



Reading Newsletter

Autumn 1




A great start the academic year for reading, all the children came back to school buzzing about the Summer Reading Challenge! We had the most entries we have ever had this year! It is so wonderful to see the children sharing their Library certificates and showing interest in their quizzing. Congratulations again to the Summer Reading Challenge Winners who won £50 restaurant vouchers for a family meal - Phoebe Shepherd - Year 6, Ella Amiet - Year 4, Jessie Hill - Year 3, and Oliver Collins - Year 1.

This motivation has resulted in many children reaching their reading targets before the end of the half term. These are being celebrated with stickers, stamps and our half term AR certificates.

Last week, the children took their **AR Star Reading Tests**, which gave their teachers a chance to measure their progress from their last test and celebrate this with the children as their ZPDs increase!

During your parents' evening meetings, you will have received a 'Parent Report' (see picture) regarding your child's reading and how they are assessed to determine their reading age. This is always exciting to see, as some children can move as much as a year in one half term!

To track your child's **quizzing progress** at home, please read the  **Home Connect** information below.

Parent Report for Test Test

School	Teacher	Class	Year	Test Date
Seaside Primary School	Irwin, N.	Nicola Test	4	17 Sep 2024 5:02 pm

Dear Parent or Guardian of Test Test:

Test has taken a Star Reading computer-adaptive reading test. This report summarises your child's scores on the test. As with any test, many factors can affect a student's scores. It is important to understand that these test scores provide only one picture of how your child is doing in school.

PR: 91 Range: 86-94

Below Average | Average (50) | Above Average

1048
Scaled Score
Test's Scaled Score is based on the difficulty of questions and the number of correct responses. Scaled Scores in Star Reading in the Unified scale range from 600 to 1400.

91
Percentile Rank
Test's skills are higher than 91% of students nationally in the same year. This score is above average. The PR Range indicates that, if Test had taken the Star Reading test many times, most of his/her scores would likely have been between 86-94.

3.8 - 5.9
(Zone of Proximal Development)
The ZPD spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. Test should be selecting books in this range for optimal growth in reading. This range is approximate. Success at any reading level depends on your child's interest and prior knowledge of a book's content.

10.09
Reading Age
The Reading Age tells you your child's reading ability as the average age at which a comparable ability is usually found.

I will be using these Star Reading test scores to help Test further develop his/her reading skills for reading practice at school. If you have any questions about your child's scores or these recommendations, please contact me at your convenience.

Special thanks also must go to Ava Lane, Grace Harding and Jazmine Harrison from Year 5, for their fantastic assembly video blog on how to look after our books when they have been borrowed from the library. All the children will now remember the catchy phrase Read, Return, Repeat! Thank you!



Seaside Autumn - Recommended Reads

Key Stage 1 - The Leaf Thief

A brilliantly funny picture book about seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

Squirrel loves counting the leaves on his tree—red leaves, gold leaves, orange, and more. But hold on... one of his leaves is missing! On a quest to find the missing leaf, Squirrel teams up with his good friend Bird to discover who the leaf thief could be among their forest friends!

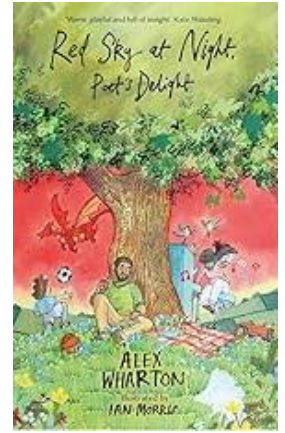


Key Stage 2 – Red Sky at Night Poet's Delight Paperback by Alex Wharton (Author), Ian Morris (Illustrator)

A collection of funny and thoughtful poems from the Children's Laureate Wales, Alex Wharton, aimed at developing a love of language and self-expression.

Alex Wharton is an award-winning poet, writer, author and performer, and the Children's Laureate Wales 2023 - 2025. This is his third collection of poetry written for children. His first collection, Daydreams and Jellybeans was published in 2020, and was shortlisted for the Wales Book of the Year and the Lollies Laugh-out-Loud Poetry Book Award. His second collection, a poetry 'how-to' book for children, Doughnuts, Thieves and Chimpanzees, was published in October 2023.

Readers will be excited by fun new characters like Mr Slime and the return of Hector the Horrible Hedgehog from first collection, as well as being introduced to powerful and moving poems such as 'Young Oak', 'The Long Way Home', and 'For a Quiet Day'. Superbly illustrated throughout by Ian Morris.



HOME CONNECT PARENTS – Your Child's Quiz Scores to your inbox!

Did you know that you can receive email notifications with updates on your child's test and quiz scores? If you would like to receive email notifications, then follow the instructions below.

To log in to our Seaside Home Connect Website, please use the following link:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=2249043>

and log in with your child's User Name and Password. This should be recorded in the front of their reading record. You may need to add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book, to make sure that the emails reach your inbox.



Quizzing at Home:

Accessing Accelerated Reader from Home for Quizzing :

Remember to use this link or QR Code:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2249043>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Each class teacher has nominated children within their reading class to receive one of four awards.

- **Reading Target Points Met** The Teacher sets each child an individual points target – children need to quiz on their books and pass to earn their book points and reach their target.

- **Most Improved ZPD** – this is based on a Star reading test which the children complete each half term. The winner is the person in each class who has had the biggest increase in their ZPD range, which can also be converted to their reading age.
- **Best Attitude to Reading** – all adults involved in reading across the school, select a child who has really impressed them with their efforts towards reading.
- **Best Kept Reading Record** – the child in each class who has recorded a sufficient amount of in school and home reading, as well as identifying new vocabulary within their books.
- **Best Effort with reading Non-Fiction** - the child who is making a real effort to read a variety of non-fiction books.

All the teachers' nominations were placed into a hat and a winner for each award has been selected at random.

The winners for this half term are...

Key Stage	Most Improved Reader/ZPD	Best Attitude towards Reading	Best Kept Reading Record	Best Effort with Reading Non-Fiction	Reading Target Points Met
KS1	Violet Bennett	Arlo Sulc	Parker Pout	Ethel Chapman	Thomas Harman
KS2	Miah Rounds	Keegan Shaw	Savannah Smith	Jack Stocker	Ella Happell

New Word Millionaire Readers

Children are continuing to work hard towards an increased word count - here are the new millionaires!

An enormous congratulations to these children.

Bronze – 1 million words	Silver – 2 million words	Gold – 5 million words	Platinum – 10 million words!
Eli Rowan-Polley Isla-Rose Gladman Mae Hayford James Patterson Philip Proskurnya Matey Arnaudov	-	-	-



We are also extremely excited to be able to welcome the following ***new children to AR***. It is lovely when we get to add new children and we really look forward to seeing them progress in their AR journey. It is such a fantastic achievement to move onto 'Accelerated Reader' and we love being able to acknowledge and welcome as many children as we can.

Accelerated Reader Welcomes...		
Amelia Curtis	Henry Grimstone	Amelia Bennett-Diver
Hunter Wood	Parker Pout	Thea O'Riordan
Robin Baker	Kiyah Johnson	Isabelle Ealey
Sophia Chapman	Freya Munday	Ellis Wolke
Charlie Bennett	Loui Milliken-Burch	Louie-Logan Jones
Aaron Edwards	Belle Logan	Finley Creech
Joey Deighton	Amelie Alford	Ese Agbro
Aubrey Woollacott-Thurgood		

Congratulations to the children who were nominated and those that won, enjoy your book prizes!

You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.

Happy Holiday Reading!

Mrs Irwin

