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English and Reading Homework - Parent Guide

READING

is to the

MIND

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Sir Richard Steele



In Years 7 and 8, students are given a reading log as part of their English homework.

The reading logs contain:

- Dates for recording page numbers
- Accelerated Reader Quiz recording page
- Space for Accelerated Reader Quiz log-in details
- Spelling lists
- Spelling tests
- A detailed list of your child's English and reading homework

Dates for recording page numbers:

Reading Log

Date	Book Title	Pages (start— and)	Fortnightly Parental Signature
04/09/23 — 18/09/23			
Teacher notes / signature			
18/09/23 — 02/10/23			
Teacher notes / signature			
02/10/23 — 16/10/23			
Teacher notes / signature			
16/10/23 — 30/10/23			
Teacher notes / signature			

This section allows your child to record the books they are reading and how many pages they have read between the given dates.

There is also space for a fortnightly parental signature. This is for you to sign to verify that your child is reading the amount they say they are. They should be reading for thirty minutes per day (including weekends). Once a week during tutor time, they will read for twenty minutes. They will also read every period five lesson for ten minutes. Both of these can contribute towards their thirty minutes per day.

Accelerated Reader Quiz recording page:

The dates for each Accelerated Reader Quiz are listed in your child's reading log (always the 1st of the next month. E.g. their September quiz is due by 1st October). Students are expected to read and take a quiz on one book per month as a minimum, but can of course complete more than this if they choose.

Students who read one million words within the academic year are rewarded by our Librarian.

Students should record the book they take the quiz on, their score and a brief reason as to why they would or would not recommend the book to a friend.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes Homework

To be completed by	Book Title	% Score	Would you recommend to a friend? Why/why not?
Sunday 1st October			
Wednesday 1st November			
Friday 1st December			
Monday 1st January			
Thursday 1st February			
Friday 1st March			
Monday 1st April			
Wednesday 1st May			
Saturday 1st June			
Monday 1st July			

**STICK YOUR ACCELERATED READER
LOG-IN DETAILS BELOW:**

Space for Accelerated Reader Quiz log-in details:

Students will be issued with a sticker that contains their log-in details. These are case-sensitive. Students will always need to log-in via the school website, otherwise the Accelerated Reader programme will not recognise their account.

Should a student enter the wrong details more than three times, the system may lock them out. To unlock their account, they will need to send an e-mail to Mrs Dickinson ASAP.

Spelling lists:

During your child's Library lesson (once per fortnight), they will be told which spelling list is due for their homework. They will need to practise the spelling, look up the word and use the word in a sentence.

Each list links directly to the unit of work they are completing within their English lessons.

Spelling List 1 — Literature Over Time

Word	Use the word in a sentence.
Literature	
Retaliation	
Patriotism	
Persuasion	
Idyllic	
Enchanting	
Awe	
Personification	

<u>Spelling Test 1 — Literature Over Time</u>	
1. _____	
2. _____	/8
3. _____	
4. _____	
5. _____	
6. _____	
7. _____	
8. _____	
<u>Spelling Test 2 — Literature Over Time</u>	
	1. _____
	2. _____
	3. _____
	4. _____
	5. _____
	6. _____
	7. _____
	8. _____
/8	

Spelling tests:

During their Library lessons, teachers will dictate the spellings the students have been practising and ask them to write them on the corresponding lines. These tests are then self-assessed and our Librarian keeps a log of scores.

Consistently high scorers are rewarded by our Librarian!

A detailed list of your child's English and reading homework:

As parents, we ask for your support with our homework expectations. Our focus is on the skill of reading to ensure your child's reading age is in-line with their chronological age.

If you would like any more information, please contact Mrs Broadway (*KS3 Lead Teacher*) on e.broadway@eda.staffs.sch.uk, Mrs Wilson (*Reading Leader*) on k.wilson@eda.staffs.sch.uk or Mrs H Dickinson (Librarian) on h.dickinson@eda.staffs.sch.uk

Homework requirements:

- **Read** for a minimum of 30 minutes per day.
You can select which book you read (it could be newspaper articles, a magazine, a fiction book, a biography—anything!). Books on a Kindle or tablet do count but these devices should not be brought into school.
- Ask a parent or carer to **sign** your reading log once a fortnight. This is to prove that you've completed your 30 minutes of reading per day and have read the amount of pages you say you have. Remember to make a note of which books you've read.
- **Revise** the spellings given by your Library teacher. You need to learn how to spell the words and write in their definitions ready for your next Library lesson.
- **Complete** one Accelerated Reader **quiz** per month on a book you have read. These quizzes are due on the 1st of every month. If you're reading 30 minutes every day, you will easily read one book per month!