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Dear Parents / Carers of children in Year 3,

I am very excited to announce Hawthorn's sign up to ReadTheory. You will soon be receiving a login and password to access this amazing online reading resource. The aim of ReadTheory is to develop children's reading comprehension, stamina and general understanding. The resources are American, however, the product is excellent and is used in 100s of UK schools.

Your child will need to complete an initial reading task after which ReadTheory will then set activities at the appropriate level of challenge. As your child then works through different reading activities, the level of challenge will continue to adjust and your child will be awarded Knowledge Points – these are purely for reward and motivation.

Your child's teacher will be able to track your child's progress – this will be invaluable for teachers in order to keep up-to-date with your child's knowledge and understanding. As we become more accustomed to using ReadTheory, your child's teacher may, in the future, set challenges. For the time being, I recommend just having a go perhaps twice a week (or more if you have time) just to keep topping up reading and comprehension skills.

Attached to this letter is the official ReadTheory parent flyer. Please do not worry about the mention of Common Core Standards – this is the US version of our National Curriculum. As I mentioned earlier, although the site is American, the resources are absolutely fantastic. I have also attached a step-by-step guide showing you how to work through the initial pre-test that your child must complete before accessing the main ReadTheory site.

I look forward to seeing how your child gets on with ReadTheory.

Kind regards,

**Miss Blakeley (Reading Lead)**

