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Dear Parents/Carers,

Accelerated Reader - UPDATE

Over the course of the last two years, we have introduced **Accelerated Reader (AR)** at High Littleton Primary School. We have decided to introduce certificates to celebrate the children who read at home and at school.

How will the certificate system work?

Each time a child passes a book quiz, they will accumulate the number of words in the given book. Throughout the school year the AR system keeps track of the total number of words read and the children can also see this when they log in. The children will be awarded certificates at the points in the table beside. We will award certificates at the end of each term. The children will only receive the certificate for the highest amount of words which they have passed. For example:

Term	Cumulative Words Read	Certificate Awarded.
1	2356	2000
2	5233	5000
3	23,587	20,000
4	74,564	50,000
5	300,214	300,000
6	1,254,121	1,000,000

Words
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
7,500
10,000
20,000
30,000
40,000
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75,000
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Please continue to support your child's reading at home as this is the best way to improve your child's outcomes at school and on into the future. On the opposite page are some reminders about what Accelerated Reader is and how it works.

Yours sincerely,
Gareth Griffith
Headteacher

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What is AR?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor a child's independent reading practice. Children choose a book that falls within their *ZPD level* and when they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on a computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read. If they are reading at the recommended level for them, then most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all they learn and grow at their own pace.

Star Reading Test

During the first two weeks of this academic year, your child will complete an initial Star Reading Test. Star Reading is an online assessment used to determine a child's English reading level. It is a computer-based reading assessment program that uses computer-adaptive technology. Questions continually adjust to each child's responses. If the response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If they cannot answer a question, or answer incorrectly, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

What is a ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development)?

A ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Each child will receive a ZPD after taking a Star Reading test. It is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPD.

How can I help my child using AR?

As with anything, reading and understanding the English language improves with practice. According to research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day and achieve a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains. Encourage your child to read at home, discuss books, and ask questions about what they have read.

Book Quizzes

After reading a book, the children must complete a book quiz at the earliest opportunity (but hopefully within 24 hours of finishing the book). The children will need to visit this specific website:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6702595>. They will be able to login, find the book they have read and then complete the comprehension quiz. This information will be accessible to your child's teacher and will support them in supporting the children.

When and where the children should take a test:

Class	Year	When	Where
Fox	2	As soon as they are in school after completing a book	At school
Badger	3		
Otter	4	Within 24 hours of completing the book	At home or at school
Robin	5		At home or at school
Deer	6		At home or at school

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