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Dear parents and carers,

Accelerated Reader

This week we have launched our 'Accelerated Reading' initiative in which pupils are encouraged to read independently, for pleasure, with the incentive of earning points for the completion of books. Once a book has been read, pupils complete a comprehension quiz, this enable them to earn points depending on their number of correct answers. Our staff have been fully trained for this programme.

The programme operates in a slightly different way to our school colour book bands. Firstly, your child has already completed a comprehension quiz; following the quiz an appropriate reading level to precisely match your child's reading ability has been chosen. There will be a colour dot and number level to work within from the coloured dot. All the home/school reading books that match the AR programme from our libraries have already been labelled and over one thousand new books that match the programme have been purchased. Your child will be fully supported in their choice of books. As you child takes the quizzes, their result will be monitored and levels changed as appropriate.

Attached to this letter are personal log-in details that you are able to use to all track your child's progress. There is also a link to the Accelerated Readers website, where you are able to browse books that are available for your child's level. There are over 18, 000 related quizzes in total.

This programme has proven to be successful in a number of schools within the area. The pupils and staff are very excited about it and we are awaiting the day when we get our first word millionaires (on completion of each quiz, there is an available word count). Your encouragement and support in your child's reading journey is imperative. To develop and foster a life-long love of reading is one of the greatest and most powerful gifts a child can receive.

During parents evening you will have the opportunity to further discuss the results from the reading quiz your child has already taken and discuss how we can together support their individual needs.

Yours sincerely
Mrs H Rigby
Head of School