



ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 – 9 Reading Challenge: Term 4

As part of the school's continuation of our reading strategy, we are writing to review the texts from term 3 that years 7, 8 and 9 have been reading and also to let you know about the new books that are going to be given to pupils in term 4. It has been really encouraging to see pupils engaging with the texts and we would welcome feedback from you to gauge how this initial reading project has been received and the benefits and challenges of reading from home that you would like to alert the school to, as we develop a culture of reading as a skill but also developing a culture of reading for pleasure.

The texts for term 4 are going to be:

Year 7 – Journey to the River Sea

Year 8 – Glasshouse of Stars

Year 9 – Show Us Who You Are

In your child's first library lesson after half term, they need to return their book from term 3's reading challenge (Year 7 – Coming to England, Year 8 – After the War and Year 9 – Rat). Upon the return of their term 3 book they will then be given term 4s new book, as well as the reading summary which accompanies the book which will help to consider the book and its themes. As per this term, we would where possible, encourage parents and guardians to read with your child together and / or individually and then discuss the themes of the books as this can really engage readers in searching and discussing the detail and how it relates to our lives today.

We understand that accidents can sometimes happen with books as they go between home and school and so if there are any concerns about the return of books please do get in contact with the school. Books damaged or lost will need to be replaced for other year groups to enjoy. There will be the opportunity to either replace with a new copy or pay the school to do this via a ParentPay invoice.

We hope that you are enjoying this reading project and that pupils are tracking their reading of these books on the Go Read App. The texts will also be supported in pupils KS3 library lessons.

Please can I encourage you to complete our short questionnaire as a feedback tool for us to identify what has been well received in this project and aspects of reading both at school and at home that we could develop further. <https://tinyurl.com/KS3-Reading-Questionnaire>

We hope you enjoy this term's reading challenge,

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