



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are trialling a new digital reading record, called **The Reading Journey**, which your child will use both at school and at home. This has been introduced in response to our pupils telling us they would like a 'book journal' where they can log and celebrate the books they have read as part of their Parc Eglos reading journey.



What is the purpose of The Reading Journey?

The Reading Journey enables your child to keep a personal record of the books, magazines, comics, and audiobooks they read over their primary school years. The aim is to support children to develop their **reading identity**, reflect on their reading choices, and build a sense of pride in the wide range of texts they encounter.

This digital log will sit **alongside** our existing reading-monitoring systems. We will continue to track and support your child's reading through:

- **Pupil conferencing**
- **Accelerated Reader quizzes and data**
- **Whole-class reading lessons**
- **Those all-important informal conversations** we have with children about their reading habits, likes, dislikes, and book choices

These remain central to how we understand each child as a reader.

Getting started

To begin using The Reading Journey, your child will need their login details, which include a username, password, and school code. Please keep this information secure as it is for your child's use only.

The Reading Journey can be accessed on a desktop, laptop, smartphone, or tablet.

To log in, visit **thereadingjourney.co.uk** and click the student login button in the top menu bar. You may wish to bookmark the page or add a shortcut for easy access.

Once logged in, your child will see three main areas:

1. **Bookshelf** – all books they have logged will appear here.
2. **Reading Log** – this is where your child records thoughts or reflections about what they are reading.
3. **About You** – your child's reading profile, including their avatar and a visual record of the kinds of books they have explored.

Adding a new book to the bookshelf

Children can add books independently, though younger pupils may need support.

When adding a book, the app will either find the book cover image or prompt your child to take a photo of the book jacket.

Using a phone or tablet:

- Lay the book flat and take a clear photo of the full front cover.
- Type the title and subtitle (if there is one).
- Type the author's name.
- Add the number of pages if the book includes them.



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Using a laptop or desktop:

- Hold the book up to the camera so that the title and author are clearly visible.
- Choose the type of book (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, magazine, comic/graphic novel, audiobook).
- If the picture is unclear, the app may ask for a retake.
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Completing the Reading Log after a reading session



Each time your child reads, they are able to complete their reading log. To do this, click on the button **Add an Entry**.

They can then either type their thoughts about the book or record them audibly. They can also add a rating to show how much they are enjoying the book using the heart slider.

Finishing a book

When your child completes a book, they can click '**I've finished the book**' and complete a short task to reflect on it. This supports deeper thinking about their reading experience.

How you can support reading at home

You play an important role in helping your child grow as a reader. You can support them by:

- **Reading with them or listening to them read regularly**
- **Talking about the book** — What do they like? What surprised them? Which character is their favourite?
- **Asking what they might want to read next**
- **Encouraging them to explore different kinds of books**
- **Sharing your own reading** — children love to see adults enjoying books too

These small conversations help children understand themselves as readers and build confidence in expressing their opinions.

Keeping children safe online

We take internet safety very seriously. The designated safeguarding lead for this app is **Mrs Sanderson**. Please contact her if you have any concerns about your child's use of the platform.

We hope The Reading Journey encourages children to celebrate their reading and enjoy logging the books they have loved. Thank you for your support as we trial this new digital reading record with our pupils.

Kind regards,

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