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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well and that the inclement weather hasn't dampened your spirits. I have a few updates, mainly in relation to reading that I wanted to share. Teaching staff have been finding out as much as they can about resources that can support your children's reading as I am sure many of the children will have read the books that we sent home before lockdown.

Oxford Reading Tree - Information from Mrs. Weir:

Below is a link to the Oxford Reading Tree eBook library. They have added many new books during the lockdown. Parents do need to register first, but it's completely free. There is an audio option where the book will be read to the child for every book that I opened. This may be a temporary solution for our younger children who enjoy stories being read to them.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

Accelerated Reader – Information from Mr. Pearce:

Renaissance have got an online book reading facility up and running that's totally free here at:

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/> - books can be read by pupils and there's audio to read to them.

There's recommended ages on each book but if we do send this link out to parents, I think it's worth mentioning that parents should access with children, as there doesn't seem to be an age-related login and some of the non-fiction may have content that parents may wish to read with their children.

As a staff, we are also looking at recording some stories for children to listen to, but there are a number of copyright issues we have to overcome first. I will keep you updated.

Website Updates:

- Week 2 work packs have been uploaded to the website – these are in the homework sections. Please email the year group email addresses if you would like support with these.
- Summer Term Curriculum Maps have also been added to the website – these are in the curriculum sections of each class page. These maps will give you an idea of the curriculum

content that the children would be covering this term. If parents are looking for other activities to do with your children, then this could help direct you towards the particular content.

Teachers are working on the Summer Term Home Learning grids so that, again if parents want additional ideas of things to do at home, then they can access a bank of activities provided by school.

I have been so impressed with the interactions we have seen on Twitter and the feedback we have had from the phone calls that have taken place so far. Everyone is doing a great job and please continue to do what is manageable. There will be no judgment from school about what is and isn't completed, we want everyone to stay safe and enjoy their learning. Reading and being active continue to be our priority, and I hope that the resources we have shared in this email help with additional reading materials for the children.

Enjoy your weekend.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher