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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that reading is a whole school focus this academic year at Hurworth School. A love of books and reading is paramount for any student to become successful and make the most of their learning opportunities. It will support them and enable them to thrive in every subject.

This year we are introducing many of our learners to Reading Plus (details including logins attached). Students have completed a baseline test which ensures that their online lessons are fitted to match their specific reading speed, fluency and comprehension. This enables us to put intervention in place for those students who require extra support and make sure our most able readers are challenged. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have some of their ILTs set using this online reading programme. They will be expected to complete two weekly lessons at home to further support and improve their reading skills. If any student will struggle to complete these online tasks, then they have the option of attending ILT club each Monday after school.

In addition, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have all been issued with a reading record for them to log the books they are reading this half term. The aim is for students to read five books each half term and then to progress to the next rainbow colour. Of course, it may take longer to read five books, depending on the length of each one so understanding will be shown when measuring the amount of reading completed.

Reading Records

- It is expected that you have a reading book in your bag every day as a part of your equipment.
- You will receive a Reading Record to complete. Keep it in your book and use it as a bookmark.
- Each record has space for 5 books.
- Once complete take it to the Library and you will receive a green click and a new passport.
- Work through the colours of the rainbow and try and complete all of the colours this year!

Hurworth School Red Reading Record	
Name:	Form:
Book 1: Title Author Rating /10	Book 4: Title Author Rating /10
Book 2: Title Author Rating /10	Book 5: Title Author Rating /10
Book 3: Title Author Rating /10	Congratulations! Now take this to the library to receive your green clicks and your orange bookmark.

There is a weekly reading club running every Thursday lunchtime in the library and students should see Mr Chapman in Room 8 for an early lunch pass if they wish to attend. We are also looking to run trips and other exciting events to promote reading so look out for further announcements!

Please speak to your child about what they are reading and offer plenty of praise where required. If any parents/carers wish to join our reading challenge and receive a reading record, then let me know and I will place them in reception to be collected or issue one to your child. Listening to your child read and being caught by them reading yourself is also key to fostering a love of books.

If you have any questions about reading at Hurworth this year or wish to get involved in our reading journey, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Chapman
Reading Co-ordinator



www.readingplus.com

800-READ-PLUS

Welcome!

Our school is using the Reading Plus program to help your child become a better reader. Reading Plus helps children develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and your child will make meaningful connections between reading and learning. To learn more about Reading Plus, visit www.readingplus.com.

Your child can complete Reading Plus assignments outside of school on a computer or tablet with Internet access. Assignments in each component can be completed in any order, but please remind your child that Reading lessons (See Reader) are the most important assignments. The program will keep track of assignments completed each week as well as your child's progress toward the overall lesson goals.

Weekly assignments reset every Monday at 12:00 a.m. Encourage your child to do additional work in Reading Plus if he or she completes the weekly assignments.

Please contact school if you need help or have any questions.

How to Log In:

Step 1: Go to login.readingplus.com.

Step 2: Press the Student Login button.

Step 3: Enter Site Code: rphurworth

Step 4: Type Username-Use this pattern: For John Smith, use JohnS

Step 5: Type Password: qwerty

How to Check Your Child's Work:



Log in to your child's Reading Plus account (as described above) to access your child's Dashboard. Learn more about each section of the Student Dashboard by either clicking the **Parent Link** at the top of the screen or clicking the Help icons found throughout the Dashboard.

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