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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Accelerated Reader!

We are delighted to announce that we have a new system in school to help support your child's progress in reading. The majority of our KS2 children will now using **Accelerated Reader.**
In order to access reading books, children have taken an online quiz in school and from this, they have generated a ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). This will help guide your child in choosing particular reading books that are at and above their 'level'. Children will be reading books from within their ZPD and once a book is read, they will take an online quiz where they will answer questions to check their understanding. To show that they have understood a book, children should be scoring at least 60% on a test. Children will be reading and discussing their Accelerated Reader books in class with their teachers and LSAs each day and we have introduced daily **ERIC** times for each class **(Everyone Reading In Class)**.
To help ensure your children have the right books in school, we will not be sending Accelerated Reader books home with your child at this time.

How can I help support my child's reading at home?
We still need your support and children should be reading regularly at home. You can visit the Accelerated Reader website and find out of books you have in your home are within your child's current ZPD. Your child is welcome to read that book at home and they can do a quiz on that book in school – please make a note of the book code and your child can find it when they are in school. Reading and discussing books that are within your child's ZPD is most helpful as this will help them make progress but other books can also be read. If you'd like to see what a books code is, you can look at Accelerated Reader bookfinder https://www.arbookfind.com.uk
If you haven't got any AR books at home, then please read regularly with your child – any book will do – the main thing to focus on is discussing the book with your child to develop their comprehension and understanding. All children should have a bookmark that they can keep at home - this will give you ideas of the kind of things that you could discuss.
Please also take time to ask your child how they are getting on with their AR quizzes. Your child's teacher may contact you from time to time to discuss how your child is getting on with their quizzes.

How can I find out more about Accelerated Reader?
Please click on this link and it will take you to the website for a thorough explanation of how AR works. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.
https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/

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Will my child bring reading books home from school?
If you'd like our support in finding books for your child to read at home, please contact your child's teacher and we will do what we can to send books home. If however you have books at home that they can read with you, then that's great too.

Can I donate books to school?

We'd love to have any good condition books that you may have in your home that your child may no longer read. Please feel free to donate them to school. They can be sent in to your child's class teacher who will quarantine the books and then they will be shared once they can be logged into the school system. Thank you

We hope that you and your child enjoy this new reading system. Thank you in advance for your continued support of your child's reading and learning

Miss Andrea Crellin

English leader