

Dear Parents,

As you are aware we are now using the Accelerated Reader Programme within school. The programme is designed to improve and accelerate children's reading. Accelerated Reader also targets the core areas that children usually struggle with – comprehension and understanding of a text read. For many children the simple concept of reading aloud is easily achieved – they are able to decode words and read fluently. However what we usually find is that the children do not always understand what they have read.



The way Accelerated Reader works is that children read a book at their given level and then take a quiz. The quiz will test their understanding of the text read along with the level of language that the children understand. This level of comprehension will ensure that the children progress well in reading.

Currently children are only allowed to quiz in school, however we would like to trial the children quizzing at home. We would like the children to be encouraged to read and quiz as much as possible and feel that this will allow them more freedom and more chance to quiz and read at their own pace.

Teachers are able to log into the Accelerated Reader at any time through the internet and monitor the children's progress very carefully, ensuring that the children are reading at the correct level and pace.

It is very important that the children do take the quizzes independently and without any support from parents or siblings, so we would ask you not to help the children with their quizzes.

If you would like to support your child and ensure they do well in the quizzes, please take the time to read the book with them and discuss the book as you read. This will greatly influence their understanding of the book and therefore the child will do well in the quiz.

Teachers will be monitoring closely to ensure that the quiz results being achieved match the level that the child is reading at.

Accelerated Reader is a fantastic tool to enhance the reading experience for the children. This year our motto is 'Reading for Pleasure'. We would like the children to be reading books they are interested in but at the correct level to improve their reading. Children do not just have to read the books they get from school but can read and quiz on lots of different books. Go to the following link www.arbookfind.co.uk and the children can search for books that have quizzes on Accelerated Reader at their book level.

Let's make reading a pleasure for all !

Thank you for your support

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