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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Dear Parents and Carers,

FICTION EXPRESS E-BOOK PLATFORM

'Lockdown' has presented us with many educational issues to overcome and the provision of reading books while children are away from school is one of these. Reading to an adult and discussing books is an extremely important part of education. Studies show that children who have more books at home and read on a regular basis have better school results and so, as a way of continuing to provide children with regular reading practice at home, we have reinstated our account with *Fiction Express*.

Fiction express provides library access to more than 100 exciting titles for KS2 children. Children can search by level, author or genre. In addition to this, new stories are published weekly. Children can read the chapter and at the end, they are rewarded with the option to vote to decide what happens next. The author then writes it in real time. They can also interact on the online book forum with other students worldwide and build the story together in a safe online environment.

All children have full access to the entire library. As a rough guide to reading levels, *Level 1 'Lite'* is aimed at Year 3, *Level 1*, at Year 4, *Level 2* at Year 5 and *Level 3* at Year 6. Please feel free to adapt this as you feel necessary and to direct your child to a level appropriate to their reading ability.

You can access the platform from any device: computer, tablet or mobile phones. During the last lockdown, your child was given personal login details for this platform via a parent text. These login details (which were sent by text on **1st April 2020**) will still work. If you do not still have the text, please just call the school office and we can provide you with your child's details.

We recommend that you log in together with your child, take a look through the website and read some of the stories with them. Please encourage your child to let their teacher know what they think of the books. Of course, if your child has access to their other books and prefers to read these, that is completely fine. All we ask is that they continue to read!

Start exploring at fictionexpress.co.uk/login and happy reading!

More information about *Fiction Express* is given on the next page. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards,
Miss E Parry
English Lead

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Fiction Express is an innovative book platform that connects students with professional authors, encouraging reading for pleasure through fun co-creation of stories.

Every half-term, three books are published on our website in weekly chapters. What happens next is entirely up to the readers. Using their vote, they are able to decide where the plot goes next. Then the author will bring the most popular choice to life.



Supporting family learning

- Using our Fiction Express methodology, you will **gain access to 18 new books** every year, as well as our backlist of almost 100 books.
- Parents and children will **read the chapters** at home **together** and discuss which way the story will go.
- You will see how students vote, the **results** of their reading quizzes, and their **participation** in the forum.
- **Real-time tracking:** Teachers **measure** student attainment over the year, both at home and in the classroom.
- It is **compatible** with any mobile **device**, tablet, or desktop, and it includes features which encourage **reluctant readers**.

More information: fictionexpress.co.uk

A new way to enjoy reading

1 READ the chapter

Three books for reading ages 6+, 8+ and 10+ released each half-term in weekly chapter instalments to be read online, offline or on paper.

2 VOTE on the plot

Co-creation starts here. Thousands of students vote each week to decide what happens next and participate individually or as a whole class.

3 ANSWER the quiz

Each Fiction Express chapter is linked to an online comprehension quiz. Immediate results are given to students and shown on the teacher's dashboard.

4 TALK to the author

Through the book forum, students have live conversations with the authors and share their ideas and thoughts about the book with them.

5 ENJOY the activities

Additional resources mapped to the UK curriculum included with each chapter to enhance learning outcomes.

6 MEASURE the impact

Progress is made evident through the teacher dashboard showing individual student's reading, voting and comprehension question results.

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