

# Read a Rainbow



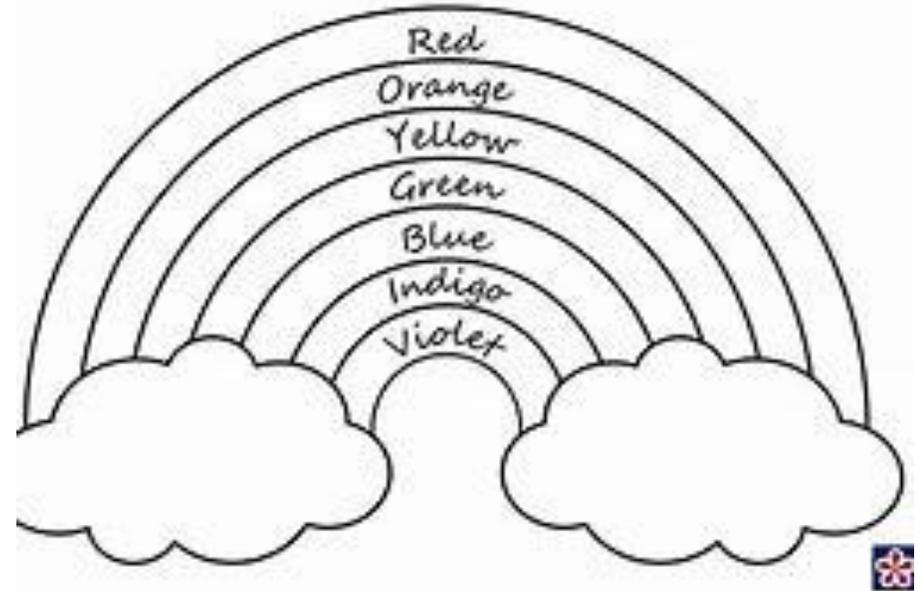
- Inspired by the rainbow motif as a symbol of hope, thanks, love, pride and solidarity, this summer we are inviting all NOA students to 'Read a Rainbow'.
- Each colour of the rainbow has its own reading challenge for you to complete.
- As you read the rainbow, simply log your completed challenges on your own rainbow or, if you want to create a lasting memory of your reading, create a digital or paper scrapbook of your reading rainbow.
- In the first week back at school in September, hand your completed rainbow log or scrapbook into your tutor or Ms. Tribe (NOA'S Literacy Lead) in the English office to receive a reward and entry into a grand prize draw.

# Read a Rainbow Reading Log

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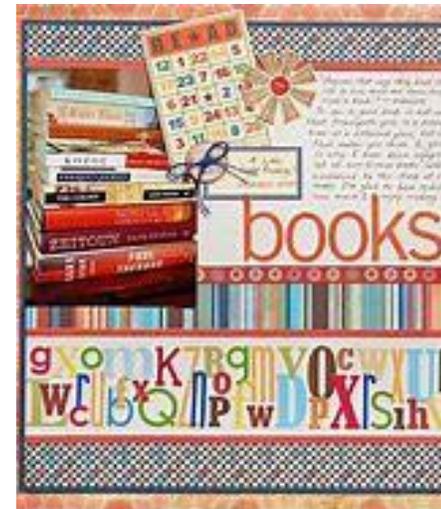
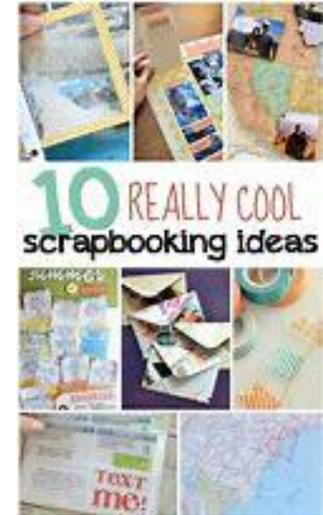
Make sure you record:

- The reading you did (title/author)
- The date you completed it
- Your thoughts on your reading
- Write your name, year group and tutor on your log.



