



## The Prescot School: Reading at home.

**The importance of reading should not be underestimated. The ability to read and understand a text underpins effective communication at all levels. It is a crucial skill that impacts on all elements of a person's life and learning.**

At The Prescot School, the expectation is that all students should read for a minimum of twenty minutes daily. The more a student reads, the more confident and competent they will become.

With more time at home and more time to read, we are now challenging our students to read for a minimum of 30 minutes a day during this period. This can be done in one block, or broken up in to chunks throughout the day. It can be a bedtime novel, a news article, a magazine, non-fiction. It all counts!

### **Support and Guidance with reading at home:**

- Each week, a non-fiction reading lesson will be available for students to complete as part of their home school learning on Class Charts. This will focus on the reading of a news article and will support understanding of real life texts. All students are expected to engage with tasks such as; reading comprehensions, quizzes and oracy tasks.
- The e-Library: an online resource of 1500 e-books available to students that they can access online. There are so many books to choose from on our e-library! You can even request a book that isn't currently on the e-library- just click request!

**You can access TPS e-Library using the following link:**

<https://prescotschool.wheelers.co/>

**Android:**

<https://prescotschool.wheelers.co/browse>



- If your child was part of the Accelerated Reader programme in school, then your child can now continue their Accelerated Reader journey at home by accessing Renaissance Place. All pupils can access the AR programme and complete quizzes on the books they have read at home. Students will be able to search for books by topic or according to the ZPD score of a book.

**You can access Renaissance Place using the following link:**



<https://Ukhosted13.renlearn.co.uk/1913761/HomeConnect>

- Follow **@PrescotSchool** on Twitter and join in with our Literacy Bingo activities each week. There are prizes to be won!
- Weekly parental tips and guidance for encouraging reading and supporting less confident readers.
- Weekly parental tips and guidance for encouraging reading and challenging more confident readers.





### **Benefits to reading at home with your child:**

- ✓ Reading at home with your child will help to close the gap between their chronological age and their reading age.
  - For example, if your child is 12 years old having a reading age of 12 years+ will ensure they can confidently access and engage with age appropriate reading materials.
- ✓ In a modern world, where life is fast paced and so very busy- reading is a great opportunity to switch off from typical, everyday life and bond with your child. Engaging in exciting dialogue about characters and key events.

- ✓ Reading enhances your child's critical thinking and inference skills. When you read a book you make predictions about the characters and what is going to happen next. This challenges your child's brain to think about other possibilities based on their knowledge and understanding of the story so far.

- ✓ Recounting key events and remembering what has happened previously in a book boosts your child's memory skills.

- ✓ Reading is a great way to discover and make sense of the world around us. Children get exposed to ideas and beliefs from different cultures and countries. It opens their minds to realities other than their own.

- ✓ Reading at home prepares your child for further education at KS5 and life beyond the classroom in a workplace setting.

### **Questions to ask your child when reading:**

- Are you enjoying this book?
- Can you tell me what has happened so far? Where is the story set?
- Is this a fiction or non-fiction book? How do you know?
- Who is your favourite/least favourite character?
- What is your impression of \_\_\_\_ (Character's name)?
- How did you feel about \_\_\_\_?
- Can you imagine if that happened to you? What would you do?
- Why did that happen? Why did \_\_\_\_ behave/react like that?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Who is the author of the book? Can you do some research about the author?

