



Parent Guide to Literacy at Home

Newsletter No. 3 – Spring 2022

There are many resources, websites and activities available to all ages when it comes to literacy.

Below are 5 useful updates which may help in supporting literacy at home in a fun and engaging way.

1. Go Read

Go Read was launched in Term One by the English department. It is a fun and interactive way to build a reading record! Please email snookm@abbeyparkschool.org.uk if you need you or your child's login resent. We recently took part in the 'Big Go

Readathon' with the challenge to read as many books as possible in the month of March and will shortly be giving names of pupils who read the most during this period, so keep your eyes peeled.

2. APS celebrates World Book Day

This year we marked the 25th World Book Day with a series of special assemblies on the 'power of reading' Classes in English were invited to read, research and bring in evidence of genres, authors and books. This has now created a display in the LRC which is helping pupils to select new books and authors they may not have considered previously. In addition to this, we continue with our year group readers – a selection of carefully chosen texts for all pupils in KS3 designed to capture and continue appreciation of the written word.

3. PiXL Reading Newsletter

We are delighted to attached the latest literacy newsletter from PiXL. It will provide you with a range of support for creating and supporting a reading culture at home. There are some excellent book recommendations spanning all genres. Some new and exciting authors feature in this latest release.

4. Literacy in Science

Have you ever considered how good literacy can have a positive impact in Science? From decoding key terms, reading methods to answering extended responses at GCSE level, strong reading and writing skills are key at unlocking success in this dynamic core subject. You can support your child at home by discussing key words and applying to real life scenarios for example; forces and motion! Forces are used not only to drive a car or bike forward but also turn around corners and go around roundabouts.

5. Motivating reading with your child

Guiding readers towards *intrinsic* reasons for reading by developing an understanding of why we read, what reading is 'for' and nurturing a love of reading has been recognised as far more valuable and motivating. If our children want to pick up a book, comic or magazine, choose their own reading material and enjoy reading, they are far more likely to continue reading, become effective readers and gain from the countless ensuing benefits. Therefore, access to quality texts – fiction, non-fiction and digital texts – is crucial and can be found anywhere around the home.

World Book Day 2022:

- First launched in the UK in 1997
- This year celebrated 25 years of WBD
- It is marked by over 100 countries around the world