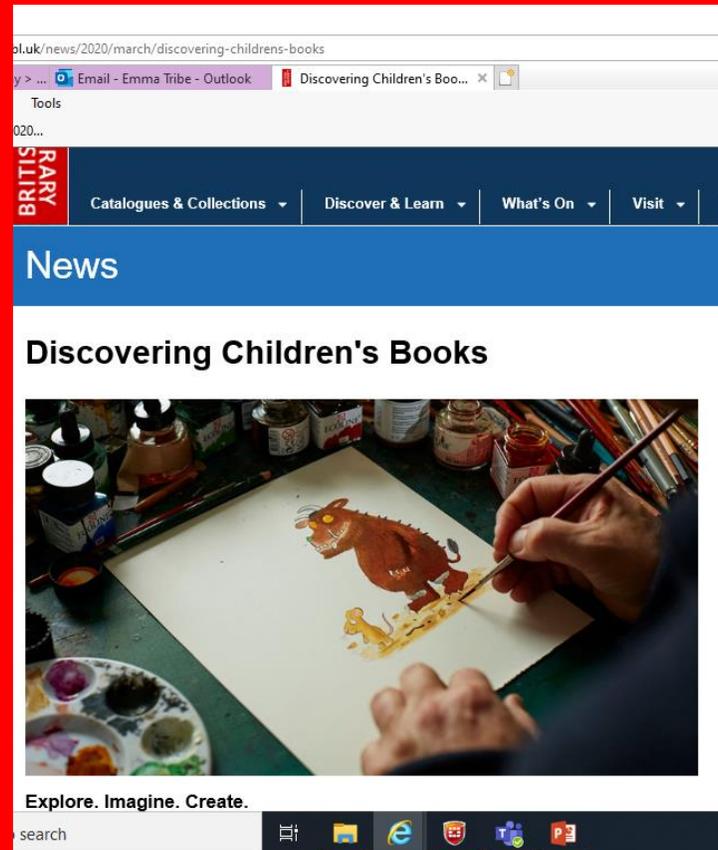
# Read a Rainbow Reading Scrapbook

If you want to create a lasting memory of your reading you could create a digital or paper scrapbook of your reading rainbow. There are lots of ideas for scrapbooking on the internet.



# Red is for Life

<https://www.bl.uk/news/2020/march/discovering-childrens-books>



- Traditionally, the colour red in the rainbow represents life.
- Do you remember the first story that you were told? The first that made you see the world differently? The first that you read over and over again?
- **The Red Reading Challenge is to visit The British Library's online project 'Discovering Children's Books' to explore the books that influenced our reading at the start of our lives.**
- You could also re-read some of your own childhood favourites or talk to family and friends about books that they read as children.

# THE BOOK OF HOPE'S

Words and Pictures for Great, Young and Elderly Children in Hospitals



Edited by  
**KATHERINE  
RUNDELL**

With Contributions from over  
**100** Children's Authors  
& Illustrators

## Orange is for Healing

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- **Traditionally, the colour orange in the rainbow is a reminder of the importance of healing.**
- **The Orange Reading Challenge is to read something from 'The Book of Hopes'.** The collection, published by Bloomsbury, is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.
- *Edited by Katherine Rundell, with contributions from more than 100 children's writers and illustrators, The Book of Hopes is completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson.*
- **IT IS ONLY AVAILABLE ON-LINE-Copy and paste the link.**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

# Yellow is for the Sun

**Traditionally, the colour yellow in the rainbow is simply a symbol of the sun.**

**The Yellow Reading Challenge is to take a photo of yourself reading in the summer sunshine.**



# Green is for Nature

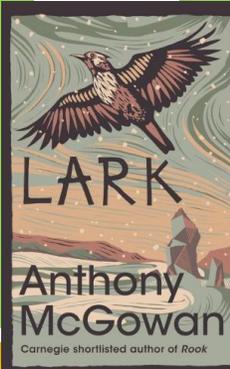
- Traditionally, the colour green in the rainbow is a reminder of the power, beauty and importance of nature.
- The Green Reading Challenge is to read a fiction, non-fiction or poetry collection about the environment.
- Google 'eco books for teens uk' for lots of choices of books to read or choose one from of our recommendations.

