Welcome to Year 4

Mr Clarke – 4C

Miss Foinette & Mrs Siddorns – 4SF

Mrs Stafford – 4S

Booked Educational Visits

- Battle Abbey (Friday 10th November)
- Hampton Court (Friday 14th June)
- More to follow

Homework

Handed in by Wednesday

1. **Lexia**
2. **MA Books**
3. **Reading**
4. **Spellings**

1. Lexia

www.lexiacore5.com

OR

Lexia Core5 Reading iPad app

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	Year Level of Material		Usage This Week: Total Minutes	Target	Time Needed	Progress This Week: Units Gained	Target	Predictor
	Y2	L6	0	40	+40	0	8	
	Y3	L11	19	40	+21	7	8	
	Y3	L11	18	40	+22	5	8	
	Y2	L9	71	40	0	17	8	
	Y3	L12	127	40	0	29	8	
	Y4	L13	24	40	+16	6	8	
	Y3	L11	45	40	0	9	8	
	Y3	L12	10	40	+30	4	8	
	Y3	L10	17	40	+23	1	8	
	Y3	L11	26	40	+14	9	8	

2. MA Books

- **20-30 minutes**
- Please complete **corrections** from the previous week
- **Independence** vs. parent support (show with *)
- We will try our best to help the children with tricky questions one-to-one in class

How can I help my child with maths?

- At Amherst, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme.
- **Maths with Michael**: Video resources for parents explaining teaching methods.
- **1 minute maths**: App for improving number confidence and fluency.

Times Tables

- Weekly differentiated times tables tests
- Teachers reassess appropriate level through the year
- Children encouraged to ‘compete’ against themselves
- Children have the option to take their tests home

(The government’s Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place in the Summer Term, testing all up to 12 x 12.)

