

## A message from Storytime magazine

I am one of the creators of Storytime magazine – we're a social enterprise and are one of the most widely used magazines by schools in the UK. **I'm getting back in touch this morning to remind you of our home deliveries in case they would be useful to you.**

**Storytime works for reluctant readers who will not pick up a book - but still appeals to children who do read books for enjoyment.** Schools use us for classroom reading, guided reading, or as a pupil premium resource.

Since the end of March we have also been setting up home deliveries at cost price for pupils who would really benefit from getting extra, accessible reading material each month – particularly those who are at risk of falling behind.

The response has been simply incredible – there are now tens of thousands of extra copies of Storytime going out each month to children and we've had some really lovely comments back from teachers.

The plan was to continue this until schools 're-open', but though some children will be returning to school this month, we appreciate that this is not across the whole of the UK, it is limited to particular age groups, not every parent will send the child in, and there are so many children who will need extra support for months to come – so we will continue these deliveries until September and beyond if required.

Please find some more information about us below

- These home deliveries are **not on an annual subscription** - we'll just send them out each month for as long or as little as you need us to.
- Each issue is also accompanied by a **free online home learning pack**, with lesson ideas, comprehension exercises, a glossary and fun activities – which can be emailed to parents and teachers.
- We feature **tales with different levels of reading difficulty**, with fairy tales, poems, myths & legends (which work well for boys), plus tales from a variety of cultures.
- We have quite a **broad readership from 4 to 9**. Though it varies by school and region, as a rule I would say 4-6 reading with an adult or older child, and 7 to 9 reading independently. For children with English as an additional language it can be slightly older.
- While we can't offer this for free as we also need to pay our staff and cover our production & postage costs - we can do this at a **really low price at £2.50 per home address per month**
- No plastic toys, no plastic packaging, no adverts
- From surveying our schools, we know it makes a difference - after a year of receiving Storytime children who were previously reading for less than 15 minutes a day are reading for longer, and crucially, enjoying reading more too.

There are some links to sample issues below

[Storytime Sample - Stan and the Dragon, Squirrel Spy, Red Riding Hood](#)

[Storytime Sample - Mulan, Sir Lancelot, Edith the Inventor](#)

[Storytime Sample Issue Link - Friendly Lion, Sports Day, The Shark](#)