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Encouraging your child's reading for pleasure: our school library catalogue online

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure. There is evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily perform better in reading tests than those who never do. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to access a wide range of good quality literature.

We are delighted to inform you that the school has made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of microlibrarian.net. This is a system allowing pupils, staff and parents to view our extensive school library catalogue online — over 6500 books — accessing via a link on the school website home page. Pupils are being encouraged to use this to; help with research, write reviews about books they have read and search for new books or interesting authors.

The system includes a feature called 'Who next?' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already borrowed. You will be able to use this feature at home to see their borrowing history and help your child select their next book.

If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a free app called 'iMLS' from the App Store or Android Market, to access the library from those devices.

Having the library accessible in this way and having parents engaged with reading, will help to support our commitment to improving literacy standards. Mrs Fraser, our school librarian, has shown pupils how to log in and provided a label with the user number and password for your child inside their homework diary.

We hope you find the new facility useful and welcome any feedback to Mrs Fraser via email at kfraser@gorsemoor.staffs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. B. S. Heath
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