



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of your child's personalised learning programme at Aston Fields Middle School, we are pleased to introduce you to our computer adaptive reading scheme – Renaissance Reading, which will inspire a love of reading in all our pupils, including the reluctant ones!

Once your child has taken an online vocabulary quiz and has been given a reading zone generated through Renaissance Reading, they will be given the opportunity to choose a book within their zone from the library, which will inspire and challenge them. You will notice that this is a 'real' book and not part of an actual 'scheme'. We ask that you encourage them 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.

Whilst reading, you, or your child, may feel that the book does not challenge them sufficiently. Please remember that Renaissance Reading focuses on their understanding of the vocabulary rather than the decoding of words. After reading, and hopefully discussing the book with you at home, your child will need to take a comprehension quiz online. The quizzes are fun and will motivate pupils to read at every opportunity.

Quizzes can be taken at home, 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 earn themselves 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 for 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.**

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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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