

STUDY LINKS NEWSLETTER

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READING FOR PLEASURE

OCTOBER 1st to 7th is Children's Book Week. We all have memories of reading as a child, or of reading with our children. The Study Links team has been reminiscing and came up with their Top 10 Children's Books:

1. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
2. **The Magic Faraway Tree** by Enid Blyton
3. **Lord of the Flies** by William Golding
4. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
5. **The Famous Five Series** by Enid Blyton
6. **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C. S. Lewis
7. **Spot the Dog** by Eric Hill
8. **Swallows and Amazons** by Arthur Ransome
9. **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney
10. **Walkabout** by James Vance Marshall

The Study Links Director, Angela, recalls reading *The Magic Faraway Tree*, 'It was my mum's favourite book when she was a little girl. I loved it and used to read it to my children when they were small and they loved it too. I still have the original book and I'm saving it for when I have grandchildren.' Catherine used to read *The Gruffalo* to her daughter, 'My daughter's eyes would light up when we read this book together at bedtime. I must admit, I enjoyed it as much myself!' Katy remembers reading to her son; 'before Oliver could even read, he knew every word to *The*



Very Hungry Caterpillar and used to join in as his dad or I read it to him'.

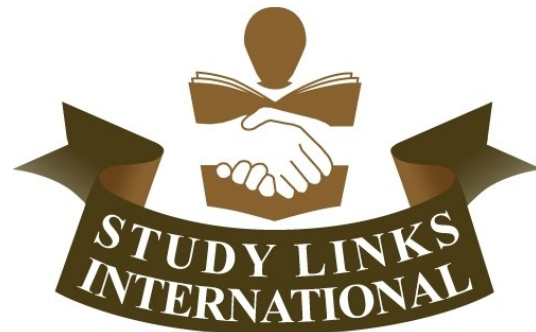
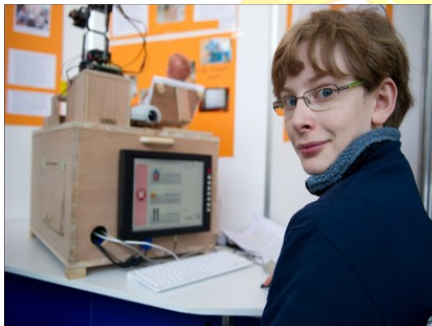
Find out more about Children's Book Week at www.booktrust.org.uk. What was your favourite book as a child? Send your stories to office@studylinks.co.uk.

SEPTEMBER'S SLI STAR PUPIL

THE Study Links Star Pupil for September is Lionel Will from Kelly College in Tavistock. Lionel is from Germany and he joined Kelly College this September. As well as studying hard in England, Lionel is also working on a very interesting project in Germany. His brief is to 'enhance the quality of life for physically handicapped people'. Lionel's mother, Mrs Boy-Will, kindly translated the abstract for us. This is what Lionel and his project partner, Julia, plan to do. 'We want to develop a robotic arm that is capable of feeding a patient with liquids, food and medicine. Our main focus will be

tetraplegics (people who cannot use any of their limbs) since there is often only a very limited budget to help with rehabilitation in these cases. It is our main aim to develop a cheap system. Our robot should be a part of a bed-table in hospital. This makes it different from the existing robots, such as 'Rhoni' or 'Armor'. We want to build a prototype and then do research on

how well it functions. We are doing the research in close cooperation with Prof Dr Jürgen Stettin at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences in Germany.' At Study Links we think it is wonderful for someone so young to embark on such a worthwhile project. This robot, and the research done during its development, could improve the lives of many people. Well done Lionel! All SLI Stars receive a present and card in the post to say well done for being fantastic! We hope you like them.



HALF TERM PLANS

STUDENTS, we are rapidly approaching half term. Most of you will be going to stay with one of our lovely host families, some of you will be going home and some of you are making your own arrangements. If you have not already been in touch with someone from Study Links about your half term arrangements then please give us a call on 01274679710 or email the homestay team at office@studylinks.co.uk to tell us what you intend to do for the holidays. If you do need a homestay but have not told us already, please do so quickly so we can find you the family you want or one in the area you want. Thanks!



WELCOME RUSSELL

WELCOME to our newest recruit, Russell Keane. Russell has joined the homestay team and will be working with homestay families placing students with them for school holidays. He will visit new hosts and re-visit current hosts

so many of you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with him. Russell works hard in his spare time managing two orchestras. He is a violinist and we hope that we'll get to hear him play at some point! You can contact Russell at the office on 01274679710 or email him at russell@studylinks.co.uk.



TRIP TO HONG KONG, MACAU AND GUANGDONG

ANGELA and Ailie will be travelling overseas on the 6th October for 3 weeks. If you'd like to see them whilst they are in your area, let us know at office@studylinks.co.uk and we'll do our best to accommodate your request. They will be exhibiting at the Education UK Schools and Colleges Exhibition on 13th October between 1pm and 6pm at the Regal Hong Kong Hotel in Causeway Bay. If you have any questions about guardianship or the UK they will do their best to answer them. They hope to see you there!



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