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Fluency
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Discussion

Mechanics

Spelling
Grammar
Vocabulary
Structures



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Reading

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- Text-rich curriculum
 - Prose, Drama, Poetry & Non-Fiction
- Exploration of a wide range of genres
 - Genre study → In-depth study
- Diverse and inclusive curriculum
 - Diversity audit and contextual content



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Writing

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- Development of a range of writing styles
 - Analytical, creative & functional
- Explicit writing instruction
 - Written structures
- Structured writing practise and focus
 - Extended writing practise



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Speaking

Fluency
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Discussion

- Regular discussion and structured talk
 - Discursive examination of content
- Presentational speaking skills
 - Expectation of presentational skills
- Speech as rehearsal for writing
 - Built into the writing process



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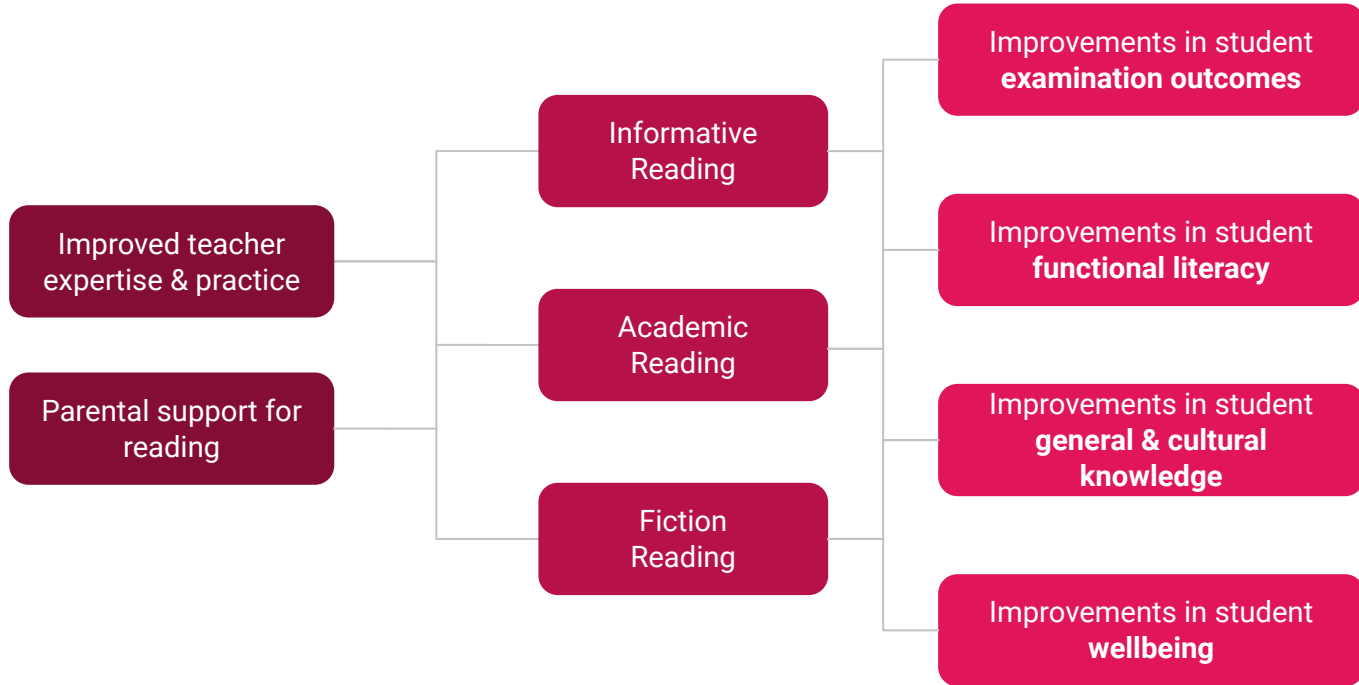
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- Explicit grammar instruction
 - Direct instruction in grammar principles
- Complex vocabulary acquisition
 - Tier-2 vocabulary
- Exploration of the mechanics in reading and writing



TBS Literacy Vision





- Children who are **weak readers will struggle as much in maths and science** at GCSE as they do in English and humanities subjects.
- There is a significant **connection between reading ability and success** in all GCSE subjects. In fact, the link between competent reading and higher grades is actually higher in maths than in some arts subjects like English literature and history.
- Doing well in creative subjects such as art, drama, music, media and PE also has **strong correlations to a student's reading ability**, underscoring how 'text heavy' these subjects are too.
- How literate you are – the breadth and depth of your vocabulary – correlates with your success in Science along with many other subject domains.
- Feinstein and Symons (1999) found that parental interest in their child's education was the single greatest predictor of achievement at age 16.



The NLTs' (2018) research found that:

- Children who are the most engaged with literacy are **three times more likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing** than children who are the least engaged (39.4% vs 11.8%)
- Conversely, children who are the least engaged with literacy are **twice as likely to have low levels of mental wellbeing** than their peers who are the most engaged (37.4% vs 15%)
- Children with above expected reading skills are **three times more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing** than their peers with below expected reading skills (40.3% vs 13.1%)



What can we do?

Struggling Readers

- Led reading:
 - Read to your child while they follow the text;
 - Break down their understanding of the text.
- Guided reading:
 - Prepare your child to read a text and assist them with vocabulary and grammar as they read.



What can we do?

