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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, reading is at the heart of our curriculum at Newcomen and is an essential, life-long skill. We share a passion for reading and actively nurture and promote the appreciation and love of Literature and reading for pleasure to embed a whole school culture of reading. The government recommend daily reading with your child and it is therefore essential you read every day with your child whilst they are at home and learning remotely during this lockdown.

We would be thrilled if videos of children reading parts of books aloud could be uploaded to our wonderful remote learning platform SeeSaw. Equally, a photograph of family members cuddling up and sharing a much loved story together would be greatly appreciated. We LOVE to see the Newcomen family reading!

Additionally, we are delighted to announce our EYFS pupils and Key Stage One pupils now have access to the Collins Online Big Cat Early Years and KS1 e books. The e books range from pink to lime band and are a great resource for both parents and teachers. On the Big Cat virtual bookshelf, you will find a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that are beautifully illustrated and exciting to read.

To log on, follow these instructions.

1. Go to <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx> and select the student sign in option.
2. Type in Newcomen Primary School in the 'find your school' select box and select our school.
3. You will then have to enter some generic details by using the drop down boxes to log on. They are as follows:
Date of birth = 1
Month = January
First Letter of Surname = A
Year Group = Year 1
4. Select 'Log In' and you can then click on the Big Cat Image to access the e books.



The e books are fantastic quality and they complement and match our reading scheme in school. We sincerely hope that our younger children enjoy them. Please take this opportunity to use this excellent free resource.

We are so looking forward to seeing our pupils and you and your dear families relishing the opportunity to improve their reading skills and settling down with a good book. Stay well and take care.

Best wishes,

Miss Pusztai