

**MAY
2019**

BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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ELS ONLINE SURVEY

A very big thank you to all of those who took the time to complete the ELS survey; we received some very constructive responses. We have now informed the winner of the draw and will get the books out to them as soon as we can.

ELS: Your Fully Flexible Friend! It was interesting to see that some schools still believe that we sell our services in costly packages; we began selling all services individually in 2012, which means that you are able to purchase just what you need when you need it.

Borrowing not Buying Makes Such Good Sense! The survey showed that lack of funds was an issue, with many of you wanting to buy into the ELS but not having the funds available to do so. If you find yourself in this situation please get in touch; we have some really low cost ways to get books into schools, and it is still far more cost effective to borrow books than to buy. We absorb the loss of any damaged books (this is between 5 and 10 % of all books returned after a mobile library visit) and although we may ask you to search carefully for lost books we 'write off' far more than we ever charge schools for!

REWARDS OF READING

One of the largest of the National Literacy Trust Surveys (involving 42,406 children and young people aged 8 to 18) showed that children's **enjoyment of reading** was at an all-time-high in 2016, having risen 14% between 2005-2016. In 2016 they recorded the highest levels of reading enjoyment to date; another survey will be done in January/February 2020, and we await the results with interest. We are confident that our own pupil customers gain a really positive experience from using our mobile library and project boxes, as we have such a wealth of wonderful material to offer. All thanks to our fabulous authors, illustrators and publishers! And to Peters Bookselling Services who promote and sell the books to us and our customer schools, at such good discount.

CURRICULUM MATTERS

OFSTED are putting a 'new' focus on the curriculum in primary schools. We have shelves groaning with great books and other materials ready and waiting to inspire and introduce your children to all manner of subjects. It's so easy to book a box: just give us a ring or email, and it's up to you how many subjects you would like in a single box of 24/25 items. Give it a try!



Norfolk County Council

SPACE CHASE: THE 2019 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space Chase is an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the moon landings. Children taking part in the challenge will join the super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens.

Children can join Space Chase this summer at their local library or mobile library.

Please encourage your children to keep reading this summer, there are so many lovely books to choose from. If you'd like to arrange a promotional assembly in school please contact your local library or helena.last@norfolk.gov.uk

MAKE CAKES, MAKE BOOKS!

Is your library looking tired and jaded, full of old and neglected books? You know that your pupils would be excited by seeing and reading new books by fabulous authors and illustrators, and discovering stuff about the world about them, but funds are tight! **We have those books**, just waiting to jump into your pupils' hands, ready to inspire.

Have you tried holding a cake sale, or a sponsored read, or asking your Friends of the school for a contribution? For example, you would only need to raise £75 to £85 for a topic box, or £100 for our lovely new Norfolk Reading Trail which is a loosely structured reading for pleasure package? Or you can buy small items of library furniture at a reasonable price to 'pep' up the library.

We can support you to create good bids to local firms and supermarkets for financial help, or with applications to local trusts or national bodies like the Foyle Foundation for grants. There are also regional funds available for particular projects, e.g. cultural events, and you may find that it is possible to use part of such a grant to fund resources from ELS.

Do get in touch to discuss your needs, and we will do our utmost to help.

CARRY ON THE CHALLENGE



If your pupils have enjoyed participating in the Summer Reading Challenge why not carry on the good work in school?

The Norfolk Reading Trail available from the Education Library Service is an ideal way to continue inspiring your pupils to read for pleasure. The Reading Trail collections are collated to your pupils requirements contain 30 books, fiction and non-fiction chosen specifically for their good vocabulary; 30 colourful maps of Norfolk and stickers for pupils to chart their reading journey and templates for certificates. Get in touch for further details

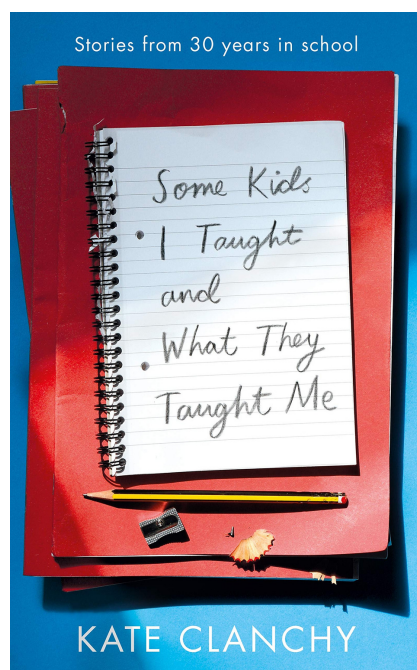
EMPATHY DAY: 11TH JUNE 2019

Take a look at www.empathylab.uk for all the latest information about this wonderful initiative, with Empathy Day now in its third year. We can support schools with project boxes of books which are particularly appropriate for encouraging empathy and discussion.

ELSA SUPPORT

Emotional literacy is vital for the mental well-being of children and young people. Sharing stories can be life changing, so do ask us to help with book collections, or of course do call in to our department to browse our shelves and select for yourselves.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WRITING: KATE CLANCHY TALKS TEACHING



'The best book on teachers and children and writing that I've ever read. No-one has said better so much of what so badly needs saying.' - Philip Pullman

Join her at **Dragon Hall, 4pm, on Friday 24th May** for a candid, funny and moving event based on her new memoir, *Some Kids I Taught and What They Taught Me*. An honest, personal account of state education and a celebration of this most creative, passionate and practically useful of jobs. This event has been programmed as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival.

Tickets are priced at £8 and can be purchased via the National Centre for Writing's website:

<https://nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk>

ELS DELIVERIES

Due to the termination of the monthly education courier deliveries the ELS will be collecting and delivering our project collections ourselves. We will be doing this at the beginning of each term.

In addition to the usual e-mail reminding you of collection dates, we will also call each school with projects to be returned to remind them to have the boxes ready for us.

This additional reminder is due to the fact that there will no longer be the opportunity to return anything during the remainder of each term and it's therefore important to ensure that all boxes are returned complete. A list of contents is enclosed in each project box so please carefully check of the books as you pack the box.

All project orders received before the deadlines we give will be delivered by us, any received after the deadline dates can still be supplied and sent to a public library of your choice or collected from County Hall.