

Dear parents and carers

Rising Stars – Reading Planet Online

We are pleased to inform you about an exciting new online resource to encourage your child in their reading, additional to bringing a book home from school. Reading Planet Online offers the Reading Planet books in digital format, so that your child can read online at home from any computer or tablet connected to the internet, harnessing their natural interest in all things on-screen with developing their reading skills!

The books in Reading Planet are designed to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are starting to learn to read, as well as those who are becoming fluent readers. The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays, written by experienced educational and children's writers. All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria, to ensure gradual progression in difficulty and each eBook features an optional audio recording (with each word highlighted as it is read).

As well as interesting characters and storylines, the books have a number of helpful features to support your child in reading, including quizzes (see below). Completing these will help you to ensure that your child is getting full meaning from their reading. Your child's teacher will allocate weekly books to be read and will be able to track how your child is doing in the quizzes through a teacher dashboard.

Your child will be bringing home their username and password by Friday 18 December so that you can get started over the Christmas holidays. Use this time to explore the online books and we will tackle any questions and any further ways of using this resource in the new year.

The school centre ID is: 164785

Once logged in, click on the 'Reading Planet Online' icon then click on the 'Open' button to launch the book on your screen.

Each book has one or more 'checkpoint' quizzes that appear at intervals throughout the book. They are designed to check the understanding of the text up until that point and are indicated by the animated quiz icon. At the end of every book there is a longer quiz that checks overall understanding of the text. As with the checkpoint quizzes, your child clicks on the animated quiz icon to launch the end-of-book quiz. For each end-of-book quiz they complete, children will receive a bronze, silver or gold star, based on the proportion of correct answers they scored. These rewards can be viewed in the 'My achievements' section of the child's dashboard.

Happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

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