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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Oxford Reading Buddy

The expectations and standards for attainment in the English reading curriculum are high and alongside our aims for children to reach these high standards, we also aim to enrich and widen your child's reading experiences.

Children, at all stages of reading are expected to be exposed to and to read a wide variety of genres such as fables, biographies, non-fiction and poems as well as stories. Reading for pleasure is vital, however, so too is the development of children's comprehension skills.

With these objectives in mind, we subscribed to the online **Oxford Reading Buddy** scheme two years ago. As with many new learning platforms, there have been a few teething issues, particularly with accessibility, however ORB have reassured us that these have now been resolved, so we would like to re-launch the scheme in school.

The ORB books are graded, cover all the different genres and each book has prompts which inspire and support the child to think more deeply about what he or she is reading. (It would be beneficial for an adult to support, so that these verbal responses can be fully explored in depth.)

At the end of each book, there is a quiz which has questions covering retrieval and inferential skills and an understanding of the author's purposes and techniques. We would like all children to be able to benefit from the scheme, which is a supplement, not a replacement, to their home and in-school reading.

Please find attached your child's new password and their username.

We are aiming for every child, in every class, to read one book and complete the subsequent quiz each week. Should there be any problems, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's Form / English teacher.

Good reading!

Yours sincerely

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