



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we have introduced a new reading programme to be used for Y2-Y6 pupils.

The programme is called Accelerated Reader and is a book and computer based system. The programme focuses on decoding words but more heavily on comprehension of vocabulary and content.

Each half term your child/children will take a Reading Quiz which measures their decoding and comprehension skills. They are then awarded a reading range and a reading age. The children will read a variety of books which sit within this range, in order to develop their reading skills even further. After reading each book, they will take a quiz on the book to assess their comprehension. All quizzes are web-based and must be taken in school.

The children will re-sit the initial reading quiz each half term, so that their range can be adapted to match their progress.

In some cases, your child may have two reading books. One book will support their decoding skills and the other their comprehension skills. They will only be required to take a quiz on their comprehension book and we will make it clear to your child, and you, which book is which.

Please be assured that there is no timeline in which the books need to be completed. We expect children to read daily, or four times per week as a minimum, but we do not expect the children to read a set number of books within this time.

In the coming months, there will be more information for parents about Accelerated Reader but in the meantime if you have any questions I will be happy to answer them for you.

Yours sincerely,

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(English Leader)