

Reading Newsletter

Autumn 1

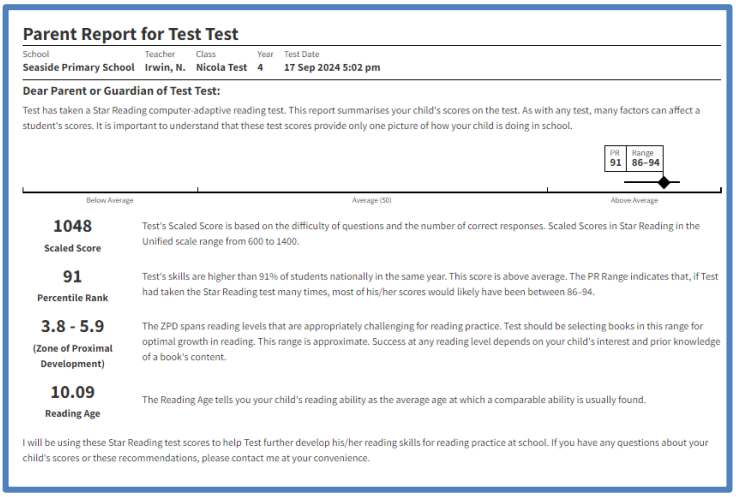


We have made a great start to the academic year with reading, continuing our celebrations as part of the **National Year of Reading**. It was wonderful to see all the children return to school buzzing with excitement about the Summer Reading Challenge. We received over **150 entries** this year!
Congratulations once again to our Summer Reading Challenge winners, who each received a **£50 restaurant voucher** for a family meal:

Olivia Pease - Year 1
Immy Sadler - Year 3
Hannah Webster - Year 5
Austin Turrell - Year 6

This enthusiasm for reading has continued into the new term, with many children already reaching their Reading Rocket targets before half term.

Last week, children completed their **AR Star Reading Tests**, giving teachers the opportunity to measure progress since their previous assessment and celebrate the growth in their reading ability as their ZPD ranges increase.
During Parents' Evening, you will have received a **Parent Report (see picture),** which shows your child's reading achievement and how assessments are used to determine their reading age. These reports are always exciting to share, as some children can make as much as **a year's progress in just one half term**.



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.

Looking ahead, our next reading initiative will be **Nonfiction November** after half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to enjoy exploring a wide range of non-fiction texts alongside their fiction reading. Developing a balance between fiction and non-fiction reading is important, as it broadens children's knowledge, builds vocabulary and encourages curiosity about the world around them.

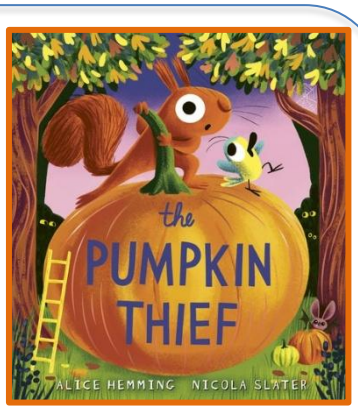
Special thanks go to our Year 6 librarians, **George Rose, Willow Stuart-Jennings, and Deborah Makinde**, for their fantastic assembly video blog on how to choose the right book by checking the blurb and reading the first few opening pages and how to carefully treat our books when in the library.
We would also like to warmly welcome our new full-time librarian, **Miss Milliken**. She has been a fantastic addition to the team and has settled into her role wonderfully by already making a positive impact on our school library. Thank you!

Happy Holiday Reading Everyone,

Mrs. Irwin

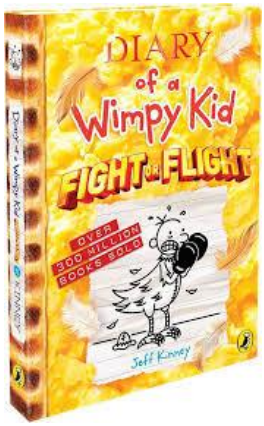
Seaside Autumn - Recommended Reads

Key Stage 1 - The Leaf Thief Series – NEW OUT – The Pumpkin Thief



Squirrel and Bird are back for a laugh-out-loud **autumn adventure**!
With just a *little* help from Bird, Squirrel has grown some lovely pumpkins! He is so pleased with himself.
But soon there's a **problem** . . . the pumpkins keep disappearing, one by one! Squirrel can't understand it. He's determined to catch the thief before Bird returns . . .
Another **laugh-out loud** Squirrel and Bird story by Alice Hemming
Brilliant illustrations by Nicola Slater that are full of **expression and humour**
With a **non-fiction spread** at the back of the book packed full of facts
Don't miss Squirrel and Bird's previous adventures in: ***The Leaf Thief***, ***The Flower Thief***, ***The Snow Thief*** **and** ***The Sun Thief***

Key Stage 2 – NEW OUT Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fight or Flight – Book 21



When the going gets tough, **what's a wimpy kid to do**?
Nobody knows how to survive the rough and tumble halls of middle school better than **Greg Heffley**. In fact, he's got a three-ring binder chock-full of notes on his school's biggest bullies—along with his hard-earned strategies for how to outsmart them.
But when Greg's binder falls into **the wrong hands**, his world starts to unravel. Now it's a race against time before the bullies discover the identity of the person behind it.
Greg has learned to roll with the punches, but now he's backed into a corner with no good options. Will he throw in the towel, or go down swinging? **One thing's for sure—*Fight or Flight* is a knockout!**

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 'Username 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



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 rocket 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	Annie Lindup Heather	Giuseppe Di Matteo	Fyfe Scott	Jude Hopkins	Noah Harding
KS2	Summer Edwards	Jacob Briggs	Violet Bennett	Max Wooler	Hannah Webster

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!
Oliver Taulke-Johnson Krish Shijith Kozhipparambil Felicity Vincent Deborah Makinde Rupert Hayward Jade Onyimba Cora Roberts Charlotte Stuckey-Browning Kit Collins	Ella Amiet	-	Daniel Schembri Congratulations!



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…		
Autumn Talbot-Dyson	Ida Allen	
Edie Ford	Alicja Hajdecki	
Giuseppe Di Matteo	Blake Russell	
Emma Bafiova-Walker	Roseabell Fraser-Ray	
Rocco Dawson	Ronnie Collins	

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

You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.