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Dear Year 2 and 3 Parents/Carers



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Oxford Reading Buddy

We are delighted to inform you that our school has been selected to receive a free trial of *Oxford Reading Buddy* until the end of the Summer term 2021 and we have selected pupils in Year 2 and 3 to trial it for us. This is a digital reading service to support children's reading development at home.

Oxford Reading Buddy contains hundreds of digital books and book-quizzes all matched to each child's reading ability. Children can earn badges for good reading behaviours, be coached in their understanding by their personal 'Reading Buddy', take quizzes and record all the reading they do. Everything is captured so that your child's teacher can see how they're getting on and then progress them to more complex books as they improve.

Please log in to *Oxford Reading Buddy* when your child brings home their sign-in card and have a look around.
<https://oxfordreadingbuddy.oup.com/>

Pupils in Year 3 brought these home on 09/06/2021 and pupils in Year 2 will bring these home on 10/06/2021. Please encourage your child to use it regularly and discuss what they are reading with them. You might be interested in watching them reading one or two of the Coaching eBooks because Reading Buddy is a good model of how to support and encourage children's comprehension skills as they read.

The small speech bubbles link to your child's Reading Buddy avatar which prompts your child's thoughts in line with our Reading for Inference skills. Children need to click on these as they reach them in their reading to support their comprehension.

At the end of each book is a quiz. This is to support teachers to know if your child has understood what they have read. When your child is taking a quiz, please try to provide a quiet workspace for them, but resist the temptation to help them because their answers will help your child's teacher understand their needs.

To support you further in using the programme at home, please see the ORB Introduction powerpoint attachment on our school website by following the link to the relevant page below:
<https://www.norwood-school.co.uk/page/?title=Reading+for+Inference%3A+How+to+help+your+child+to+understand+what+they+read&pid=522>

If you don't have a tablet or PC at home, the service works on smartphone as well. If you are struggling to use the online system at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

For more detailed information, go to this address and choose Parent Support: <https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/> or look at the introductory video at <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>.

We look forward to any feedback on the online reading system to support our information gathering on whether this resource will be worth purchasing in the future.

Kind regards

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