

ENGLISH

Welcome to the English Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

As we reach July and the promise of the long summer break, there is more free time to read and write for pleasure. If you are going on vacation, take a reading book or notepad with you; it is the perfect time to get creative.

READ

The winners of the Yoto Carnegies 2024, awards that celebrate achievement in children's writing, are both excellent summer reads.

Medal for Writing

The winner: *The Boy Lost in the Maze* by Joesph Coelho. This is the first time the award has been bestowed on a black British writer. The story depicts a boy's journey into manhood and incorporates the ancient legacy of the Minotaur with the contemporary journey of a teenager searching for his biological father.

Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing

The winner: Tia Fisher's powerful debut novel *Crossing the Line*, which is based on a true story about teenagers swept up into county lines.

LISTEN

The first chapter of *The Lord of the Flies*, a text read in Year 9, is called 'The Sound of the Shell'.

Listen to the analysis, setting the scene of the novel. It introduces the reader to the main characters who crash land on what first appears to be a paradise island:

[Lord of the Flies, Chapter 1: The Sound of the Shell](#) - YouTube

WATCH

Summer holidays are fast approaching and days spent on the beach with sandy toes and salt starched hair will invigorate the spirit.

There are beach activities galore: paddle boarding on the calm sea, surfing on the rougher coasts, rock pooling with younger siblings, swimming while pretending to be as streamlined as a dolphin, crabbing with line and buckets, and beachcombing for hidden gems.

Watch this short video of the poem *Beachcomber* by George Mackay Brown:

[Beachcomber by George MacKay Brown](#) - YouTube

DO

Take inspiration from the quote below and write a creative non-fiction story about a summer experience of your own:

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

'The Great Gatsby', F. Scott Fitzgerald.