



READING⁺

Learn Grow Succeed

AN INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

‘Making sure that children become engaged with reading from the beginning is [...] one of the most important ways to make a difference to their life chances, whatever their socio-economic background. For this to happen, however, children need to learn to read as fluently as possible and be motivated to continue reading.’ (DoE *The Reading Framework* 2021 13)

The key word is ‘motivation’. Reading can appear dull in comparison to the stimulation offered by the technologies of a fast-moving digital world. And yet research overwhelmingly confirms that reading, for both attainment and pleasure, really does improve happiness, success and well-being.

As a school committed to enabling our children and young people to learn, grow and succeed, we simply have to put reading at the centre of our school life. It’s a no-brainer! Reading+ is just one of the ways we are doing this. We would like to tell you about this exciting new part of our curriculum and share some links to resources that you may want to use to support your child’s reading at home.

Introducing Reading +

Every afternoon, our children, young people, staff and visitors get to enjoy an uninterrupted thirty minutes of reading and/or playing word games.

Some students are in special interest groups, such as our *SFTech Fiction Club* or our *Reading for Science*, or *Reading for History*; and then there is our *Playscript Club*, our *Film Club*, our *Gothic Horror Club*; others prefer the variety of a *Myon Monday*, *Chooseday Tuesday*, *Wordy Wednesday*, *Thinking Thursday* and *Freedom Friday*, while others choose to simply read their favourite books or magazines in small, independent reading groups. Our younger pupils are trailing Book Banter on a Friday to encourage their love of reading almost anything and sharing it with their peers.

As we embed this exciting new curriculum area, we are creating opportunities for greater interaction between our year groups, offering students the chance to form new friendships around their shared interests. Encouraging greater connections between key stages with activities such as reading buddy pairings and shared reading performances increases individual confidence and joy in reading while helping to develop children's and young people's sense of belonging in our LGS community.

Very few of us want to read tired, dusty old books. Our students have access to *myON*, a 5000+ digital library of *Accelerated Reader* books and *Bedrock*, a digital vocabulary programme. We have a library and a mini-library filled with lots of new stock, and our classrooms have recently upgraded their banks of laptops for easy access to Podcasts and audio texts. We also have access to Yoto Players that are an easier format for our younger pupils to access. Daily digital word games are enormously addictive, great fun and incredibly valuable for helping our students to become 'word-rich'! Shelves full of board games, also, means we really do have something to whet the reading appetite of all.

Of course, the power of digital resources lies not only in their ability to compete with the distractions of exciting social media and games, but in their 24/7 availability; of equal value is the support these offer to you, as parents and carers, as you encourage your children to read at home.

Please see the following pages to find out more about how your family can access these resources and support your child to access Reading+.



Accelerated Reader™

Your child can use this programme to quiz on books they have read to earn points and rewards.
Quizzers make the quickest progress!

The **Home Connect** guide explains how to access this resource and how it can help your child to make excellent reading progress, hopefully developing a lifelong love of reading in the process.

Digital resources to enjoy [at home](#)



This programme is linked to Accelerated Reader and provides thousands of digital books that your child can read or listen to.

www.MyOn.co.uk

Digital resources to enjoy **at home**



<https://app.bedrocklearning.org>

Help your child to expand their Tier 2 vocabulary (the words they need to learn successfully).

Digital resources to enjoy **at home**



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LINKS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Accelerated Reader/STAR reading assessments/myON

[file:///lgs-dc1/EISNet%20Users\\$/Staff/denise.jackson/Documents/Re-vamped%20Reading/Renaissance%20Products/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf](file:///lgs-dc1/EISNet%20Users$/Staff/denise.jackson/Documents/Re-vamped%20Reading/Renaissance%20Products/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf)

<https://www.renlearn.co.uk/parent-resources/>

Bedrock Vocabulary Programme

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJUXo5KMP_4&list=PLUjKhGolKasLb6lY8Y_2FUoGHcDWsIBgB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nW-uRnVWyZk&t=5s>