



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome and introduce our Year 8 pupils to the School Library again, and it is pleasing to see how many of them are enjoying choosing their books for Renaissance Reading.

We ask that you continue to encourage your child to have a go at reading the book that they have chosen, but if they are really not enjoying it, they can return it to the library and select a different one within their zone.

A useful book-searching tool from Renaissance Learning is www.arbookfind.co.uk. This enables you to search for interesting and appropriate books for your child, quickly and easily, in the knowledge that there is a Renaissance quiz available for each book. If the book is available in our school library, the Librarians will endeavour to allocate it, or find a suitable alternative.

Once your child has finished reading their book, they will take a short quiz. Quizzes can be taken at home (which is the preferred way) or pupils will have access to computer facilities in the library during registration, break and lunchtimes. The quizzes should be taken independently without any support from home. The computer program will instantly generate a report informing staff how well your child has performed.

To access Renaissance Reading and take a quiz at home, pupils will need to click on the link below and then login to their account using their usual personal usernames and passwords, which can be found in their planners.

Renaissance Reading

If your child achieves 80% or more on the quiz, they will be rewarded with some house points. When pupils achieve 100%, along with house points, they will receive a stamp on their Renaissance card. Once they have collected five stamps, they will be rewarded with a special prize from the library.

We would appreciate your support with reading by ensuring your child brings their book and card to school every day, as there are allocated sessions during school hours for independent reading. **For Renaissance to be effective, it is important that pupils read for 20-35 minutes every night and this will form part of their weekly homework. You can help your child immensely by encouraging them to read and by chatting to them about their book.**

Renaissance Reading will motivate your child to become a more self-confident, fluent and enthusiastic reader, encouraging them to be independent learners. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Happy reading to you all!

Yours sincerely,

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