



ARNOLD ACADEMY

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'The best we can be in all that we do'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Reading at Arnold

We are committed to help your child to establish good reading routines and to continue developing their love of reading. Your child has been busy in the school library, getting to know our amazing librarian, Mrs Molyneux, choosing and reading books. With the support of Arnold PTA, we have a wonderful selection of library books available for the children to borrow and enjoy.

You can find out more about [Reading at Arnold](#) here.

Accelerated Reader

We partner with Accelerated Reader, a school reading platform, to help us inspire, track and support our pupils with their reading. For your information, the username and password for Accelerated Reader are:

Username: 1st letter of first name, 4 letters of surname, all lower case (eg. jsmit)

Password: abc

Once your child has finished their reading book, we recommend that they take their end of book quiz within 24 hours. End of book quizzes can be taken at home or during their weekly library lesson. Our library is also open to pupils during break times and lunchtimes for quizzing.

Rewards for Reading

There is a wonderful selection of rewards for reading in school including:

- Achievement points awarded for reading aloud to an adult or to the class
- 80% or more on completion of any quiz - pupils receive a raffle ticket.
- 100% on an end of book quiz - pupils receive a raffle ticket & a bonus prize (stationary, a bookmark or a badge)
The weekly raffle is drawn every Friday and the prize is a vending machine token.
- The Top Quizzer in the form (termly) - pupils receive a certificate and a badge
- One Million Word award - pupils join the millionaire's row, receive a vending machine token, a certificate, badge and personalised keyring
- Two Million Word award - pupils receive a certificate and a chocolate bar
- Three/four/five million words - the pupil's name is entered into a raffle for a VIP library lunch.
This raffle is drawn monthly.

Star Reading Tests - Parent report

Your child's first Star Reading report will come home this week. This gives a scaled score and a percentile rank for your child (50% is the national average). The report also shows your child the reading level zone from which they should select books. These results are used to further develop your child's reading skills in school.

Pupils take the Star Reading tests each half term.

Reading at Home

As we work hard to secure your child's reading, we would like to emphasise the importance of reading at home. Reading not only enhances literary skills but also nurtures imagination and critical thinking. We encourage you to set aside time each day for family reading sessions. Whether it's books, magazines, or articles, sharing stories can instil a lifelong love of reading in your child. Listening to your child read aloud will help them to improve their fluency and intonation. We suggest 30 minutes of reading per day, which includes time in school.

Additionally, we will be launching a reading challenge next month to motivate pupils further. More details will be shared soon.

Please do feel free to contact us should you have any queries about reading at Arnold.

Yours sincerely,

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