

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to announce that we have invested in a new online reading system, **Rising Stars Reading Planet**. This online platform will be used by all our children for reading at home, whether they are attending school during lockdown or are remote learning from home.

Reading Planet Online offers the Reading Planet books in a digital format so they can be read online using any internet-enabled device; the eBooks can be accessed from any computer, tablet or phone connected to the internet.

The books in Rising Stars 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 phonic books, fiction, non-fiction, poetry and even plays, all written by experienced educational and children's writers.

All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria, to ensure a gradual progression in difficulty. This mirrors our book banding reading book system we operate in school, however, the eBook titles are different to those we currently have in school meaning we will be able to offer a wider range of reading material to the children.

Each eBook features an optional audio recording (with each word highlighted as it is read) and a variety of short quizzes to check the children's understanding of what they have read.

An individual account on Rising Stars has been created for your child and we will soon be sending you a separate email with their username and password. Please keep these details somewhere safe as you will need them to log in to the platform:

my.risingstars-uk.com

You will also need to enter our school's unique ID code **6067367** as well as your child's username and password.

We have 300 individual emails to send so please bear with us while we complete this task! You will receive your child's log in details by 6pm Friday 5th February at the latest.

We have also attached a Parent User Guide which will provide you further instruction for using the online reading system with your child.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support with your child's learning journey during this lockdown period and we hope you enjoy the online resources together at home.

Christine Lynch

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