

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Online Library Launches This Week

We are so lucky at Bishop Road to have an extensive library at the heart of our school, however, due to Covid restrictions and class bubbles, we have been unable to welcome children to visit this past year. Whilst there have been many deliveries of exciting new books to all our reading corners, it has been a shame to not give our children access to the 9000+ high-quality books we have in our library.

We have been working to find a way around this and are thrilled to launch our highly-anticipated 'Online Library' to all of our Year 4 classes this week. Each class will have an introductory lesson where they will be shown how to log in to their library accounts, explore the vast catalogue of books, and even write book reviews to be shared with their peers. Year 4 will be the first to trial the 'Online Library' but it will be rolled out to other year groups in the near future.

An exciting feature of our 'Online Library' is that books can be reserved by the children just as you are able to do in our public libraries in Bristol. If the books are available to be borrowed, they will be delivered to classes safely in new class library boxes. As it stood last year, children will have 28 days to borrow a book. However, they will now need to return it to their class library box where it will be quarantined before being loaned out once more. With this new system, the children will have more agency over their reading choices and have more responsibility when it comes to knowing when to return their books.

Once they have been shown how to use this new system in school, we would love to encourage the children to explore the 'Online Library' from home. It is accessible through any device via the school website at this address: www.bishoproad.bristol.sch.uk/our-library and the children will need their barcode and their password, which will be given to them by their teacher.

We hope you will be able to support our virtual reopening of the library and that the children will enjoy making the best use of all its resources at this time.

Yours sincerely and Happy Reading!

Miss Robson

School Librarian