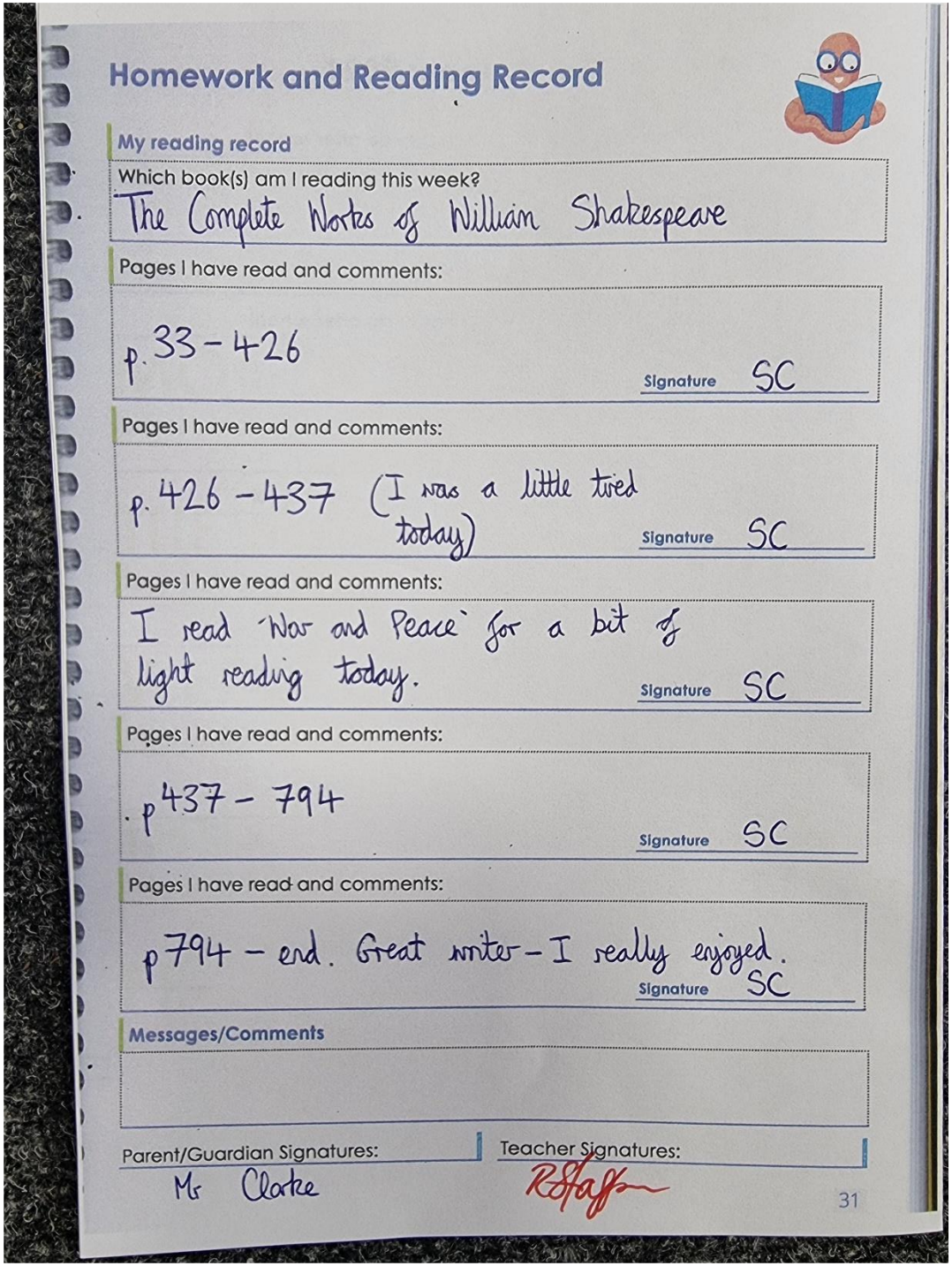
3. Reading

Planners in on Fridays

- **What to write?**
- **Which books to read?**
- **How to support at home:**

It is most effective for children to experience a mixture of reading independently, reading aloud with an adult and listening to an adult or an audiobook.

Please also monitor your child's comprehension by chatting to them about their what they've been reading.



Homework and Reading Record

My reading record

Which book(s) am I reading this week?
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

Pages I have read and comments:
p. 33 - 426
Signature SC

Pages I have read and comments:
p. 426 - 437 (I was a little tired today)
Signature SC

Pages I have read and comments:
I read 'War and Peace' for a bit of light reading today.
Signature SC

Pages I have read and comments:
p 437 - 794
Signature SC

Pages I have read and comments:
p 794 - end. Great writer - I really enjoyed.
Signature SC

Messages/Comments

Parent/Guardian Signatures:
Mr Clarke

Teacher Signatures:
RStaff

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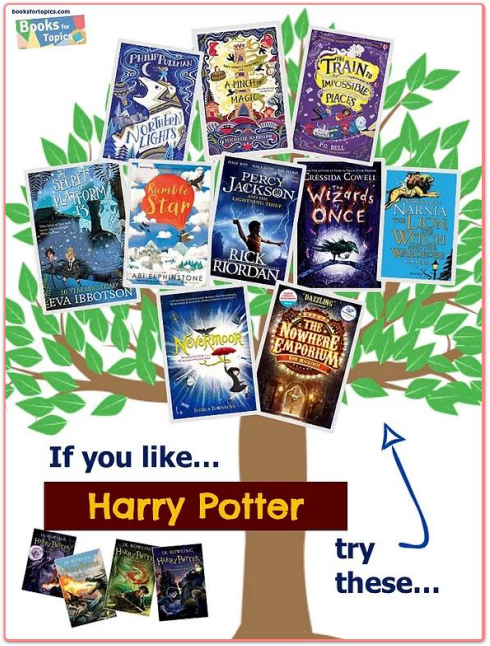
Example of a completed Planner!

https://www.booksfortopics.com/branching-out



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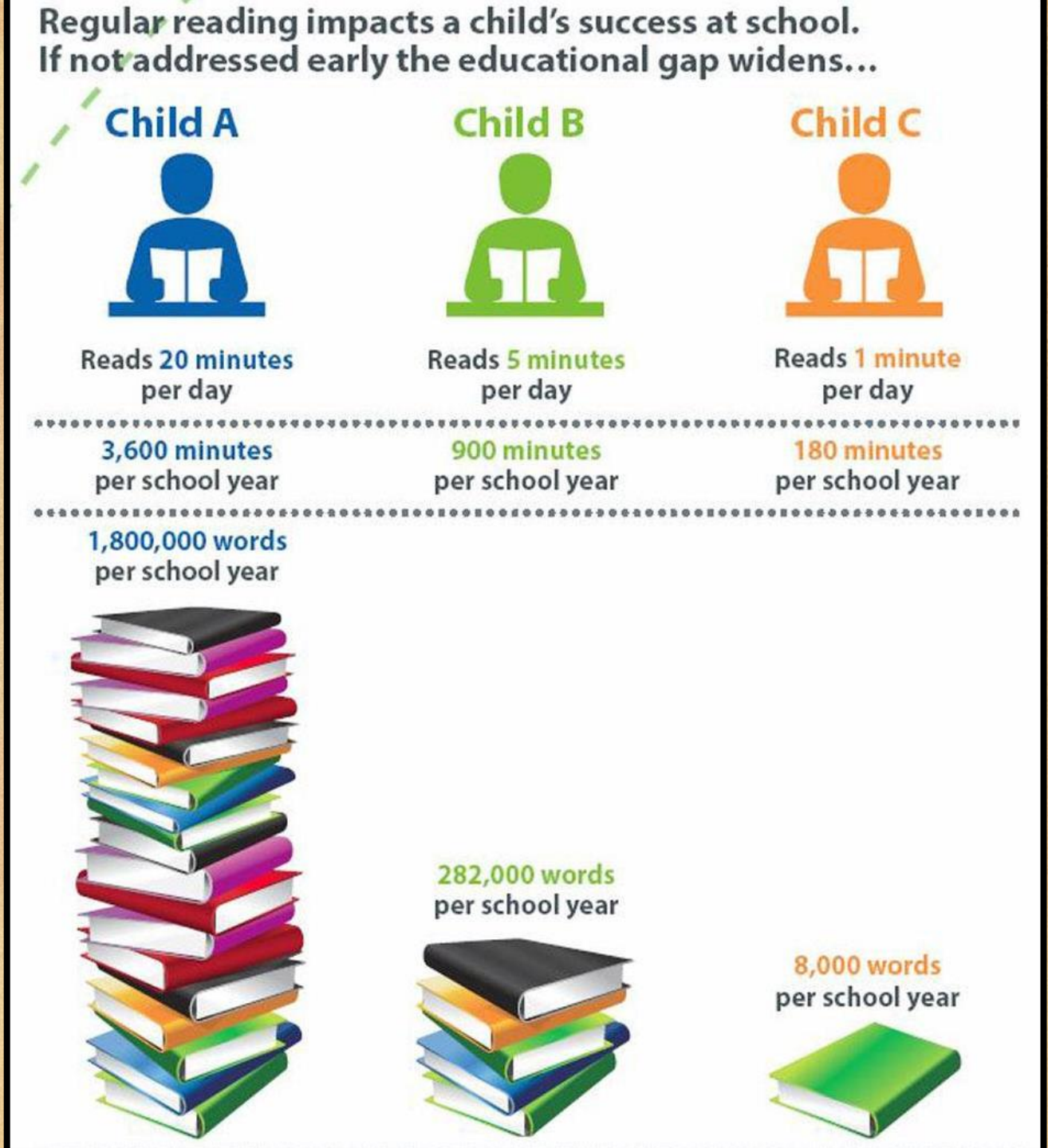
The Impact of Daily Reading



