

## Egypt British International School

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Rising Stars — Reading Planet Online

Sunday Ist of November 2020

Dear Key Stage I Parents,

Due to COVID 19, we are unable to follow our regular Oxford Reading Tree programme, which we all love so much and where we used to send home the actual physical books home for our children to read. Therefore we have decided to use a digital reading platform during COVID 19. We have managed to purchase a subscription to Reading Planet for this academic year. The children will receive their username and password this week and start reading next week. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be assigned two to four books which are linked to their phonics and reading level (all children have completed phonics and reading assessment this term). There are questions at the end of the book for you to talk about with your child and help extend their understanding. There are also quizzes at the end of the books. Teachers will monitor the reading and activities children are completing. The Reading Planet Guide has been attached to the main portal message; and added below for your convenience. Please take the time to read it thoroughly.

The Reading Planet Guide: https://www.risingstars-uk.com/media/Rising-Stars/Series%20Images/Reading%20Planet/Reception-KSI-Pupil\_user\_guide.pdf

How to use the Online Library at Home: https://youtu.be/yF-wRRRu43c

This is a new resource to all of us and I am sure it will take a little while until we all feel confident in using it. Please be patient and let your child's teacher know if there is a problem. We will be gathering feedback from the children over the next half term and throughout the year and this will inform our decision on future use. We look forward to hearing about what they think.

If you have any difficulties in using the resource, or need some support in getting started, please see your child's teacher and we will be happy to help you. Happy reading!

Kindest Regards,

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