



## How can you help your child prepare for English at Cirencester Deer Park School?

### Practise reading:

The most important thing that your child can do over the summer in order to prepare for English in Year 7 is to read. Read as much as possible: novels, poems, newspapers, magazines, websites, instruction manuals, biographies... read anything!

Use your local library or you can access the library virtually:

[Featured eAudiobooks | Gloucestershire Library and Information Service - BorrowBox](#)

Some useful websites for exploring reading are:

[www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>

### Practise writing:

When your child begins Year 7, it would be helpful if they were able to demonstrate a variety of different writing styles. We always love to see original writing with superb vocabulary choices and a variety of different writing techniques. Over the holiday there may be opportunities for them to practice.

Fantastic images and starters for creative writing can be found here:

[www.pobble365.com](http://www.pobble365.com)

A wide range of resources can also be found on BBC Bitesize, look for English Key Stage 3:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

### In September...

Year 7 pupils will be studying an exciting unit entitled 'Empowerment for Change.' They will be reading the novel *Ghost Boys*, a gripping and poignant tale about how children and families face the complexities of today's world and exploring a range of non-fiction texts about significant events linked with the novel.

In Year 7, the English course will include a study of a range of myths from Greek mythology, poetry analysis, and a study of Shakespeare's comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Reading abridged versions of texts or watching DVD or online productions would be beneficial.

