

Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

KS2 English Homework Update

As you are aware, we use Accelerated Reader (AR) across our school. This is a computer program that nurtures independent reading in pupils and supports teaching staff to monitor pupils' reading development.

As part of our homework expectation for English, we would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child reads regularly at home for 2 hours – 2 ½ hours per week (aim for four reads per week, 30 minutes each) and completes the relevant quiz on AR.

This week, we will also be launching reading diaries across KS2. Pupils should also record each read in their diary and we ask that you sign or initial alongside this in the relevant section. Pupils should bring their reading diary to school on a daily basis, as it will be checked each week. Teachers will contact you to offer support if your child is struggling to read regularly. However, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Simon as often as needed for help and advice.

Pupils will be recording their word count, ZPD level and Reading Riches information in their diary regularly so that you can keep an even closer track on their reading progress. Reading diaries will also contain supporting information including tips for building your child's confidence with reading, questions that can be used to discuss texts and example responses that we hope you find useful. We will be updating this supporting information regularly.

Please do not write urgent messages, or those which are not related to reading in your child's reading diary – continue to use the regular channels for this purpose as appropriate.

As a reminder, weekly English homework for KS2 pupils consists of:

1. Reading your ZPD book (at least four reads per week, 30 minutes each) and completing the relevant quiz on AR.
2. Completing your assigned Spelling Shed task.
3. Completing an additional task to support learning in the classroom, which could be a reading comprehension task, a grammar or punctuation task, a handwriting task or a writing composition task.

Please contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely



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