

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Reading**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your support in returning reading books and library books to school. Whilst this may seem early as we still have three weeks until the end of term, this will give us time to organise our reading resources. Recent monitoring of both home reading books and guided reading shows that although we are incredibly well stocked with lots of different reading schemes, they have become a little muddled and do not match each other. In the summer holidays English advisors are coming into school to help us properly sort the books so that we can start the new academic year with accurately levelled reading books that will help develop fluency at home.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July we had a brilliant whole school assembly from Abbots Langley Library with information around the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge. This begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and it is free to sign up at your local library. The children will receive their own Space Chase mission folder to get them started and then they need to read at least six library books over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to their folder. It would be fantastic to see any work from the Summer Reading Challenge at the start of next year!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019



I have recently signed up all children from our Nursery class to Year 2 and some Key Stage 2 children to the award-winning series of games called 'Teach Your Monster to Read'. It has been created by the Usborne Foundation which is a charity set up to support initiatives to develop early literacy. It is completely free to play on a PC and laptop and there is also an app that can be downloaded to use on phones and tablets that costs £4.99.

Each child has their own login and password which can be found on their password card that looks like this:

The star code only needs to be entered if you purchase the app.

There are three different types of games that the children can start on:

	<b>Player name</b>	
	<b>Player password</b>	
	<b>Star code</b> (for app) if applicable	
<small>Computers: Log in at <a href="http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/u/320146">www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/u/320146</a> iPads / Android Tablets: Log in using our app</small>		



1. First Steps – for children just starting to learn letters and sounds. All Nursery and Reception children have been given this level to start at to support current learning or consolidate prior learning.
2. Fun With Words – for children who are confident with early letter- sound combinations and are starting to read sentences. Some Year 1, Year 2 and KS2 children have been given this level to start at to support current learning or consolidate prior learning.
3. Champion Reader – for children who are confidently reading short sentences and know all of the basic letter-sound combinations. Some Year 2 and KS2 children have been given this level to start at to support current learning or consolidate prior learning.

Once the children have logged in they can create their own monster that they then take with them on adventures. The games have been designed to develop children’s speed and accuracy of letter recognition.

This is your child’s password card:

If you have any questions about guided reading books, home reading books, the Summer Reading Challenge, ‘Teach Your Monster to Read’ please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff.

Best wishes,

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