

## Dear Parent/Carers

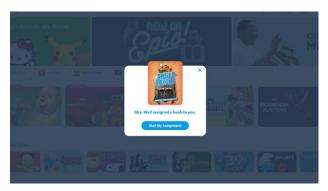
We are writing to let you know about a fantastic reading resource that we are going to start using in both our classrooms and remote learning. It's called Epic!, a leading children's online library, with unlimited access to 20,000 high-quality books for children 12 and under.

Epic!'s award-winning library includes instant access to thousands of Fiction, Nonfiction, Read-to-Me books, and more. Epic! is great for reading and learning.

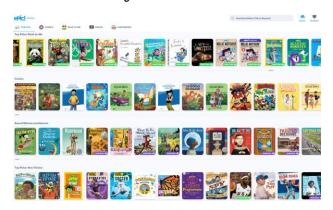
## Benefits:

- Teachers can personalise daily reading through age-appropriate recommendations customized to their interest.
- Teachers **can track progress** and see how much time children are reading to support further.
- There are endless books to support confidence: videos, audiobooks...
- It is **FREE from 7 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday**, until June 2021 to educators. You should not enter any payment details.
- During school hours, **students can log in from anywhere using their class code.** During this time, they can read as long and as much as they want!
- Children can earn badges and certificates to celebrate their reading journey.

Your child will be given a class code which will work on laptops or you can download the Epic! App for free on a tablet/phone. When you enter your class code, your child can then click on their name and see which books they have been assigned eg



In addition, they have access to endless books, including audio books:



There are quizzes at the end of some, to support comprehension development.

The only consideration, is this fantastic resource is American made, so refers to grades, rather than year groups and some spellings are American eg color. Teachers have set their classes to the correct 'grades' but for your information:

Age	UK	America
3-4 years	Nursery	Pre-Kindergarten
4-5 years	Rec	Pre-Kindergarten
5-6 years	Year 1	Kindergarten
6-7 years	Year 2	1st Grade
7-8 years	Year 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
8-9 years	Year 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
9-10 years	Year 5	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10-11 years	Year 6	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Please see the parent flier attached- there is an option for parents to sign up to Epic Free where children can access an additional 2 hours each week out side of the 7am-4pm window Mon-Fri but we feel if children follow our suggested timetable, this will not be necessary. **Please do not enter any payment details**- we have signed up as educators and this resource is **free**.

Classes have the option to use this as a daily choice for reading, to enrich their reading content and children can then <u>summarise their learning in their reading diaries as per normal expectation.</u>

We hope that this will ease the burden of "I've nothing to read" and help parents and school at this time.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mowbray Mrs Wall

Head Teacher Deputy Head Teacher



## FREE STUDENT ACCESS DURING SCHOOL.

Whatever teaching looks like for you, Epic has your back! From now through June 2021, students can get the same free access for both in-class and remote learning with Epic School. 7 am-4 pm Monday through Friday.

- · Thousands of high-quality books & videos
- · Grade-specific, high-interest topics across languages & genres
- · Tools like Read-To-Me, Dictionary Lookup & more
- · Easy to set up, assign books & track progress
- · Great for read-alouds, literacy centers & research



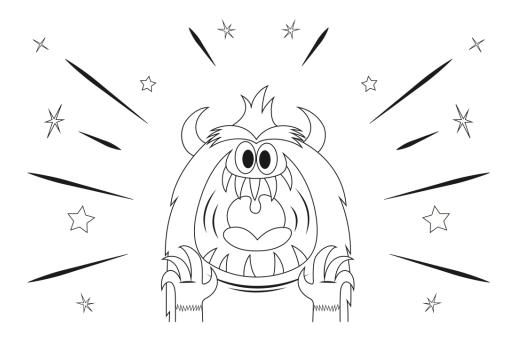
## AFTER-SCHOOL READING WITH EPIC FREE.

Support daily reading habits outside of class, too with Epic Free! Any time after 4 pm during the week and on the weekend.

- · Up to 2 hours of reading time each week
- · Access to select Epic books
- · Available from almost any device
- · No credit card required!

Get started at getepic.com/educators





Go to www.getepic.com/students or open the Epic! app and enter class code

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