

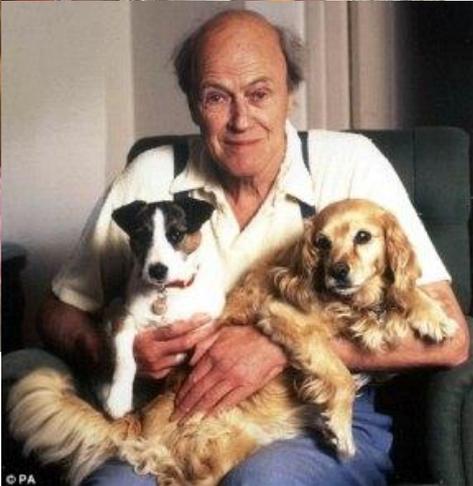
Literacy Splash Week: 3.02.14

Reading

Why read?

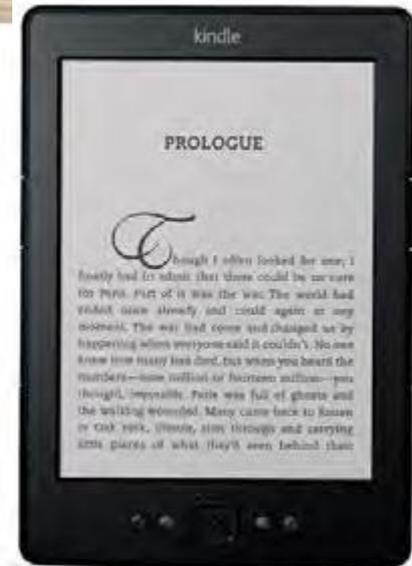
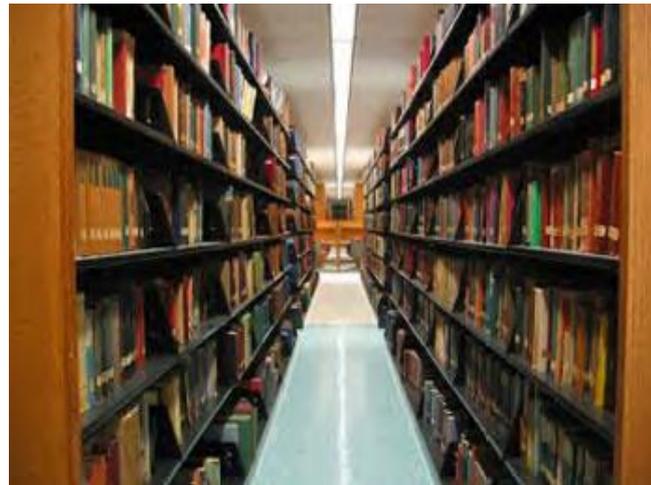
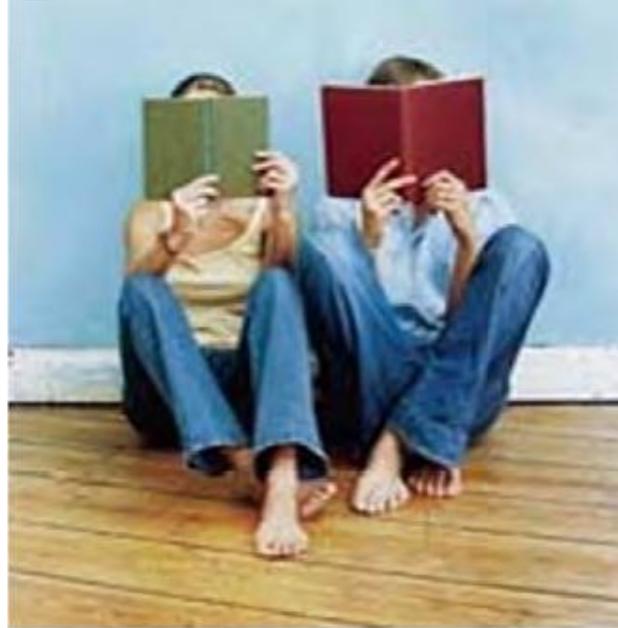
- It will give you an increased attention span and focus.

Those who read regularly will notice that they can hold their focus significantly longer than their friends who watch lots of television. This comes in handy when you need to force yourself to read critically, or look for a subtle point somewhere.



Where can I get books from?

- Friends
- The School Library
- Local library
- Book shops
- E-books/I books
- Online



Choosing the right book for you...follow I PICK

- **I** choose a book
- **P**urpose....Why do I want to read it?
- **I**nterest... Does it interest me?
- **C**omprehend...Do I understand what I am reading?
- **K**now... Do know most of the words? (If you don't know five or more of the words, the text is probably too difficult).

Most of all, reading is fun!

- Read a book today
- Stuck for an idea?
- Speak to your friends.
- Look on the classroom doors.
- Ask your English teachers/ your tutors/ the librarians.
- Look online: coolreads.co.uk, Literacyshed.com, Achuka, Goodreads and Chickenhouse.
- Use wattpad if you have an Iphone: it's free.

