



READING PROJECT: Motivating our students and building reading confidence

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that the JOHN TALABOT STUDENTS will be using ***Oxford Reading Buddy*** in school this year. This is a digital reading service to support children's reading development at home as well as at school. It is developed by Oxford University Press who also wrote the graded reading books we use in school.

Oxford Reading Buddy is an extension of the *Oxford Owl* website which most of you are already familiar with. It contains a large collection of ebooks which children can read and listen to. In addition, each child can choose a virtual reading buddy/friend who will help them with their reading comprehension as they read. There are quizzes for the children to complete and as a motivator they earn badges for good reading behaviours. Your child's teacher is able to monitor their progress.

As this is a new website, the teachers will show the children how it works in school. Once they have learned, they will be given their own personal log in card to bring home so that they can carry on their reading practice. When this happens please log in to *Oxford Reading Buddy* with your child and look at the site with them.

The service works on tablets, computers and smartphones, as a school we recommend supervision when children are using these devices.

We will provide further information at the parents evening in school, but in the meantime if you would like to learn more, please go to this address and choose Parent Support: <https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/> or look at the introductory video at <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>.

Reading is a priority in John Talabot school and we hope that *Oxford Reading Buddy* will be a welcome addition to your children's reading journey providing a means to bring English into the home.

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