



A **GUIDE** for GROWN-UPS to help **CHILDREN** carry on reading over the **SUMMER**

Inspired by the answers of thousands of young dreamers who took part in the National Literacy Trust and Puffin Lockdown reading survey.

1 Spend the summer dreaming, make time for reading

“Now that I’m at home I have more free time... Before we started home schooling I didn’t read very often but now I have found that I love reading again.”

Children said that time away from their busy school and social activities during lockdown gave them more time to be wrapped up in stories

2 Unicorns, astronauts, dinosaur poo. Whatever you love – there’s a Puffin book for you!

“I can be myself and read, write and listen to what I want.”

Children said that they have loved getting to choose what they read rather than being told what to read

3 Shhh . . . Quiet nooks are best with books

“I enjoy reading as I have a new reading corner in my bedroom.”

Children said that having a quiet space to enjoy stories helped them concentrate and relax

4 Stories come in all shapes and sizes, You can read with your ears – and with your eye-zes

“I listen to more audiobooks before bed and while I eat my breakfast. I do this more because it is better so that I can close my eyes while listening to a story.”

Children said that they have discovered brand new stories through ebooks, audiobooks and storytelling videos

5 Dream near, dream far Read together and listen to books in the car

“I enjoy reading more because I am able to read every day to my parents.”

Children said that they loved sharing stories with their family

6 A story never ends, When you share it with your friend “Reading is more fun with friends.”

Children said they missed talking about stories with their friends

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