



Reading at home during lockdown

Dear parents,

I am delighted to say that many of the children are doing a fantastic job in continuing their reading at home and I can see this when I monitor the accelerated reading information. I am very aware that accessing books at the moment is difficult, and that the children aren't able to quiz in school as they normally would. This letter is just a reminder of what is available and how your child can be supported to read during this time.

Accelerated Reader (KS2 mainly)

The web address for our own Carclaze accelerated reader site is below. It must be this exact web address, as 'Googling' accelerated reader brings up other school's sites. On this site, your child can quiz on any books they've read and see their progress towards their targets, as they do in school.

<https://ukhosted4.renlearn.co.uk/2234784/>

If your child wants to know whether any book they have picked up is on accelerated reader, they just need to type the name of the book into this website (you can just Google 'AR book find' for this one). You do not need a login or sign up. Simply type the name of the book, and if it is on accelerated reader (meaning it will have a quiz) it will appear with all the information about the book and its level. This may also help to identify whether a book is in your child's ZPD.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

E-libraries

As you may already be aware, there is a free library available for anyone to use. Simply sign up below if you are having problems accessing books.

For children on RWI (Read, Write, Inc) - there will be lots of options at your child's usual RWI colour band. Ask the teacher for help if you are having difficulty finding appropriate books. Children will enjoy it more and benefit more if the books are at the correct level for them.

For children on accelerated reader - lots of these books are also on accelerated reader, and you can check before reading using AR book find.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign-up.html>

Additional options (Y2 and up to begin with)

Another free way of accessing books that children are able to use is 'Fiction Express'. These books are not on accelerated reader, but also have quizzes, which your teachers can see you have competed. Full information on this will be sent on eschools from your class teachers (you may have it already).

<https://en.fictionexpress.com/>

Buying

If you are having trouble accessing books, this website is fantastic for getting the titles you want at a good price. The books are second hand, but it means there are lots of bargains, and you can select great condition books!

<https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb>

I hope this letter has been helpful in giving some ideas and clarifying what is available. If you are having problems accessing any books for your child to read, speak to their class teacher and they will be happy to help. Our key message, as always, is there is no better way of supporting learning, than in investing time reading with your child, or encouraging them to use some time to read.

Thank you all for your efforts in supporting your child in this time. We know it is a juggling act with lots of challenges, and we are here to help all we can.

Best wishes to everyone,

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