



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In Year 6, we are introducing Read Theory; a powerful educational tool that offers online reading activities for all ages and ability levels.

### **What is Read Theory?**

Read Theory gives children a short text to read and a series of multiple choice comprehension questions to answer to assess how well they have understood it. The children have already independently completed a diagnostic pre-test at school to determine their reading level. From here, Read Theory will now automatically assign texts that are suitable for your child's reading ability.

### **How will Read Theory help my child to make progress with their reading?**

Read Theory gives children instant feedback. If they get a question wrong it will explain why their answer was incorrect. When a student scores 70% or above on a quiz, they will not see it again. If that score is between 70% and 89%, they stay at the same reading level. If they get a score of 90% or over, Read Theory automatically moves them up to the next reading level. If a child scores 69% or less, then Read Theory moves them down to the reading level below. This is a really good system to stop children from constantly encountering texts that are too hard or too easy for them. It is therefore very important that children complete their Read Theory homework with as much independence as possible – if children are given too much support to complete quizzes, then their reading level on Read Theory will be artificially inflated above their independent reading ability.

Read Theory homework does not replace the need for children to read aloud to an adult for 20 minutes every day. When your child reads with you, this is the ideal opportunity to give them support and ask them questions about what they are reading. e.g.

- Asking your child to summarise what they have just read.
- Asking them to explain what a word means / what synonyms and antonyms they know.
- Asking them what they think will happen next.
- Asking them how they think a character is feeling and looking for clues for why they think this.
- Asking them to find any words they are unsure of, noting them down and looking them up in the dictionary.

Please make sure that once you have read with your child, that you sign their Reading Record as this moves your child closer to their next 'Nishkam Reader : Lifetime Achiever!' 30 day mile-stone.

## **Will my child enjoy Read Theory?**

From previous experience, we have found that children find Read Theory a very fun and motivational way of completing reading comprehension homework. Students earn points and achievement badges along with their reading scores. **Children in Year 6 will be expected to complete a minimum of five Read Theory quizzes as part of their weekly homework.** They are, of course, more than welcome to complete more than five, but five is the minimum expectation. Along with Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Frame homework, class teachers will be monitoring their completion of Read Theory quizzes.

## **Does Read Theory keep my child's data safe?**

Read Theory accounts are not linked to identifiable information such as social media accounts, photographs, or home contact information. Children are only recognisable by their first name, Read Theory does not share data with third parties of any kind and is fully compliant with GDPR regulations.

We thank you for supporting this initiative and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Yours faithfully

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