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To: Parents/carers of Year 7 and 8

Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Reading: Parent-Child Partner Read

I am writing to share with you some of the different options that are available for your child/ward, and yourself, during the summer holidays, with relation to reading for pleasure.

During the summer holidays, we are running a *Parent-Child Partner Read* scheme, which involves you and your child/ward borrowing the same book for summer and reading it together (details of books overleaf), and invite you into school during the autumn term to discuss the book and collect an award.

Research shows that reading to, and with, your child/ward boosts:

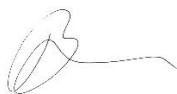
- parental-child bonding
- your child/ward's listening skills
- your child/ward's reading age
- their vocabulary and creativity, and much more.

We are keen to encourage a reading for pleasure environment throughout the school and at home for our students. We hope that this will help our students to explore, grow, develop, inspire, and be inspired through reading.

If you would like to take part, please choose a book to borrow (and a reserve) from the list overleaf and ask your child/ward to sign you up in the Library. If there is none on the list that interest you, please email r.bradshaw@taverhamhigh.org and I will recommend a different book.

Additionally, throughout the summer holidays, Norfolk Libraries hosts the Summer Reading Challenge for all ages, details can be found here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> - it is completely free to join and your child/ward can read towards a prize.

Yours faithfully



Ms Bradshaw
Librarian

Name and Author	Details and age recommended
Malamander, Thomas Taylor	<p>Who will Uncover the Secret of Malamander?</p> <p>In the basement of the Grand Nautilus Hotel, a mysterious girl crashes into Herbie Lemon's room and cries, 'Hide me!'</p> <p>In the window of the Eerie Book Dispensary, a mechanical mermonkey sits and waits.</p> <p>And out beyond the pier, something stirs.</p> <p>Could the legendary Malamander have returned?</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
Dreaming the Bear by Mimi Thebo	<p>Dad made me come to this snowy wilderness. My natural habitat is the shopping mall and the multi-screen cinema. I miss my friends and I'm not good at skiing and chopping wood...or living without wifi.</p> <p>Mum, Dade, and Jem are all thriving here but I'm getting weaker and sicker with each day that passes.</p> <p>Then I find the bear. She's huge and scary, but she makes me feel...alive...and connected to this amazing place. The thing is, she needs me just as much as I need her. And I don't know if I'm strong enough.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p> <p>Notes: This does involve poachers and an injured bear who dies at the end</p>
The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien	<p>Whisked from his comfortable hobbit-hole by Gandalf the wizard and a band of dwarves, Bilbo Baggins finds himself caught up in a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk	<p>By the time our first mountain winter came, we has a snug, safe home where we could start again. But that was before my father's accident changed everything.</p> <p>When Ellie sets out to find the cure for her father, she discovers Cate, the outcast witch, and Larkin, a wild mountain boy. From them she learns about being a healer, being brave – and about how there can be much more to a person than first meets the eye.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 8+</p>
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman	<p>Lyra and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. But the destiny that has awaited her since birth takes her on a dangerous journey to the frozen North in search of a kidnapped friend. It is a journey that will have immeasurable consequences fare beyond her own world...</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold	<p>For Juniper and her little brother Bear, escaping their cage of a city has always been a secret dream. But when scientists discover the siblings are key to a merciless plan, their escape becomes more than that. Not it's a flight for their lives.</p>



	<p>As Juniper and Bear journey further from the city, they soon learn that there's cruelty in nature as well as beauty. Will they ever find the home they're searching for?</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
Jessica's Ghost by Andrew Norris	<p>The power of friendship shines a warm light into dark places. Francis has never had a friend like Jessica before. She makes him feel completely himself.</p> <p>Jessica has never had a friend like Francis before – he's the first person who's ever been able to see her...</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p> <p>Note: There is discussion of suicide, and it's revealed that Jessica killed herself due to loneliness and bullying. Francis also helps to prevent another girl from killing herself due to bullying.</p>
Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean	<p>Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.</p> <p>Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned – cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean.</p> <p>How will they survive?</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p> <p>Notes: One of the characters dies, another has to have his toes cut off after developing frostbite and several others are maimed. There is also talk of "taking turns" at a girl character although is only idle talk, and quickly nipped in the bud. Another character is pushed off the island on a raft but survives.</p>
Goblins by Philip Reeve	<p>The goblins of Clovenstone Keep are a bloodthirsty lot. They love fighting, looting and eating. And more fighting.</p> <p>But Skarper is different. He is clever and cunning. Only he understands that the old magic trapped beneath Clovenstone is rising again. He's about to be flung headfirst into the wildest adventure in all of goblin history...</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 8+</p>
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman	<p>Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts.</p> <p>There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that real danger lurks for it is there that the man Jack lives and he has already killed Bod's family.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
Skywake Invasion by Jamie Russell	<p>Casey Henderson – aka Casey_Flow – is obsessed with online team shooter <i>SkyWake</i>, which has taken the gaming world by storm. The Ghost Reapers are a high-ranking team, and when Casey's in the zone, anything seems possible.</p> <p>Then, as a like <i>SkyWake</i>, tournament, things start to get weird. The Red Eye alien 'cosplayers' seem to have real guns, a massive spaceship looms overhead...and kids are going missing.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
A Skinful of Shadows by Francis Hardinge	<p>This is the story of a bear-hearted girl...</p> <p>Sometimes, when a person dies, their spirit goes looking for</p>



	<p>somewhere to hide. Some people have space within them, perfect for hiding. Twelve-year-old Makepeace has learned to defend herself from the ghosts which try to possess her in the night, desperate for refuge, but one day a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard.</p> <p>And now there's a spirit inside her.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick	<p>A group of Year 6 children get far more than they bargained for on a school trip to an activity centre deep in the woods at Crater Lake.</p> <p>Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre?</p> <p>But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
Kick by Mitch Johnson	<p>Budi dreams big. He's going to be a star footballer playing for Real Madrid like his idol, instead of working in a sweatshop making the boots his idol wears. But one unlucky kick brings the real world crashing down.</p> <p>Because now he owes the Dragon, the deadliest gang lord in Jakarta. And if he doesn't pay up, his family's lives are at stake...</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon	<p>Subhi is a refugee. Born in a detention centre, all he knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high, that the nice Jackets never stay long, and at night the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures. Bringing him Jimmie.</p> <p>Jimmie lives on the Outside. Carrying a notebook that she's unable to read and wearing a sparrow made out of bone around her neck - both talismans of her family's past and the mother she's lost - she strikes up an unlikely friendship with Subhi across the fence.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 10+</p>
Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans	<p>You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: two are unbelievably weird and the third is your awful cousin Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos (yes, you read that sentence correctly).</p> <p>And the whole situation - the whole, entire thing - is your fault.</p> <p>A Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket by John Boyne	<p>There's nothing unusual about the Brockets. Alistair and Eleanor Brocket turn up their noses at anyone strange or different. But from the moment Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but normal.</p>



	<p>To the horror and shame of his parents, Barnaby appears to defy the laws of gravity - and floats.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 9+</p>
<p>The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson</p>	<p>Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays somewhere long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.</p> <p>For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 8+</p>
<p>The Girl who speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson</p>	<p>Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside.</p> <p>But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains, meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.</p> <p>Recommended reading age: 8+</p>