**GRETA  
THUNBERG**

**NO ONE  
IS TOO SMALL  
TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**

Greta Thunberg is a Swedish environmental activist who has gained international recognition for promoting the view that humanity is facing an existential crisis arising from climate change.

Anthony McGowan is a multi-award-winning author of books for adults, teenagers and younger children. He has a life-long obsession with the natural world, and has travelled widely to study and observe it. He has also written feature articles and travel journalism for The Times, Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Evening Standard and Mail on Sunday. His latest book 'Lark' the fourth in the 'Brock' series has just won the 2020 Carnegie Award.





## Blue is for Art

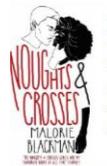
Traditionally, the colour blue in the rainbow represents art.

- Books have often inspired people working in lots of different art forms from paintings of characters and scenes from books, to film adaptations of comics and novels and favourite childhood stories, to song lyrics and musicals and operas and ballets to name just a few.
- The Blue Reading Challenge is to create your own piece of art inspired by something you read. You could illustrate a poem, paint a scene, compose a song, create a scratch animation- the choice is yours.
- Alternatively, why not read the original of a piece of book inspired film art. For example: DC Marvel comics, The Secret Garden, Harry Potter Series or research paintings that have been inspired by books and poetry. The paintings opposite are by John Waterhouse depicting the character of Ophelia from Shakespeare's tragedy 'Hamlet'.

# Indigo is for Harmony



## Book list for ages 13-16



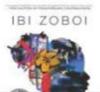
**Noughts & Crosses**  
**Author:** Malorie Blackman  
**Publisher:** Penguin  
**Age:** 11+  
*Also available as an ebook,  
Audio CD and audiobook*



**Slay**  
**Author:** Brittney Morris  
**Publisher:** Hachette  
**Age:** 13+  
*Also available as an  
ebook and audiobook*



**How High The Moon**  
**Author:** Karyn Parsons  
**Publisher:** Penguin  
**Age:** 13+



**American Street**  
**Author:** Ibi Zoboi  
**Publisher:** HarperCollins  
**Age:** 13+

Traditionally, the colour indigo in the rainbow represents harmony.

In harmony with the Black Lives Matter movement, The National Literacy Trust has brought together a series of book lists for children and young people of all ages to share black stories and promote black voices.

All books featured in the book lists are by black authors and/or illustrators and exemplify the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The age-appropriate book lists have been curated to help children, young people, families and teachers explore race, identity, family and community.