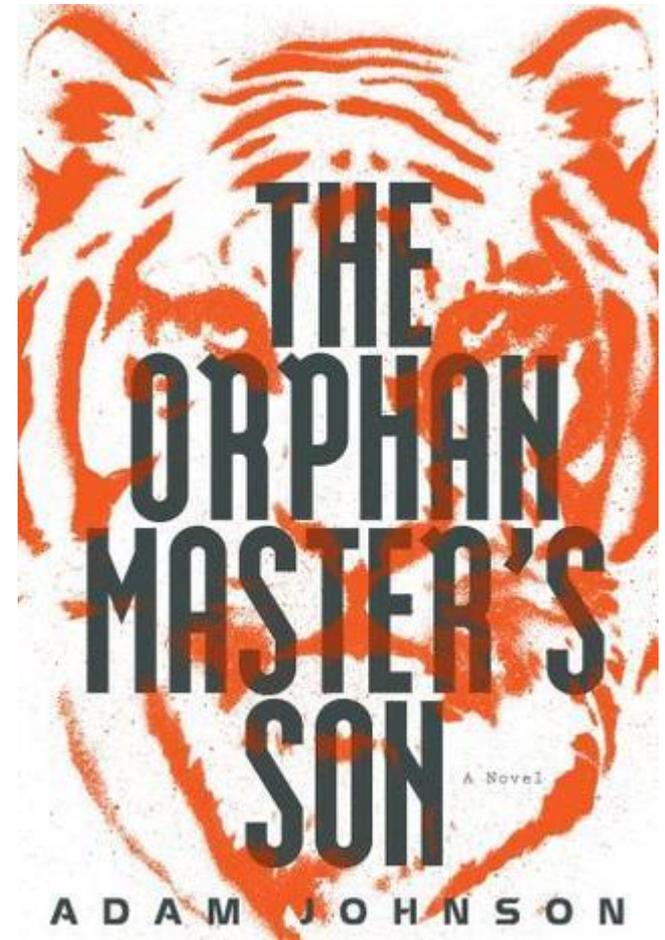
Mrs Mayes recommends

The Orphan Master's Son follows a young man's journey through the icy waters, dark tunnels, and eerie spy chambers of the world's most mysterious dictatorship: North Korea.

Pak Jun Do is the haunted son of a lost mother—a singer “stolen” to Pyongyang—and an influential father who runs Long Tomorrows, a work camp for orphans. There the boy is given his first taste of power, picking which orphans eat first and which will be lent out for manual labour. Recognized for his loyalty and keen instincts, Jun Do comes to the attention of superiors in the state, rises in the ranks, and starts on a road from which there will be no return.

Considering himself “a humble citizen of the greatest nation in the world,” Jun Do becomes a professional kidnapper who must navigate the shifting rules, arbitrary violence, and baffling demands of his Korean overlords in order to stay alive. Driven to the absolute limit of what any human being could endure, he boldly takes on the treacherous role of rival to Kim Jong Il in an attempt to save the woman he loves, Sun Moon, a legendary actress “so pure, she didn't know what starving people looked like.”

Thriller, innocence lost, romantic love. It is also a riveting portrait of a world hidden from view: a North Korea rife with hunger, corruption, and casual cruelty but also camaraderie, stolen moments of beauty, and love.



Literacy and thinking

- Research has shown that: **“reading at home can significantly boost your educational performance”**. The Literacy Trust
- A UN report showed that reading for pleasure has a significant relationship with a person’s happiness and success, both in terms of economic wellbeing and their family life. **In other words: people who can lose themselves in a book do better in life than those who can’t.**

Why is reading important?

- “Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body”. Sir Richard Steele
- When you read, you learn. You are actually exercising your brain because reading makes you think.

Youtube

- Listen to authors reading from their work...but check first!
- [Tolkein reading from “The Hobbit”,](#)
- [J.K Rowling reading from any one of the Harry Potter books](#)
- [Eoin Colfer reading from one of the Artemis Fowl books.](#)
- [Suzanne Collins reading from the first chapters of “Mockingjay”.](#)

Who wrote these books which have since been turned into films?

- “Forest Gump”
- “The Life of Pi”
- “My Left Foot”
- “Twelve Years a Slave”
- “To Kill a Mockingbird”
- “The Hunger Games”
- “Mary Poppins”
- “Rebecca”
- “Slumdog Millionaire”
- “The Help”,
- “Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief”
- “The Da Vinci Code”
- “Confessions of a Shopaholic”
- “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows”
- “The Lord of the Rings”
- “Breaking Dawn”

Choose a favourite piece of text of your own, explain why you like it; then ask questions/use as a stimulus for discussion.

- Reading was her way into the world...for she knew nothing beyond the family, which was her house, enclosing her on four sides, the entire and only truth. White walls like sheets of paper, the rules of life written on them in invisible ink. Reading tore holes in these paper walls and let her inspect another world...Books let her float out of herself and into a sort of golden cloud...the book and the world were one and she was both and neither, she was not there, she was everywhere.” **Michelle Roberts: “Impossible Saints”**.