



Dear Parents and Carers

We are introducing a new digital reading record, called The Reading Journey, that your child will use both at school and at home. The Reading Journey is developed by leading education consultancy, Just Imagine.

What is the purpose of The Reading Journey

The Reading Journey allows your child to maintain a record of all the books they read during their primary school years. They can also record any comics or magazines that they read. This app is designed to foster a love of reading, enabling you to enjoy and share books, read them together, discuss them, and offer support and encouragement when reading aloud. For younger children, this is likely to be a shared activity. Older children may use the app independently, although you will want to continue taking an interest in their reading.

Getting started

To start using The Reading Journey, you will need your child's login details. It has your child's username, password and a school code. Please do not share this information with anyone, as it is intended for your child's use only and should not be disclosed to others.

You can use the Reading Journey on a desktop, laptop, smart phone or tablet.

To log in, visit the website at thereadingjourney.co.uk, where you will find the student login button in the top menu bar, next to the The Reading Journey logo. Bookmark the page for easy access or add a shortcut on your browser.

Once logged in, your child will be able to view their personal record, which has three pages. You can see the links to each page at the bottom of the webpage.

1. **Bookshelf:** all the books they read will appear here.
2. **Messages:** these are messages from the class teacher about your child's reading. The class teacher will acknowledge it when your child has finished a book, or if they want to have a conversation with your child about their reading. Some messages will be addressed directly to you if the teacher would like you to be aware of something connected with your child's reading. Messages for parents are flagged in yellow.
3. **About You** - This is your child's reading profile, where they create their avatars from the rewards they have collected. And they can see a list of the different types of books they have read.

Adding a new book to the bookshelf

We encourage the children to take ownership and be as independent as possible but younger children will need help. To add a book, magazine or audiobook, your child will need to take a photograph of the book jacket.

Take a photo using a phone or tablet

Lay the book flat to take a picture of the entire book jacket. This is not a selfie, so your child does not need to be in the picture.



Next, type the title of the book. If it has a subtitle, you will need to add that. For instance, there are lots of books in the Dogman series, so the book can only be identified if you type the title and the subtitle. Type carefully to make sure the spelling is correct.

In this example, the title is **Dogman: For Whom the Ball Rolls**.

Next, type the author's name: **Dav Pilkey**

If the book has page numbers, you can add the number of pages next. Many books do not have page numbers; in such cases, leave this blank.



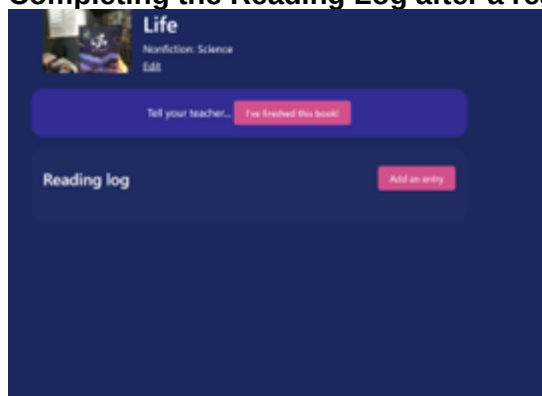
Take a photo using a laptop or desktop

The Process is the same, but you should hold the book up to the computer camera, taking care not to obscure the title and the author's name. Hold the book in front of your face so the book jacket fills most of the screen.

Next, click to say the type of book, e.g. Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, magazine, comic or graphic novel, audio book. If you don't know, you can leave this blank.

The book will be added to your child's bookshelf. Sometimes, you may be asked to retake the photo if it is too dark or if the title and author are obscured.

Completing the Reading Log after a reading session



Each time your child reads, they can complete their reading log. To do this, click on the button **Add an Entry**.

They can then either type their thoughts about the book or record them audibly. They can also add a rating to show how much they are enjoying the book using the heart slider. When you click "Save," the entry will be sent to your child's teacher.



Log entries recorded with a parent

If you are writing in the reading log with your child, check the box at the top of the page, 'I am a parent posting with my child.'

You can use the drop-down menu to send a message to the teacher. **If you'd like, you can add an additional comment. This is optional.**



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Finishing a Book

When your child has finished reading a book, click the button, 'I've finished the book'. They will be asked to complete a short task.

Click save, and your child's teacher will be notified that they have finished the book.

Once they have checked the log, the teacher will acknowledge it. A red number will display when a new message is received at the bottom of your child's record. Messages that are intended for you to read are coloured yellow

We take internet safety very seriously. The designated safeguard lead for this app is Mrs Allen. Please contact them if you have a specific concern.

We hope you enjoy using The Reading Journey with your child.