4. Spelling Tests

Next **Friday 22rd September** your child will be tested on the following words:

treasure
measure
pressure
closure
pleasure
enclosure
leisure
exposure
answer
believe

Taken from our recent in-class spelling lesson

Taken from the National Curriculum

Optional Challenges: invasion, conquest, feudal

1. **20 minutes** each week practising the spelling words ready for the Friday test.
2. Evidence of this should be recorded in the **orange spelling books**.

Using your individual word list write your words in rainbow writing.

fall

Make a crossword with your spelling words.

g
r
h e l p
a
t

sgrilleps

spellings
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Count the letters in your spelling words. Write them in order of least letter to most letters.

spellings

that fall come

Using your individual word list write each word in its word shape.

Write your spelling words in a spiral. Start from the centre and work out.

spellings

Write your spelling words in alphabetical order.

ape
bear
crocodile

Write your spelling words and circle the little words in each word.

whether

PE and Games

- Full PE kit is required and named please. More information listed on website.
- Spare white sports socks required.
- Swimming up to half term, then indoor PE thereafter.

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Games on a Tuesday	Games on a Tuesday	Games on a Tuesday
Swimming on a Friday	Swimming on a Friday	Swimming on a Monday

Stationery Reminders

- Spare glue sticks
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- Scissors
- 30cm ruler
- Whiteboard pens and rubber

Weekly Routines

- **Music lessons**
  - ***Children should only have one lesson during curriculum time***
  - ***If your child is away or on a school trip, it is your responsibility to inform their music teacher***
- **Clubs**
  - ***Your child should inform the person running the club if they are going to be absent or no longer wish to participate***
  - ***We encourage every child to attend at least one club***
- **Parent-Teacher Communication**
  - ***For quick questions/issues, please feel free to chat to the class teacher at the gate***
  - ***Meetings should be arranged via the school office***

School Website

A Few Odds & Ends

- Screen-free bedtime routine which includes a story.
- Unstructured free play.
- "Cultural capital": going to museums, libraries, dinner-time conversation about the world, etc.
- Participation in the arts (e.g. dance, drama, music).

Parent Readers

VOLUNTEER PARENT READERS

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to come into school and read with the children in the afternoons. You will be given more information before you start and will require a DBS check. The reading sessions will run between **1.30pm and 3.30pm** on the following days:

Year 6— Monday
Year 5— Wednesday
Year 4— Thursday
Year 3— Tuesday

You can volunteer for any amount of time you have free. It would be helpful for our planning if you can commit to a weekly session. To register your interest, please go to www.schoolgateway.com, and indicate the times you are available in the comments box.

PTA Video

Amherst Video

After This Meeting

- Once we have finished in the hall, there is the opportunity to visit your child's classroom.
- If you are ready to leave even after five minutes, please don't feel pressure to stay!
- We have individual Parent Consultations in November to discuss your child's academic progress.

Any questions?

Dates for the Diary

- **4th October** – School Photographs
- **19th October** – Term Ends
- **30th October** – Term Begins
- **10th November** – Trip to Battle Abbey (all day)
- **17th November** (2.45pm) – Open Afternoon
- **28th and 30th November** – Parents' Evenings
- **w/b 4th December** – Year 4 Christmas Performance (times tbc)
- **11th December** – School Carol Service
- **13th December** – School Pantomime
- **16th December** – End of Term