Reading time at Wellfield School

Half an hour of every school day is designated to reading. Students read books of their own choice in independent reading and in years 7, 8 and 9, one hour a week is dedicated to guided reading.

Within guided reading, students are grouped by their English sets and read a range of bespoke texts, carefully chosen for their reading level and age. Reading levels have been set by accelerated reader: https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/. We also use this platform to measure students’ reading levels in 7, 8 and 9, through reading quizzes three times a year.

The book levels are sequenced so that the level of challenge progresses as students move through the school. Students will experience stories both from classic children's literature and more modern popular writers. We strongly believe in the benefit of reading and hope to inspire a love of reading in our students for now and the future.

If you have any questions about reading time, please contact Mrs L Metcalfe – Assistant Head Teacher / Subject Leader for English: l.metcalfe@wellfieldschool.net
Year 9 texts:

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde/The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (Unabridged)
Stevenson, Robert Louis
AR Quiz No. 204820 EN Fiction
IL UV - BL: 9.5 - AR Pts: 5.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
Rating: ★★★★☆
It is when Mr Utterson peruses the last will of his old friend Henry Jekyll that his suspicions are aroused. What is the relationship between upright, respectable Dr Jekyll and the evil Edward Hyde?

To Kill a Mockingbird
Lee, Harper
AR Quiz No. 200129 EN Fiction
IL UV - BL: 5.6 - AR Pts: 15.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
Rating: ★★★★☆
Two children witness the effects of racial prejudice, as their father courageously defends an innocent black man who has been accused of attacking a white woman.

Boy: Tales of Childhood
Dahl, Roald
AR Quiz No. 200434 EN Non-fiction
IL MY - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 6.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, VP
Rating: ★★★★☆
Tales of his childhood by the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Rowling, J.K.
AR Quiz No. 200738 EN Fiction
IL MY - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 12.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
Rating: ★★★★☆
Harry thinks he is an ordinary boy till he finds out he is a wizard. First in the series.

The Fault in Our Stars
Green, John
AR Quiz No. 223636 EN Fiction
IL UV - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts: 10.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, VP
Rating: ★★★★☆
Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered.

Of Mice and Men
Steinbeck, John
AR Quiz No. 200400 EN Fiction
IL UV - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 4.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
Rating: ★★★☆☆
Rough-tongued, ribald men yearn for land of their own while working on a ranch in California's Salinas Valley.

Flawed
Ahern, Cecelia
AR Quiz No. 230913 EN Fiction
IL MY - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 14.0
AR Quiz Types: RP
Rating: ★★★☆☆
In a future society where Flawed people who are deemed ethically or morally imperfect are branded with an F, a young girl takes a stand.
Year 8 texts:

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland/Alice in Wonderland**
Carroll, Lewis
AR Quiz No. 209574 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 7.4 - AR Pts: 5.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP, VP
- Rating: ★★★☆☆

Alice lives an ordinary life, until the day she finds herself in the wonderful world of mad tea parties and remarkable characters. This text is also published under the title Alice in Wonderland.

**The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again**
Tolkien, J.R.R.
AR Quiz No. 200090 EN Fiction
- IL: UY - BL: 6.6 - AR Pts: 16.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
- Rating: ★★★★★

This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

**Witch Child**
Rees, Celia
AR Quiz No. 204231 EN Fiction
- AR Quiz Types: RP, VP
- Rating: ★★★★☆

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Purtens near Salem, Massachusetts.

**The Boy at the Back of the Class**
Rafie, Onjai Q.
AR Quiz No. 234973 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 5.4 - AR Pts: 9.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP
- Rating: ★★★★★

There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. When the class learn that Ahmet is a refugee, one group of friends come up with a plan to help.

**Goodnight Mister Tom**
Magorian, Michelle
AR Quiz No. 200299 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 13.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
- Rating: ★★★★★

A young boy with a disturbed mother is sent to the English countryside during World War II to avoid the horrors of war.

**The Hunger Games**
Collins, Suzanne
AR Quiz No. 217151 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 15.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP, VP
- Rating: ★★★★★

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss' skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence. Book #1

**Matilda**
Dahl, Roald
AR Quiz No. 200119 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 6.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
- Rating: ★★★★★

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

**Once**
Glatzman, Morris
AR Quiz No. 212034 EN Fiction
- IL: MY - BL: 4.1 - AR Pts: 4.0
- AR Quiz Types: RP
- Rating: ★★★★★

After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents. Book #1. Contains graphic descriptions of violence.
Year 7 texts:

**Watership Down**
Adams, Richard
AR Quiz No. 200141 EN Fiction  

IL: UY - BL: 6.2 - AR Pts: 25.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★

A group of hardy Berkshire rabbits share many adventures together as they search for a safe place to establish a new warren after the destruction of their community.

**Northern Lights/The Golden Compass**
Pullman, Philip
AR Quiz No. 200740 EN Fiction  

IL: UY - BL: 6.2 - AR Pts: 19.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP  
Rating: ★★★★★

Lyra's friend Roger disappears, and she is determined to find him.

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Unabridged)**
Lewis, C.S.  
AR Quiz No. 200009 EN Fiction  

IL: MY - BL: 5.7 - AR Pts: 6.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★

Aslan, the noble lion, frees Narnia from the spell of the White Witch. Book #2 in the Narnia series.

**Noughts and Crosses**
Blackman, Malorie  
AR Quiz No. 209441 EN Fiction  

IL: UY - BL: 4.0 - AR Pts: 14.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP  
Rating: ★★★★★

In Calumet world the white noughts are second-class citizens and the black Crosses are highly revered and perceived as the superior race. Calum is a nought and his best friend, Sephy, is a Cross and the daughter of a powerful politician. Book #1.

**Maggot Moon**
Gardner, Sally  
AR Quiz No. 223740 EN Fiction  

IL: UY - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 5.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP  
Rating: ★★★★★

In a ruthless regime, an unlikely teenager risks all to expose the truth about an heralded moon landing.

**Awful Auntie**
Williams, David  
AR Quiz No. 227955 EN Fiction  

IL: MY - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 6.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★

Stella Saxby is the sole heir to Saxby Hall. But awful Aunt Alberta and her giant eel will stop at nothing to get it from her. Luckily Stella has a secret - and slightly spooky - weapon up her sleeve...

**James and the Giant Peach**
Dahl, Roald  
AR Quiz No. 200047 EN Fiction  

IL: MY - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 4.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★

Maddie adventures as young James enters a peach as big as a house and encounters wonderful new friends.

**Skellig**
Almond, David  
AR Quiz No. 203653 EN Fiction  

IL: MY - BL: 3.5 - AR Pts: 4.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★

An unusual being enters the life of Michael, a boy whose family has moved into a new house and whose baby sister is gravely ill. Michael's loneliness and isolation lead to a special friendship with the being called Skellig.