



READING NEWSLETTER

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Ho, ho, ho it's holiday time and there is no better time to give a book as a gift this Christmas! Garrison Keillor said, "A book is a gift you can open again and again".

Seaside is on the 'Nice List'!

We know our families love books; the Book Fair in October at Parents' Evening raised **£2287.19** rewards to spend on books! This is an amazing amount and will be the perfect way to join in with the Government's campaign as it launches a **National Year of Reading for 2026**.

The Education Secretary is calling on parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure, to help give kids the best start in life as part of the Plan for Change.

The call comes as the **Department for Education and National Literacy Trust join forces** to kick start a reading revolution. It will reverse the trend as just one in three aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025.

Bringing together **parents, schools**, libraries, businesses and literacy experts, the campaign aims to foster a love of reading for pleasure in children and young people, ensuring all children get the best start in life.

We know that reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved well-being and confidence, and even higher future earnings! So from January onwards there will be lots of exciting opportunities and events taking place at Seaside to promote reading for pleasure!

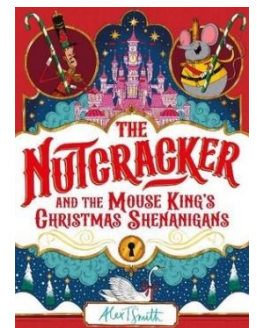
Big thanks to Ava Lane and Gabriella King for helping to kick start the National Year of Reading with their assembly video blog for our Accelerated Reader awards! You did a wonderful job! We all can't wait to get started!



Seaside's Winter Recommended Reads

Key Stage 1 - The Nutcracker and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans by Alex T Smith –

The Mouse King is up to his usual shenanigans and has been stealing Christmas confectionery from across the land. He has raided Cookie Town, Gingerbread Village and the city of Chocopolis, and has now set his sights on the Kingdom of Sweets. To protect it, the Sugar Plum Fairy encases the Kingdom in a magical bubble and entrusts the key to Walter the Nutcracker. Divided into 24½ chapters – one for each day of advent – this enchanting countdown to Christmas will be an annual festive favourite!





Key Stage 2 – The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent

Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes. But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.



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	Chloe Irving	Aurora Stuart-Jennings	Hector Wilson	Saafir Sani	Phoebe Stenning
KS2	Kit Collins	Summer Huxtable	Aniela Sobol	Immy Panayi	Ava-Grace Seager

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!
Vinnie Ansell Bailey Ramsey Quinn Russell Hadley Potter Ella McWilliam Ella Amiet Mollie Ellis Maisie Wood	Noel Dinil Ella Happell Betty Grant	Dylan Phillips	



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...		
Ronny Hodges	Kacper Mielczarek	Sienna Roberts
Harry Price	Mylo Goldsmith	Darcie McSweeney
Alex Rose	Scarlett Alford	Bertie Kennett
Alfie Ryan	Alexandros Basa	Joseph Neville
Adam Etherton	Douglas Gladman	Delilah Woollacott-Thurgood
Ensley Bolland	Jenson Jenkins	

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' and we can't wait to be part of the 'National Year of Reading' with you!

Mrs Irwin



Between the pages of a book
is a lovely place to be.