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Hello Year 6 and Parents/Carers of Year 6

Welcome to the English Department

In the English department, you'll be given a recommended wider reading list for each unit you will study so that you can read outside of the classroom to enhance your understanding of lots of topics.

You'll have a 'Reading Hour' lesson once a week, where you'll have the chance to read with your reading teacher and swap books in our ever-growing library. The best part of the Reading Hour is our Accelerated Reader (AR) software; when you finish your book, you can log onto AR using your teacher-issued account and take a quiz all about the book you've finished. If you 'pass' the quiz by getting 70% or more, every word in the book will go towards your total 'words read' and helps your teacher see if you understood and enjoyed the book. If you don't pass, don't worry, your teacher will ask you to pick a book in a different range and so easier for you.

Another exciting thing that comes with using Accelerated Reader, are the competitions attached to the scheme such as our weekly leaderboards.

The English staff are always giving you chances to win; from 'catching' you reading outside class in 'Get Caught Reading', to the Great Reading Race which both run every half term. Winners of these competitions are rewarded often with cookies and sweet treats but to date, the biggest prize given away was £40 worth of vouchers to one lucky (and hard working) Year 10 reader.

Before we reward you, we need to make sure we know what type of reader you are straight away so we need you to take an online test called a STAR test. This will tell us your reading age and help us make sure you read books appropriate for you. Some of our readers at Priory have improved their reading age by seven years in just their first two years on the programme so it doesn't matter where you start as long as you're taking part.

In your first week at school you'll find out your Reading Code. Each code corresponds with a colour - each colour has approximately 400 books in that colour range for you to choose from. The more you read, the better you'll get, and your 'colour' will change throughout the course depending on how much progress you make. Please read over the summer - you'll probably find most of your favourite titles are on the AR system ready to be 'quizzed' on when you arrive at Priory.

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Through the post, you should have received your summer transition work from the English Department. This is an introduction to your very exciting, first scheme of learning. We would like you to read the booklet and complete the activities set. In doing this, you will get to know the place, 'Kraznir', and the characters that reside there; this will be perfect preparation for your first English lesson. Please bring your completed booklet with you on your first day in September.

We can't wait to meet you and read with you.

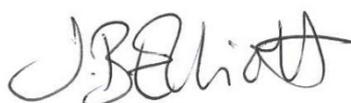
Best wishes



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