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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

Re: Accelerated Reader

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. We are excited to share some wonderful news about a new reading program that we have implemented at Hyde Park Schools to enhance the reading experience for our children. We have introduced Accelerated Reader (AR) program and children have had their assessment and have been given their respective book as well as log in details. The AR programme starts in Year 2 once children have finished the Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme.

Accelerated Reader is a comprehensive reading management and monitoring program that encourages children to read more and read better. We believe that this program will greatly benefit our children in several ways. Please see below how the program works and why it is so valuable.

Benefits of Accelerated Reader:

1. **Improved Reading Skills:** Accelerated Reader helps children improve their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency by motivating them to read more frequently and consistently.
2. **Individualised Reading:** This program allows for personalised reading choices. Children can select books that match their reading level and interests, making reading a more engaging and enjoyable experience.
3. **Accountability:** AR encourages children to set reading goals and monitor their progress, fostering a sense of responsibility for their own learning.
4. **Comprehension Assessment:** After finishing a book, children take a short comprehension quiz. This helps us ensure they have understood the material and can guide their further reading choices.
5. **Parent Involvement:** Parents can also monitor their child's progress through the AR program, creating opportunities for discussions about their reading choices and goals. ***Your child's log in details can be found in their reading record.***



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From the assessment carried out, children have been given an AR Book Level and they can choose any book in our library with their level. Children will have brought their first reading book home based on the program. Once children have finished reading their assigned book, they will be required to do a quick quiz to check their comprehension of the text before a new one is issued. Please discuss with your child or children that this is an important exercise (the language we use in school is, you have been doing really well in your learning and this activity is for us to see if you are ready for the next challenge).

The Bookmarks:

To further enhance your child's reading experience, each pupil will receive bookmarks that contain questions to ask themselves while reading and sentence stems to help them respond in full sentences. These tools will encourage critical thinking and active engagement with the text. We also encourage you to ask your child about the questions on their bookmarks as a way to foster meaningful discussions about their reading. These are attached with this letter and will also be on ClassDojo in the meantime.

Reading Expectations:

We strongly encourage all children to read at least three times a week, for a minimum of 20 minutes each time. Regular reading not only enhances vocabulary and comprehension but also fosters a lifelong love for reading. Research shows that children who read regularly perform better academically and exhibit enhanced cognitive and social skills.

For each read with your child or children, please record the details of this in their reading record including tricky words they may have encountered whilst reading.

Reading records are now used across Hyde Park Schools replacing Boom Reader that was previously used in the Junior School.

We are excited to embark on this reading journey with your child. If you have any questions about the Accelerated Reader program or would like assistance in selecting appropriate reading materials, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. We believe that by working together, we can instil a lifelong love for reading and help our children achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of learning in our children.

Yours Faithfully,

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