



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for All



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Encouraging Reading for Pleasure: Our school library catalogue online and introducing 'Scholastic'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure. There is good evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily perform better in reading tests than those who never do. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature.

I am delighted to inform you that the school has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue as well as an interactive reading programme. The new system(s) allows pupils, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to search for new books, quiz on books they have read and take termly reading tests to generate a Lexile and track their development. **A Lexile measure reflects a student's reading ability – a chart has been attached to make it simpler.**

The Scholastic system includes a fantastic new 'Recommended' feature which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book. Scholastic can be accessed at home at: <https://slz03.scholasticlearningzone.com/slz-portal/#/login3/GBR8TF8>

You can access the school library catalogue via the school website or directly using the following link:
<https://U021929.microlibrarian.net>

The new library now has hundreds of books for your child to choose from. We have invested thousands of pounds into the library as we firmly believe reading is the key to learning. **The library is arranged by genre and books are colour-coordinated to correspond to Lexile levels (linked to Scholastic).** Pupils will be reading once a week in form time and will attend the library once a week in their English lessons. The library will provide them with the opportunity to change their books, read for pleasure at breaks, use laptops to quiz on what they have read and use our bespoke work stations for group or individual work.

A security system is now in place in the library whereby all books are micro-chipped. Pupils **can loan books for 14 days** and a planner must be present. The librarian will stamp their planner with a due date – please ensure pupils return books on time. **If a student loses or damages the book, they will be asked to cover the costs for a replacement.** If they need to renew their book or request a reservation, they may do so with the librarian. Returned books must be given directly to the librarian due to the security system in place.

Having the library accessible in this way and having parents engaged with reading will help support our commitment to improving literacy standards. Pupils should be reading for a minimum for **20 minutes per day**, which could positively improve attainment across the school.

We hope you find the new facility useful and welcome any feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Madhvani

Head of English





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Lexile Range and Expectations:

-  Below basic
-  Basic
-  Proficient
-  Advance

Benchmark Proficiency bands for Riverside School

United Kingdom		▼				Save
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced		
Year 1	BR201L and below	BR200L-BR1L	0L-279L	280L +		
Year 2	BR6L and below	BR5L-194L	195L-479L	480L +		
Year 3	224L and below	225L-424L	425L-699L	700L +		
Year 4	369L and below	370L-559L	560L-854L	855L +		
Year 5	489L and below	490L-719L	720L-954L	955L +		
Year 6	619L and below	620L-829L	830L-1024L	1025L +		
Year 7	679L and below	680L-924L	925L-1074L	1075L +		
Year 8	769L and below	770L-969L	970L-1124L	1125L +		
Year 9	789L and below	790L-1009L	1010L-1189L	1190L +		
Year 10	849L and below	850L-1049L	1050L-1264L	1265L +		
Year 11	889L and below	890L-1079L	1080L-1339L	1340L +		
Year 12	984L and below	985L-1184L	1185L-1389L	1390L +		
Year 13	984L and below	985L-1184L	1185L-1389L	1390L +		