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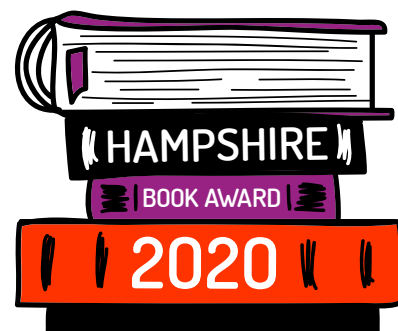
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*Hampshire SLS is committed to offering support to schools, librarians, teachers and young people in these unprecedented times. While we cannot visit schools at present, this newsletter will provide an update on services and signpost guidance and resources available to those concerned about the Mental Health and wellbeing of young people. Please do continue to contact us for support using the details at the end of this newsletter. Staff will be in touch with individual schools to rearrange all book exchanges once Government guidance on schools reopening is received.*

## Update on our Book Awards

We know that many of you are wondering what will happen to this year's **Hampshire Book Award** competition. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to obtain eBook copies of all the titles and we appreciate that your pupils will not be able to read all 6 books on the shortlist at the present time. We have decided to **cancel the event on June 23rd** as there is no guarantee any schools will be open by then and we wanted to provide you with some definite news. Once schools are open again, we will be in touch to get your thoughts on how we will proceed to complete the award this year. While the children cannot read all the shortlist, of course they can borrow books through our Wheelers platform and through the public library using their Borrowbox platform. Please follow this [link](#) to view our full longlist of titles that were considered for the HBA 2020 shortlist.



**Booklists for Wheelers** - Find four new booklists highlighting excellent titles available on our eBook platform [here](#), accessible to all from home.

**#ReadAtHome Challenge**  
Accessible [here](#) to parents without a password.

### Resources for Lockdown

This new page of resources aimed at all year groups has been created on our Moodle and is accessible [here](#) to parents & pupils at home without a login.

### Group Sets Info

HQ would kindly ask that schools return their group sets as soon as possible upon return, so we can redistribute them to other schools for the Autumn Term. There will also be new group sets available for you to borrow. Find out more on the Moodle page [here](#).

*Don't forget about the eResources included in your Subscription! Click each image for a link.*



**Resources for Lockdown**



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**ePlatform**  
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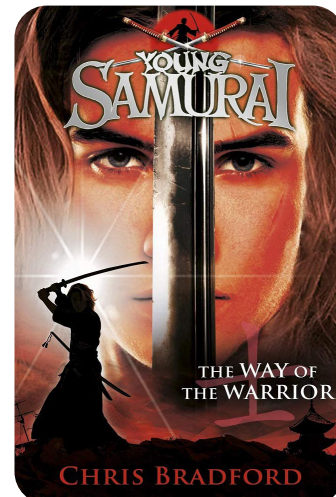
## Home Learning Resources



**BBC**  
**Bitesize**  
**Daily**

**BBC Bitesize** is releasing daily lessons for home learning in English & Maths. Learn more about Bitesize Daily and everything else available on BBC Bitesize to support pupils learning from home [here](#).

**Chris Bradford** has produced an amazing Virtual Author visit on his [Youtube Channel](#) discussing his Young Samurai Series. Step into the life of a samurai and discover how Chris Bradford became a bestselling author.



**The National Theatre** is streaming critically acclaimed productions of renowned works for free on YouTube. Visit their [website](#) or follow them on [Twitter](#) for live updates on what will be streaming and when.



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### *Fiction Express by Boolino*

An innovative book platform that connects students with professional authors, encouraging reading for pleasure through fun co-creation of stories, this tool is excellent for KS3 reluctant readers. Currently, Fiction Express are allowing schools to sign-up for a free trial period, click to [here](#) to find more details.



**Fiction Express**  
by Boolino

**eBook Recommended Read**  
**TrooFriend by Kirsty Applebaum**  
<https://www.kirstyapplebaum.co.uk>

Second novel by this Hampshire author and another riveting read perfect for Yrs 5-7. Sarah is at secondary school and her mother has just bought her a Troofriend 560, the latest artificial intelligence robot who will keep her company whilst her parents work. Despite her reluctance at the start, Sarah becomes very attached to her new friend. It raises issues about friendship, the importance of feelings and what distinguishes humans from machines. A page turner which grips to the end.



### **Accessing SLS Resources:**

If you are currently not reaping the benefits of our Moodle, please fill out the Moodle consent form (found [here](#)) to request access and return to [hq.sls@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hq.sls@hants.gov.uk).

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