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Accelerated Reader

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with exciting news! Today we launched a new reading system called **Accelerated Reader**. Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice, motivating all pupils to read for pleasure.

From now on, your child will bring home a book which has been banded according to their ZPD (book level range). This has been generated after your child completed a 'Star Reading Assessment' on the computer. Depending on how well your child did on this test, determines their ZPD and therefore the book band they will be given.

Once your child has read their book, they will then complete an online quiz, in school, testing their understanding of the text.

You may initially find that your child may have been given a lower stage book than they previously had. Please do not be alarmed by this: your child still may be a fluent reader and will most likely make quick progress through the reading bands.

Also, if your child struggles to pass the quizzes after they have read their book, it may be that they choose future books from the lower range of their ZPD. So long as it is within this range, don't worry; your child's teacher is monitoring their progress closely.

We encourage children to read at home daily with a minimum expectation that they complete their reading record at **least 3 times per week**. Their reading will be recorded and rewards will be given to the classes with the highest percentage of home reading.

Finally, as with any new initiative, there may be teething problems along the way, so please bear with us whilst we implement it for the first few weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Miss L Allen