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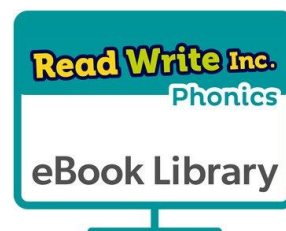
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Dear EYFS and KS1 families,

RWI eBook Library (Oxford Owl Read Write Inc.)

- New online subscription to RWI eBooks with tailored books for your child to read
- Logins are the same as your child's Google Classroom user name and password
- School Code = mab5
- **Parent/Carer workshop: Thursday 17th October 3:25pm – 3:55pm**
- This is part of our reading homework policy; please ensure you are reading these eBooks at home until your child can read the book fluently and with expression.
- Please continue to read the home reader books alongside the RWI ebooks. (KS1)
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk



We are excited to inform you that you can now access the RWI books your child is reading at school as part of their reading homework, through the Oxford Owl Read Write Inc. (RWI) eBook Library! This engaging platform offers a wide range of digital books tailored to support your children's reading development.

What is Oxford Owl?

Oxford Owl is an interactive online library that provides access to a collection of high-quality eBooks designed for children. The RWI eBook Library specifically includes books that align with our Read Write Inc. phonics program, making it an excellent tool for reinforcing what your child is learning in school.

RWI eBooks:

As part of your child's homework, teachers will select the specific RWI book that your child has read in school for you to support them reading at home. It is important that they read these books again and again at home to improve their fluency and expression. When you login, you will see these eBooks in your child's 'Homework' section. There will also be a quiz to complete to further consolidate their learning. Teachers can see when these books and quizzes have been accessed online.

To ensure all children develop the skill to be able to confidently blend and read fluently, we are now making reading the RWI books online a priority in our homework policy. In KS1, an additional home reader will be sent home weekly to support the love of reading and to give opportunities to read a wider range of texts. Please read these several times over the week; the repetition will help to build their fluency and confidence as they move from sounding out the words, to sight reading fluently with expression.



I have included a copy of an example reading record to show what you might expect to see in their reading as the week progresses (see below).

Reception families: Please note, the online eBooks will now be instead of 'Pocket Rockets'. Your child will be set a lilac book to start with, and will then move on to ditty sheets or red ditty books when ready.

Individual Logins:

To ensure your child can access the eBook Library, we have created individual logins for each student. Your child has a unique username and password - this is the same as their Google Classroom login.

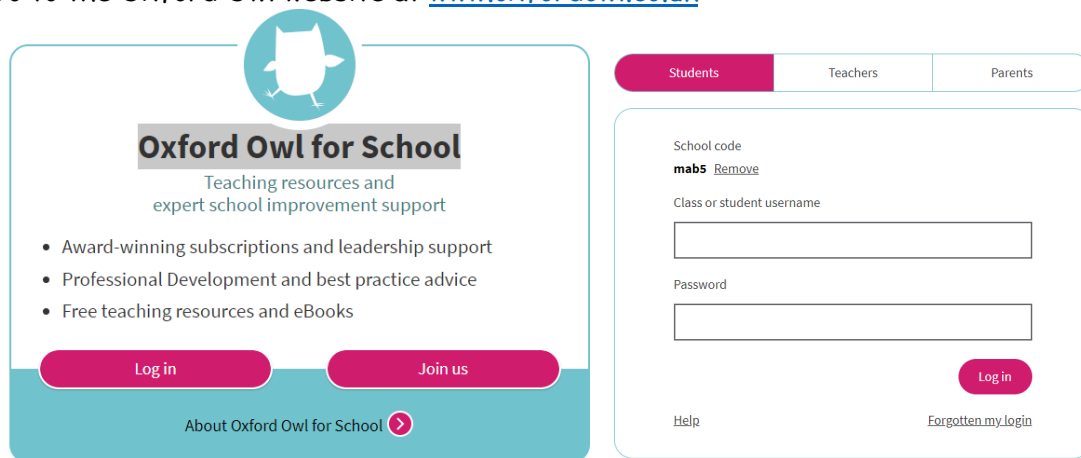
Username: the start of their Google Classroom email (the text before the @ sign)

Password: the same as their Google Classroom password

School Code: mab5

Accessing the Library:

Go to the Oxford Owl website at www.oxfordowl.co.uk



Click on "Log in" and then enter your child's username and password as a 'student'.

Once logged in, you will see that your child's teacher will have set 'homework' which will be to access the RWI books that your child is reading at school along with a quiz. Your child can also browse the available eBook library, read them online, and enjoy interactive features that make reading fun!

Support, Questions and Parent/Carer Workshop:

If you have any questions about the Oxford Owl RWI eBook Library or need assistance with the login process, please speak to your child's teacher. Please come along to a **parent/carers workshop on the 17th October at 3:25pm.** This will be held in a classroom, and the children will be supervised by staff in another classroom so that you can attend. The workshop will support your understanding of:

- how to log in
- where to see 'homework'
- how to read the RWI eBooks
- the importance of repetition

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading for your child.

Kind regards,



Sarah Wharton, Phonics Lead

Some useful terminology:

Green words - words that can be sounded out using their phonic knowledge

Red words - words that have to be learnt by sight

Sound out (Fred talk) - say the sounds e.g. c-a-t separately

Blend - put the sounds together to read the word

Sight read - read the word without having to sound it out

Fluency/fluently - To be able to read without sounding out

Expression - To be able to read with feeling and use a different tone of voice

Example Reading Record:

Date/Book	Comment
30.09.24 Black Hat Bob	Able to sound out some words using their phonic knowledge. Sounded out h-a-t and then could blend. Struggled with red word: 'said'.
01.10.24 Black Hat Bob	Still sounding out most words but able to blend them more accurately. Sounded out h-a-t at the beginning of the book but by the last page recognised this word by sight.
02.10.24 Black Hat Bob	Recognised many words by sight this time and is beginning to become more fluent in their reading. Still struggling with 'said'.
03.10.24 Black Hat Bob	Reading most words on sight now and has mastered 'said'! Is starting to use some expression in their voice.
04.10.24 Black Hat Bob	Read the whole book with fluency and used great expression to show what Black Hat Bob had said. Completed the quiz.