



I hope you are enjoying the special bank holiday. I have heard of various street parties happening in the local area, all following social distancing rules. What a wonderful way to connect with your neighbours, to both celebrate this very special event and to support the community during this time. If you are taking part in any celebration, or have made flags and decorations we would love to see them. You can send them in to the office e-mail address. The National Arboretum, which provides a focus for the Nation's remembrance and commemorations, also has a list of online activities.

[http://www.thenma.org.uk/events-at-the-arboretum/forthcoming-events/ve-day-75/?utm\\_medium=govdelivery&utm\\_source=email](http://www.thenma.org.uk/events-at-the-arboretum/forthcoming-events/ve-day-75/?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email)

During your daily exercise breaks you may have walked past the school and seen scaffolding has been put up. This is very exciting news. Next week, the KS2 building is having the roof replaced. This is especially good news, as since the computer room was completely refurbished we then had 3 leaks in the roof and some computers had to be moved. The roofers will be working totally outside of the school and will not require any resources inside school. It is expected to take 14 weeks.

This week we take a look the work Miss Tullett and Mrs Swallow are doing around reading provision in school. Last academic year we launched our new home reading system for children who had finished phonics. This is both incredibly popular with children and useful to staff. It ensures your child chooses a book that is easy enough so it can be enjoyed and challenging enough to expand vocabulary and concepts. Staff analyse data each half term to check progress and identify areas where explicit teaching will make a difference.

### Reading

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn the more places you'll go."  
- Dr. Seuss*



Over the past weeks we have been busy making sure that your children can still access reading, record their progress and allow teachers to monitor achievements. We have attended webinars and online training

from Accelerated Reader to help ensure the children can access many different forms of reading material.



### Accelerated Reader

Our children love to quiz after they have read a book. That's why we have taken away the usual restrictions and enabled all our pupils that are already using AR to quiz at home. With the present lockdown measures, it isn't as easy to get our hands on the books that we love to read. So, look no further because MyOn (from the developers of Accelerated Reader) have given us free access to over 7000 digital books (these are all books that you can quiz on afterwards) and MyON News articles (which are written specifically for children and have quizzes at the end of each article). Both have dictionary and audio functions and many other useful and fun features – read the news in French or Spanish, if you like!



### Celebrating Reading

At school we usually celebrate our reading successes in an assembly where we recognise our hard work and achievements with certificates and word counts.

**Total number of words read last half term – 11,476,362**  
**Total words read since September – 40,677,438**