



Practice, Preparation and Retrieval (PP&R) online resources

As you will be aware, we have a number of online resources that we ask students to complete on a regular basis. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify and inform you of what these resources are and the expectations surrounding them.

Accelerated Reader (school-wide)

URL: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

What is it?

Reading is a vitally important skill that allows us to access information for all subjects.

Using Accelerated Reader, we ensure that students are reading texts that are suitably challenging. They all have a ZPD (zone of proximal development) which directs them towards appropriate texts.

The above hyperlink can be used to check whether a certain book is quizzable through Accelerated Reader.

Expectations

Students should read for a minimum of ten minutes per day and complete an Accelerated Reader quiz to ensure comprehension once the book is finished. Most students are expected to complete at least one quiz every two weeks.

Spellzone (English)

URL: <https://www.spellzone.com/>

What is it?

This is an online programme that works to enhance students' spelling ability and vocabulary. Students received their login details and spent one lesson getting used to the programme. As part of setting up, students took a spelling test that the programme then used to enrol them on the most relevant course. Spellzone is adaptive so it responds to what students get correct and incorrect. It is a service that school have paid to enrol all students on and the skills revised support students in all of their subjects.

Expectations

Students to spend one hour per week on Spellzone. Ideally this would be 10 minutes a day.

Educake (Science)

URL: <https://www.educake.co.uk/>

What is it?

Educake is a self-testing online programme that revises taught content with students and then tests them in a number of ways to ensure that knowledge is being practised in preparation for lessons. There are also 'Retrieval Practice' tests that students can complete at any time and re-do to practice overlearning. All quizzes can be re-done at any time to revise the content.

Expectations

Educake is set roughly once per week. Students have 7 days to complete their assigned questions – titled 'PP&R' followed by the topic e.g. 'PP&R – Forces'. Students should try to retrieve the knowledge but they are welcome to look up the information should they struggle. As these are automatically marked, spelling errors will see an incorrect answer. If the student is adamant that their answer is correct, then they should select 'disagree with mark'.

MyMaths (Maths)

URL: <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

What is it?

An interactive online resource which includes 'homework' and associated 'lessons'. The 'homework' tasks are used to assess understanding of current topics and retrieval of previously covered work. There are also some games which can be used to build up fluency.

Please note that the 'lessons' may approach the topics in a different way to how students have been introduced to them in class.

Expectations

MyMaths will be set regularly for students by their teacher and they will be told when it has been set and when it is due to be completed. This information will be written in their journal. All 'lessons', 'homework' and 'games' can be done without it being set by the class teacher, to build up fluency. Teachers will be able to see how many times students have attempted questions along with how they have performed.

NRICH (Maths)

URL: <https://nrich.maths.org/11993>

What is it?

A selection of short mathematical problems to develop a wide range of mathematical skills.

Expectations

This is an 'opt in' resource which can make up the 20 minutes of mathematics PP&R to be completed per day.

Parallel (Maths)

URL: <https://parallel.org.uk/>

What is it?

An online resource that explores, challenges and stretches concepts which run 'parallel' to our curriculum. The content is designed to be particularly ambitious. The school code is "qt424h" and only needs entering once.

Expectations

This is an 'opt in' resource which can make up the 20 minutes of mathematics PP&R to be completed per day. Students are encouraged to complete the weekly challenges.

It is worth noting that Maths also set a weekly 'Skills Check' PP&R that must be completed. This is done on a paper resource that is given to students in lesson.

Languagenut (Modern Foreign Languages)

URL: <https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/>

What is it?

An online resource that allows students to practise vocabulary in the foreign language that they are studying (French or Spanish). The practice is then followed by an assignment.

Expectations

2-3 blocks of vocabulary practice should be practised three times a week in ten-minute chunks (30 minutes in total). Once this has been done, then the assignment can be completed. Languagenut PP&R is set on Fridays and is due the following Friday.