

## A CREATIVE APPROACH TO USING OUR DIGITAL READING LOG

At The Gainsborough Parish Primary School, reading has been a key focus this year, and the team are working creatively to create a 'community of readers.'

Miss White, the Reading Lead and Year 6 Class Teacher, is continually thinking of innovative new ways of using the digital reading log to support key skills, as well as promoting purpose for, and a love of reading.



## LINKING HOME AND SCHOOL THROUGH AUDIO CLIPS

The audio function has proved especially effective in engaging children and families. The children are encouraged to record themselves reading at home, giving them the opportunity to read aloud and know that the teacher will hear it and celebrate it with classmates.

They also practise reading poems and book extracts in school throughout the week and then record the piece as a whole class. This gives them fantastic motivation and purpose, because they know the recording is being sent to an audience - their families.



We recorded our performance of a poem called 'Little Freak' in class and I was able to share it with my parents when I went home. They really liked listening to it.

Isla, Year 6



To keep children excited by a class book, Miss White uses the audio function innovatively by leaving them with a cliff-hanger. By recording herself reading the last chapter instead of reading it in class, the children can then experience the book at home over the holidays and get to leave a comment about the ending.

## CREATING A BUZZ AROUND READING

The school has also made use of the full range of features that the reading log offers to keep engagement levels high. Using the 'teacher message' function, the school motivates families through fortnightly reading challenges such as 'read a story with a relative', 'read a story with a scary voice' etc. which Miss White says maintains a 'buzz around reading.'



Since we started using the digital reading logs, we've noticed a real boost in how parents get involved with their children's reading, especially for our Pupil Premium children. It's made a big difference in bringing reading into the spotlight and creating a strong reading focus across the whole school

Miss Peacock, Headteacher

