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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to remind you of the reading support and homework your child receives.

Reading with confidence opens doors for students across the curriculum and as such we use a personalised reading package called Accelerated Reader. We have over 3000 AR books in the library so students can check out their book and carry it with them at all times.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Who chooses the books?

Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

When will children read?

- Students have a timetabled library lesson in which they can spend time reading, take quizzes and change their AR books, as well as completing other literacy activities.
- Individual class teachers set reading homework which will be updated on *Show My Homework*.

How can I support this?

- Engage with the homework set on *Show My Homework*. Once a fortnight this will be reading and vocabulary:
 - Reading: students will read for a set amount of time and record the page numbers
 - Vocabulary: students will record new vocabulary they encounter, and look up and record definitions for the words
- Listen to your child read and discuss their reading material with them, as well as new vocabulary
- Sign their booklet when they have completed their homework.

How can I find out more?

Please go to the following website for a comprehensive parents' guide to Accelerated Reader:
<http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R003985016GG79F2.pdf>

You have previously received a letter with your unique login.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Regards,



Miss R Roach