



WILLIAM HARDING SCHOOL  
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Dear families,

### Re: Online Reading Buddy and Reading Rocks

In order to continue to promote a love of reading, you will hopefully have been informed by your children that we have relaunched our Reading Rocks initiative and our online reading system, Oxford Reading Buddy. This helps children with their reading by providing them with hundreds of books and quizzes matched to their reading level. Children are able to access it at home and at school on computers, tablets and smartphones.

Oxford Reading Buddy will:

- give your child access to lots of books so that they can practice their reading skills
- give them a “buddy” to help them understand what they are reading
- check how your child is doing to ensure they are reading books at the correct level
- report back to teachers so they can see where your child may need more help
- motivate and reward to encourage them to practice more

### Logging in

- Your child will have previously received a sign in card with the school code, username and password. This will be the same as previously for those children who have used it before.
- **Visit: [www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com](http://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com)**
- Enter details from the sign in card.
- Your child will choose their own buddy when they first log in.
- They can then choose from all the books at their reading level and below. Click on a book to get started.
- Your child can take quizzes by clicking on the Quizzes tab. This monitors understanding and comprehension and the results determine when they are ready to change level. This will be done automatically when they are ready, or by their teacher if it is needed sooner.

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- Your child will earn badges for reading frequently, doing well in quizzes, and listening to prompts. They can see their badges by going to the Badges screen.

The support site has a special section for parents and carers if you require more information.

## Reading Rocks

Children need to record the books that they read in their yellow reading records in order to earn 'Dojo' points for their class. Each week the class teachers will check the reading records and issue points on the children's dojo record. The class in each year group with the most points each half term will win a prize. Points will be awarded for:

- Reading at least 3 times each week (this includes RWI levelled books, home readers, school library books, online reading buddy & any other form of reading!)
- Taking care of books and their reading record
- Reading a book from the book year group book list
- **Reading on the online reading buddy each week**

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher, via the school email.

We look forward to seeing how many points are earned and hearing about the children's love for and progress in reading.

Kind regards,

The English Team

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