**The Indigo Reading Challenge is to read a book from the list.**

**There are 3 lists available- see separate PDFs.**

**Ages 9-12; Ages 13-16; Ages 16 and above.**

# Violet is for Spirit

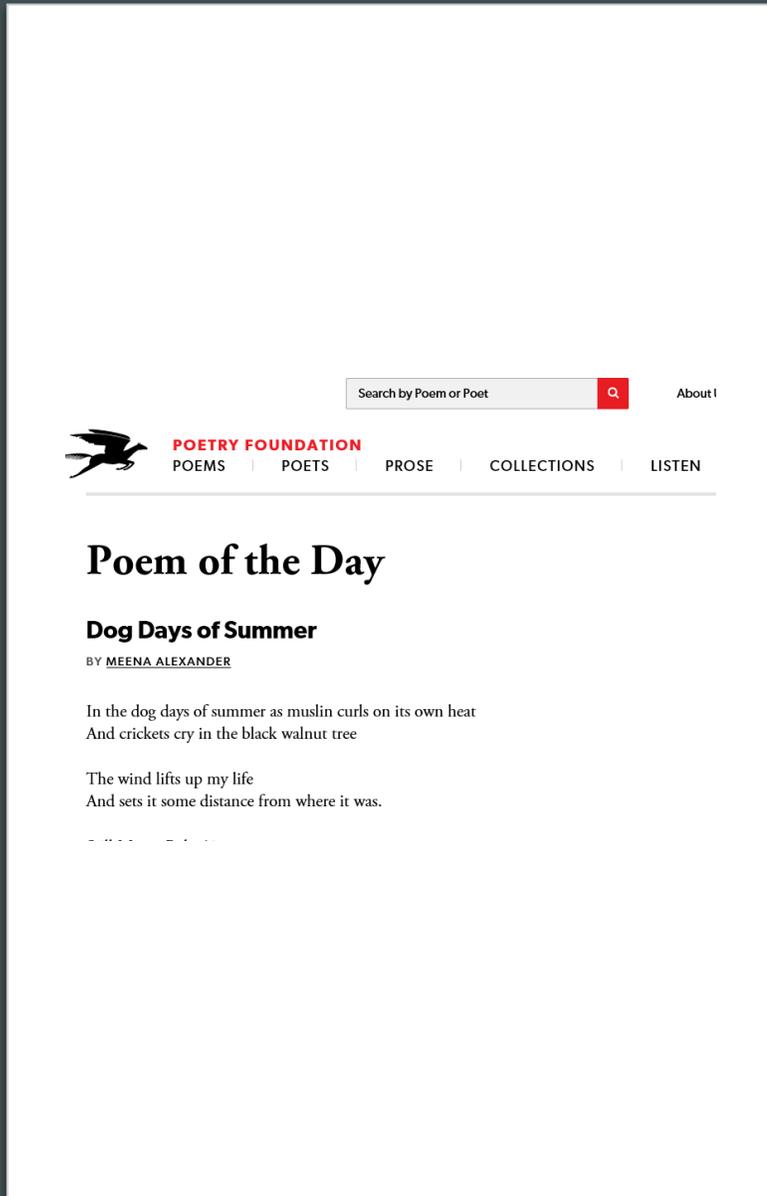
Traditionally, the colour violet in the rainbow represents spirit and well-being.

<https://reading-well.org.uk>

Reading Well supports you to understand and manage your health and wellbeing using helpful reading. The books are all recommended by health experts, as well as people with lived experience of the conditions and topics covered and their relatives and carers. It has a dedicated 'Young people's mental health' section as well as links to local library resources.

*'It beats like a heart, soothes emotional wounds, and builds life-giving connections.'* Rafael Campo, physician, former Harvard University teacher and award-winning author, prescribes poetry for students, patients, and doctors.

**The Violet Reading Challenge is to read a book as recommended by The Reading Well Website or read a poem a day for a week.** Find your own poetry collections or visit <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/poem-of-the-day> for your daily poem.



The screenshot shows the Poetry Foundation website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search by Poem or Poet" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a link for "About Us". Below the search bar is the Poetry Foundation logo, which includes a stylized bird icon and the text "POETRY FOUNDATION". Underneath the logo are navigation links for "POEMS", "POETS", "PROSE", "COLLECTIONS", and "LISTEN". The main content area features the heading "Poem of the Day" in a large, bold, serif font. Below this heading is the title "Dog Days of Summer" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font, followed by the author's name "BY MEENA ALEXANDER" in a small, all-caps, sans-serif font. The poem's text is displayed in a serif font, with the first two lines indented: "In the dog days of summer as muslin curls on its own heat / And crickets cry in the black walnut tree". The second two lines are also indented: "The wind lifts up my life / And sets it some distance from where it was." Below the poem, there is a small, faint text: "© 1995 by Meena Alexander".

**Congratulations!** You have completed your Read a Rainbow Summer Reading Challenge.

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