



Plan ahead during the winter weather

LONDONERS and visitors to the city are being advised to check before they travel and allow extra time for their journeys as the weather forecasts continue to predict ice and snow. TfL continues to work hard to keep services running and strategic roads open wherever possible, including key arterial roads, cycle routes, and footways around bus and rail stations, hospitals and other emergency service stations.

There are well-rehearsed plans in place, including running de-icing trains overnight, keeping tracks as clear as possible, and gritting platforms to keep them safe for customers.

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Titles to transport you

Brighten your commute with this selection of London-themed literature in honour of World Book Day today.

AS readers across the country celebrate the power of the printed word, here are a selection of brilliant books that are bound to take you on a journey.

Classic Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens

Dickens's famous novel mentions nearly one hundred different places in the capital by name. London may have changed a lot since orphaned Oliver asked for more gruel in the mid-19th century - but readers will still recognise locations like Clerkenwell, Bethnal Green and St Paul's Cathedral.



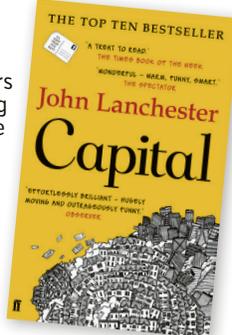
Holmes is where the heart is: the famous detective can be tracked down at Baker Street

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Follow literature's most famous detective as he solves all manner of mysteries from his home at 221b Baker Street. Immerse yourself in 12 gripping tales, then take a trip to Baker Street Tube station, where silhouettes of Holmes decorate the tiles (pictured above right).

Contemporary Capital, John Lanchester

The characters in this striking book all share an address in common - Pepys Street, in Clapham - but they couldn't be more different. Glance into the daily lives of an investment banker, a shopkeeper, a Premier League footballer, a builder and a traffic warden as Lanchester documents London's diversity.



Ordinary People, Diana Evans (published April 8)

Also set in South London, this brand new novel explores themes of family, relationships, identity and modern city living through the eyes of two ordinary couples. Look out for lyrical descriptions that paint a moving portrait of the capital.

Non fiction London Underground by Design, Mark Ovenden

This beautifully illustrated and comprehensive history explores the Tube's celebrated design achievements, and the visionaries who brought them to life.

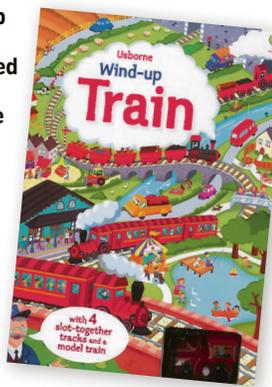


London on Two Wheels, London Transport Museum

The ideal guide for cyclists, this practical handbook offers all the tips you'll need to make the most of London by bike. Read before you ride for route suggestions, maps, safety advice and fitness information.

For children Wind-up Train, published by Usborne

This fun board book comes with a wind-up toy steam train and makes the perfect gift for younger readers. The colourful pages pop out and the pieces slot together, creating a puzzle landscape for the toy train to explore.



London Activity Book

Need to keep little ones busy on a long journey? Look no further than this London-themed activity book of puzzles, stickers and drawing activities. Children can stick pigeons in Trafalgar Square, join the dots to reveal Tower Bridge and design their own river boats, and even follow a recipe to make a spicy curry from Brick Lane.

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