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Re: Online subscriptions supporting pupils' learning

Dear Parents / Carers

Christchurch Junior School has selected a range of online resources to subscribe to, for the benefit of our pupils. We have selected these from a vast array of options because we believe they will have a great impact on our pupils' learning.

We subscribe to:



These are excellent resources, each with a proven track record of raising attainment.

We acknowledge that children can have too much screen time, which is why we suggest that these resources are used little and often. We also understand that families will put in place their own guidelines around acceptable use. All the evidence points towards regular, repetitive practice having the greatest impact on learners, supporting children to know more and remember more.

Reading Plus and Doodle Maths, in particular, have very sophisticated algorithms which adapt content to the needs of each learner. It is important that adults give encouragement, but do not help children to answer questions. By helping children, you could inadvertently make the content too hard!

Our children have been introduced to these online resources, and have usernames and passwords to enable access from home.

Please take a little time to read the information that follows, using the links and videos so that you are well-prepared to support your child. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have in relation to these resources.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Fuller
Headteacher



Reading Plus has three elements which support children's learning in different ways:

- 'See Reader' – helps to improve reading comprehension
- 'Read Around' – supports vocabulary development
- 'iBalance' – helps those children who require support in tracking text on the page.

This useful video is a great way to better understand the power of Reading Plus: [Why Reading Plus Works: An Overview for Students \(dreambox.com\)](https://www.dreambox.com/why-reading-plus-works-an-overview-for-students)

Children who complete 100 'See Reader' lessons across the course of the school year, are known to make exceptional reading progress.

Teachers are able to adapt individual programs, including reading speed, where required. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions.



Reading Eggs is an online resource which is used by children if they are not yet able to successfully access Reading Plus. Please talk to the class teacher if you need clarification.

Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for children, with great online reading games and activities.

Children love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate them to keep exploring and learning.

Watch this video for more details, or visit the Reading Eggs website: https://assets.readingeggs.com/mkt/2021_re_promo_video/us_202112.mp4



Times Tables Rock Stars is an incredibly motivating resource which will support children in practising times tables.

It is imperative that children learn and practise their times tables, up to 12 x 12. Automaticity – being able to recall times tables and associated division facts almost instantly – is the gateway to being successful in many areas of mathematics.

This is a great video to tell you more about TTRS: [What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide - YouTube](#)



Doodle Maths is the most recent addition to our suite of online learning resources.

It is an excellent resource which quickly matches the pupil with the learning required. This means children are challenged but also feel successful.

Daily use of Doodle Maths, and staying in the 'green zone', is proven to accelerate the progress that children will make.

Various resources are available here, including the 'Explore the features' video, which is worth a watch! [Launch resources | DoodleLearning](#)