



## Accelerated Reader Newsletter

### Summer 1

#### 2026 National Year of Reading Campaign



What a wonderful term it has been celebrating reading across our school! **As part of the National Year of Reading**, we have loved seeing children immerse themselves in stories, recommend books to one another and share the joy of reading together.

One of the highlights of the final week of term has been our much-loved **Star Books Cafe sessions**. Children have thoroughly enjoyed settling down with a good book, sharing stories with friends and enjoying a delicious hot chocolate together. It has been fantastic to see so many happy readers discussing their favourite characters and exciting storylines!



We are also excited to introduce our brand-new **Seaside Primary Story Trolleys**. These special trolleys head out onto the playground at lunchtime, giving children the opportunity to pick up a book, relax and read with friends during the school day. The trolleys have already proved very popular and are helping to make reading a fun and social part of lunchtime.



Another exciting project coming soon is our staff storytelling videos! Members of staff have been busy recording themselves reading some of their favourite stories, and these videos will soon be available on the school website for children and families to enjoy together at home.



Looking ahead to next half term, we will also be launching our new initiative: **"Ask Me What I'm Reading!"** This initiative will encourage children to talk about books, recommend stories to one another and celebrate reading conversations across the school community. We can't wait to hear all the brilliant book recommendations shared by our pupils!

**Thank you for continuing to support reading at home and helping us inspire a lifelong love of books in our children.**

**Happy Sunshine Reading! Mrs Irwin**



## Summer Series Recommended Reads

**Key Stage 1 – Discover the magic of the Faraway Tree. Now a major movie!**  
The first enchanting story in the *Magic Faraway Tree* series by Enid Blyton, the world's best-loved storyteller.

Joe, Beth and Frannie find the Enchanted Wood on the doorstep of their new home, and when they discover the Faraway Tree they fall into all sorts of adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Short chapters and delightful illustrations by Mark Beech make this classic children's book an accessible and entertaining introduction to fantasy and adventure for children aged 5 and up.



**Key Stage 2 - The Last Kids on Earth Series 10 Books Collection Set By Max Brallier.**

The Last Kids on Earth is a brilliant illustrated adventure series for kids 8+ that has been described as Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead - a perfect mash-up! Thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan has so far survived the zombie apocalypse by hiding out in his treehouse, playing video games and eating junk food. Jack's life has actually become more like a video game than reality, battling monsters on a daily basis. Once he has found his best friend Quint Baker, rescued his crush and defeated Blarg – the baddest monster in town he will be well on his way to becoming the ultimate zombie warrior!

This bestselling book series has now been adapted into an animated series by Netflix.



**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](mailto: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 home and school 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	Thomas Grimstone	Gracie Whitman	Alana Lansley	Jude Sulc	William Kennard
KS2	Ivy Gregory	Lola Whitman	Deborah Makinde	Ife Oyefesobi	Edith Smith

## **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!
Devon Arnold Leila Major Isla Pettett Freya Cross Archer Phillips Amber Kenny Orson Gregory Ellie Diggins-Young Max Pattison Kal Collins Indigo Hemsley Linden Stuart Jasmine Onyimba	Henry Andrews Willow Stuart-Jennings Morgan Mitchell	Ava-Grace Seager	Samuel Olassa



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...		
Dalton Rae	Freddie Patten	Eli Fox
Alan Kocbach	Yassin Selim	Penelope Kingshott
Archie Constable	Alana Lansley	Jude Sulc
Yusuf Khan	Sammy Peters-Russell	Olive Newington-Trimmm
Lily Shorter		

**Congratulations to the children who were nominated and those that won, enjoy your Book Prizes!  
You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.**