

Dear Parents,

INFORMATION ABOUT ACCELERATED READER (7.9.18)

Your child has just undertaken a 'Star Reading Test' whereby they answer a series of questions to test their reading comprehension skills. This programme checks their understanding of words and phrases they are likely to encounter in a wide range of reading books. The test makes the questions easier or harder according to your child's progress during the session. At the end of the test, your child will be given a reading range number e.g. 2.6 - 3.4. These numbers mean that your child is able to read books with a difficulty level from 2.6 to 3.4. The school library books have been sorted according to these levels.

Your child will be starting at the lower end of the reading range to begin this term as they can access less challenging texts, enjoy the content more and get back into the habit of reading daily. I know some of you will be concerned that your child is starting lower than they finished last term, but this is normal for many children after the long summer break and is nothing to worry about. By reading daily and using books from home as well as from school, they will very quickly raise their score back to where it was whilst getting into really good reading habits. Once these habits are secure, you will see your child's progress increase.

Once a book has been completed, then they take a quiz on this book to check they have understood the content. If they score 80% or above they pass the test and can move up a sub-level e.g. 2.6 to 2.7. So, the more books your child reads, the quicker they will move through the book range. When they get to the top again, they will re-sit a Star Reading test to decide the next range. You will be informed about this change in their reading record. It will also show when they have passed a quiz on a book. If they don't pass first time, the book will be sent home to check through it again. Please talk through the content of the book with your child so they are ready to quiz again the following day.

I have reminded children that if they read a home book which is on AR then they can also quiz on this at school. You can check whether their home book is within their reading range by using AR Book Finder on Google.

To summarise, the more your child reads the quicker they will be able to quiz and move their reading score upwards. Please try and hear your child read **at least** twice a week and sign their reading record. On the other days, your child can sign the record themselves.

If you have any queries or questions, please do get in touch via the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kirsty Lamb

