

Dear Parents,

Please find below a range of exciting ways you can promote reading during the summer holidays without your child's individual reading book or library book.

- KS1: **Bug club** - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Bug Club is a fantastic tool to access e-books that can be read by the user, or read to them as an audio book. Bug Club also allows readers to answer comprehension questions about the stories they have read, and has a range of fiction and non-fiction books made accessible by class teachers. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

- KS1 and KS2: **Get Epic** - <https://www.getepic.com>

Get Epic is a library of e-books that has a range of fiction and non-fiction books available. You must sign up to access this site (free of charge) and can choose to pay a fee for more resources. Similar to Bug Club, users can read the books themselves or have them read to them through an audio book.

- KS1 and KS2: **Apple books/e-books**

You can buy and download e-books for your phone and tablets on Apple iTunes.

- KS1 and KS2: **Obido** <https://www.obido.cn/shop/>
- KS2: **Accelerated Reader (AR) book finder**

UK version: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

US version: <http://www.arbookfind.com>

Local bookshops that sell English books:

1. Tianhe Book Center. [123 Tianhe Lu, Guangzhou 广州市天河路123号] To get there take Metro Lines 1 or 2 to the Tiyu Xilu stop (体育西路站), and leave the station through exit D and you will see the book center immediately to your left.

'New Page' book store has plenty of children's books on offer. It is located on the 4th floor.

2. Joint Publishing Co. [B1, World Peach Plaza, 362-366, Huanshi Donglu 环市东路362-366号好世界广场B1楼]

3. Xinhua Bookstore (276 Beijing Lu 北京路276号)

4. **The Book Depository** <https://www.bookdepository.com/category/2455/Childrens-Books> is a UK based book vendor that offers free shipping of books worldwide. Their database is enormous so you should be able to find just about any book you can imagine, and the books

can be found at their normal store prices so this is one of the best resources you will find online. All you have to do is set up a brief account (less than five minutes) give them the shipping address and the books will be on their way.

Local libraries

1. Guangzhou Library, No.4 Zhujiang East Road | Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District, Guangzhou 510623, China. <http://www.gzlib.gov.cn>

2. This website contains a directory of local libraries accessible from Guangzhou. <http://english.gz.gov.cn/gzgovent/s7188/Directorylist.shtml>

Please remember that reading in your home language is vital in improving children's reading in English. Please continue to read books, newspapers, shopping lists and notes in your home language over the summer, too.

Happy reading!
The English Team