Developed Readers

- Still read with your child or read the same book independently and discuss;
- Encourage your child's engagement with certain authors or genres;
- Try to help them with vocabulary and concepts they may still struggle with.



What can we do?

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

- Create a language rich environment for your child:
 - Talk in English as a family;
 - Read in English - everything (news, social media, books etc.).
- Use multilingualism to your advantage:
 - Research shows that students who can function in more than one language often achieve better than their peers.



What we do at TBS

- Provide access to books and reading materials:
 - Well-stocked and regularly updated library;
 - New ebook trial taking place.
- Provide staff with expertise in supporting reading:
 - All mentors are receiving ongoing training on reading with mentor groups;
 - Teaching staff are receiving ongoing training on supporting reading in the curriculum.
- Celebrate reading:
 - Regular celebrations and visualisation of reading as beneficial and important.



What can you do at home?

- Make reading a priority at home
 - Model good reading habits yourself;
 - Help make reading materials readily available;
 - Have time set aside for reading;
 - Read to and with your child.

- Talk to your child about reading:
 - Discuss what you have read together;
 - Talk about what they have read at school.
 - Use the [Accelerated Reader program](#) to see and encourage your child's engagement.



Renaissance Home Connect

Your class

9A-SPE

Reading

Progress

Get email updates to track your child's work

My Targets

My Certifications

My Completed Work

Awesome! You've gone above your target!

Keep up the great work!

Marking Period

Term 3

8 January 2024

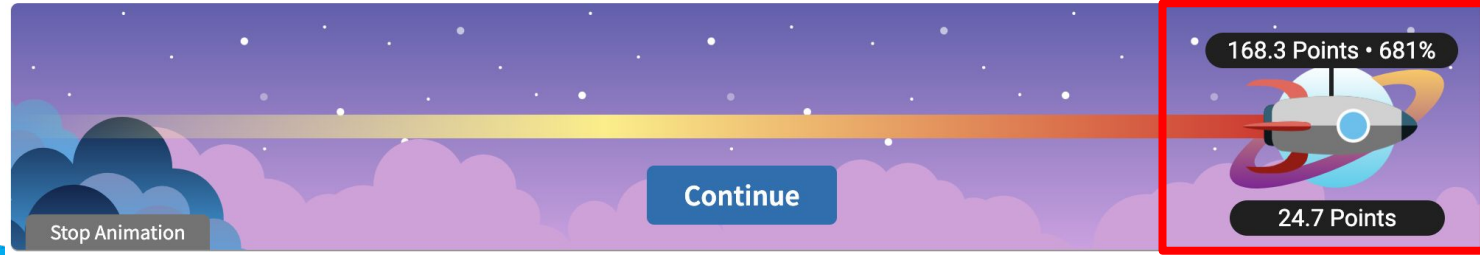
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Target & progress

Points

What Does This Mean?



Overall Quiz Scores

Appropriate reading level

[What Does This Mean?](#)

My Reading Range: 5.0 - 12.9



My target is to be at **85%** or higher

Great job reading books that are correct for you!

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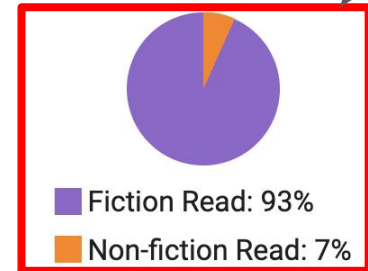
Reading genres

QUIZZES PASSED

25

WORDS READ

1,043,663





My Targets

My Certifications

My Completed Work

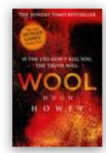
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Title, Author, or Quiz Number



Completed quizzes

March 2024



Score: 80%

Reading Practice Quiz



Score: 100%

Reading Practice Quiz



Score: 100%

Reading Practice Quiz

February 2024



Researchers Are Tracking House Cats

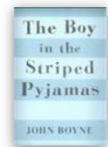


The WASP: First Women in Flight



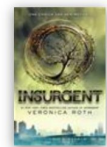
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Reading Practice Quiz



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Reading Practice Quiz



Score: 80%

Reading Practice Quiz



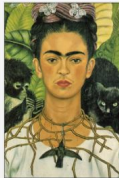
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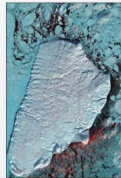
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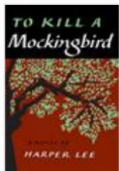


Will Soda Lovers Drink to Less Sugar?

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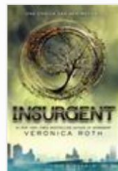
Top Book Ideas In Your Reading Range: **5.0 - 12.9**



To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee



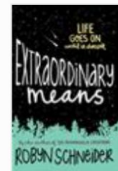
The Scorch Trials
by James Dashner



Insurgent
by Veronica Roth



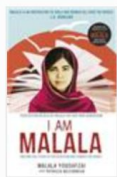
Refugee Boy
by Benjamin Zephaniah



Extraordinary Means
by Robyn Schneider

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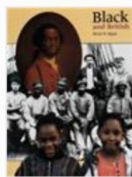
Non-fiction Book Ideas



Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education...
by Malala Yousafzai



Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her...
by Duncan Tonatiuh



Black and British
by David W. Bygott



"I Will Not Be Erased": Our Stories About...
by gal-dem



Coming to England
by Floella Benjamin

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