



ARNOLD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 & 8 Reading at Arnold

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

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

Accelerated Reader

As you know, 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 jsmith)

Password: ABC123

For pupils new to Arnold this year:

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.

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

You should now have seen your child's Star Reading report which came home last 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. Pupils take the Star Reading tests each half term in order for us to track their progress.





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Reading at Home

As we work hard to secure your child's reading, we would like to emphasise the importance of reading at home. Research suggests there is a positive correlation between the hours spent reading and academic success across all subjects. Reading not only enhances literary skills but also nurtures imagination and critical thinking. 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 is beneficial as this will improve their fluency and intonation; discussing plots and characters will help them to verbalise their own ideas and thoughts.

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

Yours sincerely,

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