

# THE HTCS PARENTAL DIGEST

This weeks Monthly Digest from High Tunstall is all about Reading & Storytelling, and their importance. This week is National Storytelling Week. *Stories create magic and a sense of wonder at the world. Stories are important as they teach us about life, about ourselves and about others. Storytelling is a unique way for pupils to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation for other cultures, and can promote a positive attitude to people from different lands and religions. It is also something where Parents can connect with their son's/daughter's to support their development and creativity. Please see below for more information. Enjoy*

## *The benefits of storytelling*

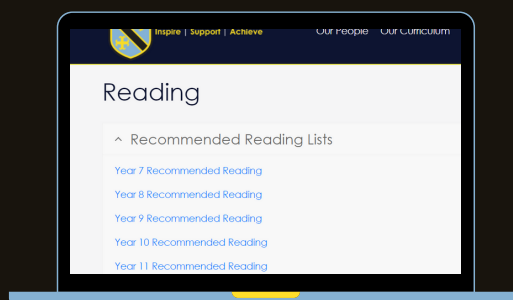
Storytelling is an artform for any age. We all do it, but did you realise the benefits of encouraging your children/teens, and families to do this. The benefits are:

- Inspires purposeful talking, and not just about the story — there are many games you can play.
- Raises the enthusiasm for reading texts to find stories, re-read them, etc.
- Initiates writing because children/teens will quickly want to write stories and tell them.
- Enhances the community in the room.
- Improves listening skills.
- Really engages those who love to act and improves confidence.
- Is enjoyed by anyone at any age, not just young children.
- Gives a motivating reason for English-language learners to speak and write English.



## *What resources are available?*

Please go to the following website by the Society for Storytelling and view the resources and events available to support and encourage storytelling. Careers too require creativity and clear communicative skills, so story telling will also enhance this.  
<https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>



Please go to our website at the following page and take a look at the reading and stories we look at at HTCS in different years and read passage with your son/daughter:  
<https://htcs.org.uk/reading/#1642155828375-86a626de-9f4c>

## *So what can we all do this week?*

So, as a community, why not all engage in storytelling this week. We can do this by either: listening to a story read and recited by your son/daughter; read, recite or retell and story to them yourself; or gather as a family to read, recite or re-tell a story over dinner.

The story can be ... **MYTH, LEGEND, FACT, FICTION OR PERSONAL**