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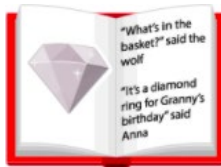
A quick guide to Serial Mash



Overview

Serial Mash is an online library of fiction books for children. Its purpose is to inspire children to read for pleasure. New books are added at the beginning of each half-term and released in a serial format to keep readers on the edge of their seats. The library is aimed at KS1, lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

There are five distinct libraries in Serial Mash:



Diamonds recommended for 5-7s.

Diamonds



Emeralds recommended for 7-9s.

Emeralds



Sapphires recommended for 9-11s.

Sapphires



Fire Bolts recommended for reluctant readers in upper KS2 which aims to motivate and promote independent reading.

Fire Bolts



Poetry - A collection of poetry for children aged 5 – 11.

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ETHOS


Serial Mash is designed to inspire children to develop a love of reading, become better readers and to provide resources to support busy teachers in the classroom.

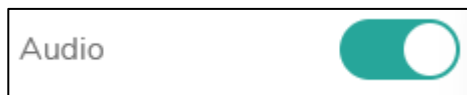
Through the publication of bespoke weekly fiction Serial Mash leaves every chapter on a cliff hanger encouraging children to keep returning to find out what happens next. Home access is a key part of Serial Mash providing all children, regardless of background, with a growing library they can read for pleasure away from school. Everyone at Serial Mash is committed to helping children have a love of reading and develop the key life skill of reading.

The resources accompanying each chapter help ensure the children develop the skills to become higher level readers and save the teacher's time of preparing them for themselves.

NEW FEATURES –

Interactive Reader

Newly published books at all levels are accompanied by an interactive reader that will highlight the text and narrate the stories to the children. By default, this option is turned off. To turn it on, open the chapter the child wished to read. Click the settings cog  on the top right of the screen and then drag the audio slider to the right.



As the text is read to the children, the words will be highlighted in turn.

Videos

Each of the new stories in Emeralds and Sapphires as well as the poetry section are accompanied by videos showing the story being read to the children by a talented voice over artist.

Information About The Books

A spreadsheet showing details of all the books in Emeralds and Sapphires can be found [here](#). The spreadsheet allows you to search for books by:

- Title
- Age Band
- Main Setting
- Curriculum Links
- Author
- Number of Chapters
- Audio Version.

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DIAMONDS

Diamonds books are published whole in the first week of each half term. Each of the stories is written exclusively for Serial Mash. Each book is 5 chapters long and cover a range of topics and themes. Each chapter is accompanied by a range of learning resources.



Chapter 1

Read the chapter;
with audio
narration.



Chapter 1: Quiz

5 question online
quiz about the
chapter.



Chapter 1 Quiz

PDF version of the
5 question online
quiz about the
chapter.



Chapter 1: Joining
Words

Online quiz about
joining words.



Chapter 1: Missing
Words

Online quiz about
missing words.



Chapter 1 - Picture
Prompts

Picture prompts to
help the children
talk about the story.



Chapter 1 - GPS
Activities

Grammar,
Punctuation and
Spelling activities.



Space

Paint project based
on the chapter.

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EMERALDS AND SAPPHIRES

A new book is published at the start of the half term. Each of the stories is written exclusively for Serial Mash. A chapter is released to the children every Monday with the accompanying activities. Each of the books lasts the length of the half term normally 5, 6 or 7 weeks. The books cover a range of topics and themes and many are linked to the wider curriculum.



Chapter 1

Read the chapter;
with audio
narration.



Video - Chapter 1

Video of the story
being read.



Chapter 1: Online
Multiple Choice

5 question online
quiz about the
chapter.



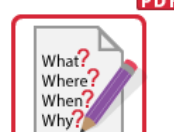
Chapter 1: Multiple
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Online Open Ended
Questions

5 open ended
questions for the
children to complete
online.



Chapter 1: Open Ended
Questions

5 open ended
questions for the
children to complete
as a PDF.



Chapter 1: Sequencing

Sequence the
events of the
chapter into the
right order.



Chapter 1: SPaG

5 spelling,
punctuation and
grammar questions.
PDF version.



Viking Longships

Piece of extended
writing.



2Animate

Supplementary
extension activity
linked to the
chapter.

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FIREBOLTS

Firebolts books are aimed at giving reluctant or struggling readers a love of books. They do not come with additional resources but are designed to be read for pleasure.

POETRY

A collection of traditional and modern poetry covering a range of styles. Each of the accompanying poems is accompanied by a range of writing resources and developing tray activities. For more information see the [Poetry Teachers Guide](#).

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Use this weekly plan to help you integrate Emeralds and Sapphires Serial Mash into your guided reading sessions each day.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Objectives | Links to the English and Welsh National Curricula for Literacy can be found in the Teachers tab at the top of Purple Mash in the following place: Teachers → Curriculum Ideas and Resources → Serial Mash Teachers Section → Select the appropriate book | | | | |
| Activity | Read the chapter | Multiple Choice & Sequencing | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. | Open Ended Questions | Extended Writing |
| Description | Read the new chapter from the current book. Read as a class or in small groups or as part of reading intervention. | Complete the online multiple choice activity and the chapter sequencing activity. (both also available as a PDF) | Review and recap the chapter with your class and then ask the children to complete the spelling, punctuation and grammar activity. | Ask your class to complete the “open ended questions” activity individually, in pairs or small groups. | Review the chapter and then ask your students to complete the extended writing activity. This is an online activity that should be completed on student’s individual Purple Mash accounts. |
| Notes | | Answers to these activities can be found in Serial Mash’s dedicated section for Teachers | | | |
| Other uses | Serial Mash is also a perfect resource for homework or to support reading interventions. | | | | |
| Links | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.purplemash.com/site#/serialmash http://www.purplemash.com/site#/teachers/serialmash_teachers | | | | |

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