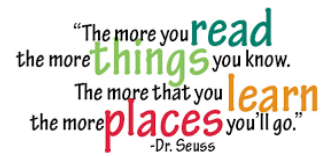


Dear parent

Welcome to Kesgrave High School English Department.



We are delighted that your son/daughter is joining our school and we are very keen to promote a love of reading. We received some lovely responses in reading journals and would like to thank you for supporting this summer project. During their time at Kesgrave High School, we hope that your son/daughter will develop and build upon their interest and successes in reading so far.




We are sure you would agree that reading is not just a life skill, but one of the most important skills we ever learn. Research tells us that people who read, develop a wider vocabulary, improve their writing skills and often achieve greater success in later life. What's more, reading can be a fun and fantastic way to relax.

This year, we are continuing our 'Reading Challenge' for all Year 7 pupils; it coincides with the development and revamp of our school library. Its aim is to encourage all our students to continue reading regularly, talk about reading and also to explore different types of reading material (fiction, non-fiction and poetry). The Reading Challenge will also help students to become familiar with our library and learn how to research and find new books and information.

Over the year, all students will complete 12 reading challenges and for each challenge completed, receive house points and the chance to earn positive referrals.

You will find a copy of the Reading Challenge attached. Tasks will form a key component of Year 7 homework. The focus of these tasks is primarily reading, although there are a couple of tasks which include a short writing component.

We hope you will help to support your son/daughter with this challenge. To do so, we would like you to:

-  Encourage your son/daughter to have a book/suitable reading material in school every day
-  Talk with your son/daughter about what they are reading
-  Talk about books/articles you have read and why you liked/dislike them

Please contact us if you have any queries about this challenge. Please also let us know of any books you have enjoyed and would recommend.

Yours sincerely

Ms McArdle

Second in English/Literacy Lead

Year 7 Reading Challenge

TASK: read one of the Top 50 Books to read at Kesgrave.

TASK: Read a book someone else has recommended.

TASK: Write a 100 word book review



TASK: Get a member of your family to tweet about a book they have loved.

TASK: Tweet about a book you have read and enjoyed.



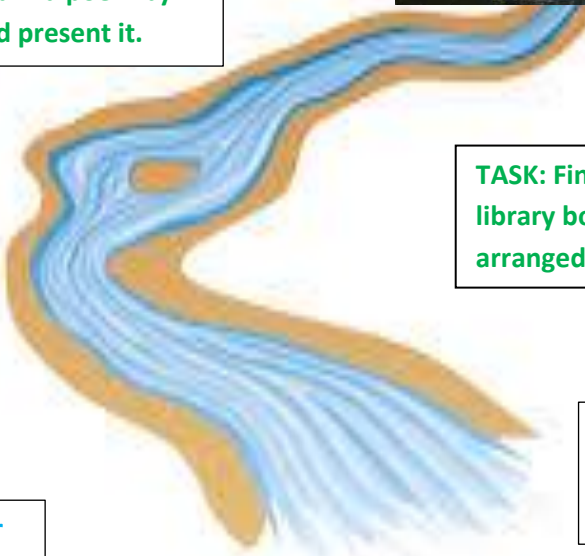
TASK: Read the opening chapter of a 'classic' from the list.



TASK: Learn a poem by heart and present it.

TASK: Buy and read a magazine or newspaper. Tell us about it.

TASK: Find a book cover that you like. Explain why and say what the blurb hints the book will be about.



TASK: Find out how to take out a library book and how the books are arranged. Complete the 'Library Task'.

Find out about 3 exciting World Records.

TASK: Discuss a loved book with a family member. Read it yourself.



TASK: read another text by the author of the class novel.

TASK: complete the 'Waltzing Matilda' quiz from the 'Read Around the World' map.

TASK: Read a 'genre' gift book. Rate it.

Red Task: 2 points Green: 4 points
Blue task: 6 points Magenta: 10 points

