



Orchard Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents

Reading at Orchard Primary

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to share some exciting developments in our reading strategy at Orchard Primary and Pre-school that I believe will truly support your children's literacy journey. **Reading is at the heart of our educational approach**, and we are committed to helping every pupil become a confident and enthusiastic reader. To achieve this, we have implemented several key initiatives:

1. Read Write Inc (RWI) Programme

- Our long-established and highly successful phonics approach
- Refined over many years to provide a strong foundation for reading
- Consistently delivering excellent results in developing confident readers

2. Library Refresh

- We have completely restocked our library based on pupil feedback
- New books selected to engage and inspire our pupils

3. Accelerated Reader Programme

- Implemented for Years 2-6
- Personalised reading experience with:
 - Books precisely matched to each pupil's reading level
 - Interactive online quizzes to support comprehension
 - Opportunity to track progress and gain points

4. New Reading Records

- Introducing comprehensive reading journals
- Pupils can now record all reading experiences:
 - Books from school and home
 - Magazines
 - Newspapers
 - Online articles
- Encourages a holistic approach to reading and tracking literacy progress

We have included a guide explaining the Accelerated Reader programme to help you support your child's reading at home and a letter with each pupil's unique login details. Our fundamental belief is simple: **the more you read, the better you become**. We are excited about this journey and look forward to seeing our pupils' reading skills flourish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards

Sarah Bitcon

Head Teacher