KS2 Reading Homework

On Wednesday 17th October we are going to be holding auditions for ‘A Christmas Carol’ – our Christmas play.

We request that **all children** (whether they want a speaking part or not), learn the following short parts to the best of their ability in order to take part in the auditions.

As this is an extra piece of reading homework, we will only require your child to have read their reading book twice and had their reading record signed to be brought in on Friday as usual.

**Play extracts**

**Scrooge encounters Marley**

**Narrator:** At this the spirit raised a frightful cry, and shook its chain with such a dismal and appalling noise. Scrooge fell upon his knees, and clasped his hands before his face. ***(Marley cries out)***

**Scrooge:**  Mercy! Dreadful apparition, why do you trouble me?

**Narrator:** Again the spectre raised a cry, and shook its chain and wrung its shadowy hands.

**Scrooge:** You are fettered, tell me why?

**Marley:** I wear the chain I forged in life. I made it link by link, and yard by yard. I am here to-night to warn you, that you have yet a chance and hope of escaping my fate.

**Scrooge:** You were always a good friend to me,

**Marley:**  You will be haunted, by three spirits.

**Scrooge:** Is that the chance and hope you mentioned, Jacob?

**Marley:** It is.

**Scrooge:** I-I think I'd rather not

**Marley:** Without their visits, you cannot hope to shun the path I tread. Expect the first when the bell tolls one.

**Scrooge:**  Couldn't I take them all at once, and have it over.

**Marley:** Look to see me no more; and look that, for your own sake, you remember what has passed between us!

***(exit Marley)***

**Narrator:** Scrooge went to bed again, and thought it over and over, and could make nothing of it, falling asleep.

Scrooge encounters the Ghost of Christmas Present

**Narrator:** When the clock struck again he woke with a start to find that his room had undergone a transformation; the walls and ceiling were hung with crisp leaves of holly, mistletoe and ivy which reflected back the light. Heaped on the floor, to form a kind of throne were turkeys, geese, great joints of meat and seething bowls of punch. In this easy state there sat a jolly giant, glorious to see.

 ***(Scrooge peers around him in wonder)***

**Narrator:** It was clothed in one simple green robe, or mantle, bordered with white fur. Its feet, observable beneath the ample folds of the garment, were also bare; and on its head it wore a holly wreath, set here and there with shining icicles. Its dark brown curls were long and free and girded round its middle was an antique scabbard; but no sword was in it, and the ancient sheath was eaten up with rust.

**Ghost**: Come in! Come in. And know me better, man! I am the Ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon me!

You have never seen the like of me before!’’

**Scrooge:** Never.

**Ghost:** Have never walked forth with the younger members of my family?

**Scrooge:** I don’t think I have. Have you had many brothers, Spirit?

**Ghost:**  More than eighteen hundred.

**Scrooge**: Spirit, conduct me where you will.

**Ghost:**  Touch my robe!

**Narrator:** Scrooge did as he was told, and held it fast.