Nothing'.
- **BBC Culture in Quarantine** – watch performances (including R&J, reimagined during lockdown); have a go at a virtual creative workshop; read about new novels. There is so much to explore here.
- **TED Talks** - short, powerful talks on issues that matter; have an explore and see what you learn!
- **Pobble 365**- new material posted every day to inspire you to write!

## **Keep Reading This Summer**

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

- **Derbyshire libraries** - a variety of free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers to download onto kindle/phone/laptop/tablet.
- **Audible** - offering their huge selection of children's audio books to stream for free while schools are closed.
- **The Carnegie 2020 book award shortlist** - announced before Easter and again this link will direct you to some high quality and age appropriate reads.
- **World Book Day** – bring story time to life with audiobooks of your favourite books FOR FREE. This is extended to over the summer.
- **Hey YA podcast** - from great new books to favourite classic reads, from news to the latest in on-screen adaptations, the Hey YA podcast is here to elevate the exciting world of young adult lit.
- **Cressida Cowell** - launch of this amazing author's creative summer camp.
- **The Graveyard Book** – listen to Neil Gaiman read this and another of his books, 'Coraline'.
- **#ReadWithPride** – a nine-week online celebration and readathon of PRIDE month.
- **Black Lives Matter** - a list of books to support the movement- organised by age group.
- **#ReadIndieForward** - support your favourite independent bookstore.
- **Simon Armitage's Lockdown poem** – have a read of the poet laureate's new poem. There also other poems to read on his **website**. You can read about the poem and its reference to Derbyshire's Eyam, **here**.
- Keep an eye on **Go4Schools too** for some Reading Challenges and Reading Lists, recommended by our librarian and English department.