



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy



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Dear parents and carers,

Alongside the remote learning you are engaging with, we are encouraging children to continue to read daily at home as they would at school (about 15-20 minutes). This can be with yourself, a sibling or on their own as any reading is beneficial. Reading is really important for children for many reasons:

- Reading helps to improve a child's vocabulary by exposing them to new words and phrases.
- It allows children to be imaginative and to improve their imagination.
- It also helps to improve memory and the ability to recall things that have happened.

At Weston Mill in Years 3-6 we use the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme to keep track of the books and words that the children read and ensure that the books that they are reading are at an appropriate level for them. Once your child has finished reading their book at home they can log into AR reading and take a multiple choice quiz to see how much of the book they have been able to remember. Once they have completed this quiz they can then move onto a new book.

Your child should know how to access a quiz on AR as they do this independently in school. Each child should have their own log in on their yellow reading diaries, if they don't have this at home at the moment, please contact your child's teacher through e-schools. Here is the link to be able to access the AR quizzes from there your child just needs to log on using their details <http://ukhosted112.renlearn.co.uk/1893623>.

At this current time, we are unable to provide books from school to be taken home but the quizzes can still be taken using books that are in your house. It is possible to check the AR levels of books at home using the following website: www.arbookfind.co.uk, where you can type in the title of the book you are checking. Where it says **BL:** (book level) there is a number and this corresponds to the level of the book. Your child should know their level range, and if not it would also be in their yellow reading diary. If this is still in school and you are unsure, please message your class teacher through e-schools

If after checking the books you have available to you, you find out that you do not have any books that match your child's AR levels it is not a problem. Any reading whilst at home will be beneficial to your child whether this be through an e-book or a physical book, and if your child feels confident about what they have read, they can still quiz that book.

The Plymouth library service are remaining open and there are websites available online that offer free e-books such as www.oxfordowl.co.uk if you don't have books at home or your child has read them already. We will let you know any further resources which become available for reading at home.

Best wishes

Mrs Michelle Abbott
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