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We get children motivated to read for fun through our Readathon in schools – motivated by the fact that they are reading to help us get brand new books and stories to kids stuck in hospital.

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This booklet is packed with fun, free and (hopefully) inspirational ideas to help make your school’s Readathon amazing!

#LiverpoolReadathon

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This is NOT mandatory...
...this is not a ‘must complete’ list, it is simply a ‘here are some fun ideas!’ list.

So use them or don’t. We just hope your pupils are reading as much as they can and, most importantly, as much as they want.

So if these ideas help in some way, then that'll be the cherry on the cake!

Have fun and enjoy your Readathon!

Liverpool Readathon runs from 5-16 November 2018 and there’s an official DEAR (Drop Everything & Read) Liverpool at 2pm on Friday 16 November

During your 2018 Readathon, why not...

- **Build a reading den**
  - Beanbags... tents... cushions at the ready! Create a booktastic area in your classroom, playground or library for your pupils to use to read.

- **Book Assembly**
  - Use assembly time to share teachers’ favourite reads, ‘pupils’ recommendations’ or to all sit and read together!

- **#extremeReading**
  - Hold a competition to see which pupil can be photographed reading in the strangest or most entertaining location! Remember, get them to share on Twitter!

- **Book Breakfast**
  - Use the start of the day or your breakfast club to hold a reading breakfast. Encourage pupils to read their books, magazines or some of the day’s news stories.

- **Book Zoo**
  - Create areas in your school or classroom themed around different animal books.

- **#readingselfie**
  - Take and share reading selfies. Take a photo fitting the book’s title or just of you and the book you are reading.

- **Dig deeper**
  - Ask pupils to find out five facts about the book they are reading or just finished and share them with you. These could be about the book, author or setting.

- **Registration Recommendations**
  - Thumbs up or thumbs down? Use your registration time to allow pupils (and yourself) to quickly share what they have been reading.

- **‘Read me’ bookmarks**
  - Encourage pupils to leave a ‘Read Me’ bookmark in a book they have borrowed. It can act as a mini recommendation for those looking for something new to choose from your class book shelves or library. Use our template or create your own.

- **Host a bedtime story**
  - Grab your PJ’s, hot chocolate and favourite teddy, and snuggle up with a book. This could be either during the day or after school.

- **It’s good to share!**
  - Share your Readathon experience... Be sure to tweet about the activity you do each day or email us your successes after your Readathon! @liverpool partnership @readfor good
A few more ideas to inspire your Readathon...

**D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)**
This is a great way to get the whole school and even your local community involved in Readathon. Staff and pupils throughout the school simply stop what they are doing all at the same time and read for 15–20 minutes. Give everyone advance warning of the date so they can bring a book to school. Ring a bell, announce over your school’s PA system or simply synchronise watches to ensure the whole school community reads in unison! You could use our D.E.A.R. poster template to keep everyone in the loop.

**D.E.A.L. (Drop Everything and Listen)**
A variation on D.E.A.R. but with the same idea of the whole school doing the activity at the same time. Teachers could read aloud to pupils, pupils could read aloud to the class or to each other. You may like everyone to even read the same book or piece of text! Regardless of how you choose to stage your D.E.A.L., the focus is on fun and reading.

**The Great Book Swap**
The idea is a simple one! As part of your Readathon why not organise a Great Book Swap. Arrange a day for classes, year groups or the whole school to swap a book they’ve read and no longer need for a whole new read. You could also try this with magazines or comics!

**Reading River**
During Readathon, create a ‘Reading River’ to record the various types of texts your pupils read. This is a straightforward visual activity which involves the class making a collage of drawings, photos and book covers representing all the different books and text types that they read each day.

**Readathon Book Group**
Book groups come in all shapes and sizes and can be a great activity to run during the Readathon (and beyond). Have a key focus like graphic novels, books linked to films, gender specific books or maybe any book goes. The main aim is to get together and read together!

**Readathon Un-book Group**
Readathon is all about reading anything and everything! Book groups are a fairly obvious idea but why not try an ‘unbook’ group. Organise reading groups that are not just books but newspapers, magazines or comics as well. This may be a good way of enthusing reluctant readers to get involved.

**Book seeks Reader**
Every school library or classroom bookshelf contains some sad, lonely books that are always left behind. During Readathon week, try to find those unloved books a reader.

**Door Displays**
Put your classroom doors to good use during Readathon, by creating a display of photos of favourite authors, quotes and book covers.

**Book Blind Date/Lucky Dip**
Create a lucky dip for those who’d like some help choosing what to read, or readers who just like a surprise! You could cover book covers with plain paper and get pupils to choose a book at random.
Join in and be part of a reading phenomenon!

Date:

Time:

Duration:

Reading Challenges!

How many of these Readathon challenges can you complete? Tick the box when you have completed the challenge...

Read...
- Outdoors
- At night
- A magazine
- A cook book
- To your pet
- At breakfast
- About animals
- In a reading den
- About magic
- A book you can finish in a day
- To a grown up
- About facts
- To a friend
- Something online
- A book you’d abandoned without finishing
- A non-fiction book
- A book chosen for you by a family member or friend
- During lunchtime
- About science
- A book of poetry
- To an adult
- About facts

At the weekend
The one line review...

Use the space below to write a very short, one sentence review about the books you’ve read during Readathon 2018! Make it short, snappy and to the point...

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The Tweet Review

Can you review the books you’ve read during Readathon in 280 characters or less?! Give it a go below...

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Today I’m reading...

Book title: [ ]

Author: [ ]

So far I’d rate this book: [5/5]

My final rating for this book: [5/5]

Congratulations to [ ]

from [ ]

on completing the 2018 Liverpool Readathon

By taking part in the Liverpool Readathon you have helped supply books for both your own school library and books for children currently in hospital.

On behalf of all of those children and us...
Thank you!

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REVOLTING
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TWITS
MATILDA
PEACH
MARVELLOUS
GEORGE
PELLY
MINPINS

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GULLIVERS TRAVELS by Jonathan Swift
ROBINSON CRUSOE by Daniel Defoe
OLIVER TWIST by Charles Dickens
LORD OF THE FLIES by William Golding
TREASURE ISLAND by Robert Louis Stevenson
ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell
OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck
WHITE FANG by Jack London
THE HOBBIT by J.R.R. Tolkien
IVANHOE by Walter Scott
MOONFLEET by J. Meade Falkner
BLACK BEAUTY by Anna Sewell

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During Readathon I’ve read...

In a land far, far away...

Books can take you on adventures around the world, into space or even to fantastical lands. Where have the books you’ve read taken you?