



# Reading at WMS

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## Accelerated Reader Spring Term Competition

Every term, we run competitions to encourage the students to read. This term, the competition is for as many of our children to meet their personal points target. The prizes for achieving this: 5 merits and a non-uniform pass!

Students are able to check their targets and progress towards it on their AR accounts. Each week, form tutors will hand out the rewards.

For those students who achieve their target and more, there will be a special prize for them.

## We need BOOKS!

Although we have an extensive selection of books in all of the form classrooms, our students are always looking for new and exciting books to read. If you have any unwanted books at home that are in good condition, we would love it if you would donate them to our school! Pop them in a bag and ask your child to bring them Mrs Linney. We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## Word Millionaire

We have our first 'Word Millionaire' this year and it is Heidi in Y8. She has read over 1,000,000 words so far and is still going! Congratulations, Heidi! What an achievement!

## Encouraging a Love of Reading

Hopefully you will all know that in Whytrig, we encourage a love for reading by using a programme called Accelerated Reader (AR).

Every student completes Star Quizzes throughout the year, which then informs them which level of books are most suitable for them to read. Our books in school are colour-coded in order for students to choose their new readers easily and then when they have finished their book, they take the quiz and earn rewards!

## Reading 'on the move'

Just a reminder that every student at Whytrig has their own myOn account. This is an online reading account where the children can read books online (they can even download them to their devices so they can read when they are in the car, on the bus, on the move). It is a brilliant platform for the children to use as it has many functions to support them in their reading, e.g. audio and dictionary function to check the meaning of new vocabulary. When they have finished the myOn book, they can then head straight to the AR page to take the quiz. There are many students who are making the most of this which is brilliant to see!

## Reading at home

It is expected that all students are reading for at least 2 hours at home each week.

## Reading Ambassadors

We are excited to choose some new Reading Ambassadors this term, who will be trained up to use the AR system. Their job will be to help the new books we receive reach our bookshelves so that they are ready to be read and quizzed on. They will then be responsible for training the new Reading Ambassadors ready for next year!

We would like to say a huge well done to every student who is engaging with their reading, quizzing and scoring points. Well done! Keep up the good work!