

15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are staying healthy and well.

Thank you to all of our students who are trying so hard with their online learning. We understand it can be difficult but staff are really excited to see everything that is being achieved at home and we especially enjoy the photographs of the work. We are checking in with every family of a child who is working at home on a weekly basis, however, please ring us if you have any concerns.

Next week we are planning a literacy week to take place on google classroom and in school for students who are attending. Please keep your eye out on google classroom for the following activities:

- Competitions
- Online Treasure hunt
- Class reading competition 1 paper chain for every book read "real" books and audiobooks count.
- Magic crafts
- · Activities based around short passages from books with a magic theme
- Reading to Baloo
- Games

In addition to this we are setting up a link to Myon which is part of our Accelerated Reader programme and provides access to hundreds of e-books which students can read or listen to. Details of how to log in to this are to follow.

The idea of this week is to try to further engage students with reading, this is proven to have the most effective impact on learning skills, building of vocabulary and increasing life chances. We are also trying to ensure maximum student engagement through different weekly focuses.

I would like to request all parents to please get involved with some of these reading activities and share a love of reading and books, in the words of Dr Seuss, 'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go'.

Please see the links below on how to support your child with their learning.

Video to help parents of struggling readers: How to help a struggling reader | Oxford Owl

Reading at home tips: 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

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Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

Parents guide to Accelerated Reader: https://help.renlearn.co.uk/AR/ARParentGuide

https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson EnjoyReading 03.pdf

Thank you for all of your support so far and we hope that you enjoy our reading activities.

Yours sincerely

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