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Dear Parents and Carers

Reading Update

At South Bersted Church of England Primary School, we put a great deal of focus on reading. Since the wider school closure, I have been delighted with the number of children that have been engaging in their daily phonics lessons and exchanging their books.

Today, I have posted a video on Class Dojo to explain how you can access free e-books via the [Oxford Owl](#) website and the Oak Academy's Virtual Library.

By creating your own account, you will have access to a range of books which can be viewed through different devices.

What is Oxford Owl?

The Oxford Owl has a range of resources to support both parents and schools in delivering different aspects of the school curriculum.

The Oxford Owl free eBook library has been created to help children aged 3–11 to develop their reading skills at home. You'll find books from Oxford's most popular primary school brands including *Oxford Reading Tree* and *Read Write Inc.*, as well as stories from the *Read with Oxford* range, all available for free.

What is the Oak Academy Virtual Library?

Each week, the Oak Academy will introduce children to a new author through videos and interviews. Children will then have the opportunity to read the text online.

This week, the author is Jacqueline Wilson.

Jacqueline Wilson books are targeted at pupils in Key Stage 2, (Years 3 – 6).



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How do I record what my child has read?

Continue to complete your child's reading record. We encourage all parents and carers to share what your child enjoyed about the book.

I am also aware that there are some parents and carers uploading videos of their children reading via their Portfolio. For pupils in Key Stage 2, they should be completing their Accelerated Reader Quizzes.

How can I support my child with their reading?

Watch the daily phonics videos and encourage your child to apply these sounds to their reading. When reading with your child we encourage parents and carers to use the South Bersted School Bookmark to ask age appropriate questions.

You can also use our South Bersted [Reading Bookmarks](#) to support with the type of questions that target and develop your child's understanding.

In addition to this, you can also follow this link to the [7 Top Tips](#) for reading at home.

Can my child access Accelerated Reader once they've read these books?

Yes they can! For pupils in Key Stage 2, they can log onto their account Accelerated Reader Account and complete their quizzes. Follow this link to the page: <https://ukhosted118.renlearn.co.uk/2249145/> Since the start of term, **208** quizzes have been taken. In completing their quizzes your child should be able to see how they are moving towards their individual targets.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



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