



Library lessons – shared reading

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like you to know that
has been selected as a student who may benefit from coming out of library lessons on occasion to read with a member of staff.



Shared Reading Sessions

We have been doing this on an informal basis since the beginning of the year, and have found there to be several benefits for some students:

- + We can assess whether or not the book the student has chosen is at the correct level (if not, we can help change it)
- + We can assess if the book is in a suitable format for the reader.
- + We can discuss the book together to increase engagement and enjoyment.
- + We can recommend new books based on what the student enjoys.
- + Offer assistance with reading eg using a coloured overlay

Library books for all to borrow

We'd be grateful for your support in encouraging your child to borrow from our extensive range of fiction and non-fiction titles – there is something to suit all types of reader, including an excellent selection of shorter books by the publisher *Barrington Stoke*. These are written by well-known authors and produced in a dyslexic-friendly font. We often recommend them to less confident readers, whether or not they are dyslexic.



Any queries, please contact us:

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Reading Homework

All students in school are encouraged to read regularly at home. For some this should mean that they continue to practise reading at home with an adult or older sibling, ideally several times a week.

We've found the following techniques to be helpful:

- ✚ asking the student to summarise what's recently happened in the book
- ✚ occasionally asking questions to check the student's understanding of the text, or a character's behaviour
- ✚ stopping and clarifying the meaning of unknown words
- ✚ getting the student to guess what's going to happen next
- ✚ sharing the reading – a page each, with the student following the text when it's not his / her turn to read;

Websites to help you choose

The reviewing site www.lovereading4kids.com has a section in **Recommendations** for dyslexia-friendly stories. Each title has a synopsis, reviews written by children, an opening extract and information about the author. **Most titles can be found in the school library – just ask!**

Coloured overlays for dyslexic readers

We have a range of coloured overlay bookmarks which we offer to students struggling to see words on a white page. If they find one that helps they are welcome to keep it.

Audio Books in our Library

Let someone else do the reading for a while! We have a collection of Listening Books on CD, a great way to encourage reading and for students to take a break when they are tired. They can be borrowed just like a book.

eAudio Books

Libraries West lend audio books through their website. They are accessible through the **BorrowBox app**. Follow this link for more information: <https://bit.ly/2RjRuf3> You will need your library membership number and pin to access the books and can join online here <https://bit.ly/2NdoNNU>

Amazon offer a listening service called Audible for £7.99 pmth <https://amzn.to/2uA0G5m> (which you can opt in and out of as you wish after a free trial) with a huge range of books on offer.