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Dear Parents / Carers,

Accelerated Reader

I hope by now that your child has told you about our exciting new program – Accelerated Reader.

Every half-term, the children's reading comprehension is assessed and their Book Level range is determined. Reading books within this range, ie not too easy and not too difficult, should lead to the best progress in their reading. Our reading books and many of the library books have now been re-labelled with the AR Book Levels, and children are free to choose books within their range. The old colour bands on reading books are no longer relevant.

After finishing their reading book, your child can now take a short quiz about it on the computer, which will allocate points depending on how well they read and understand the book. There are also various certificates that can be earned for meeting individual targets.

In trialling the program this half-term, staff have seen a huge increase in enthusiasm for reading amongst the children. They have been reading more often, getting through books more quickly, and have arrived at school eager to do a quiz.

The attached letter explains how you can stay informed about how well your child is doing and celebrate their successes with them. By logging in to Home Connect, you can see at a glance their progress towards their targets:

- Percentage of questions correct (to encourage accurate and careful reading)
All children aim to get at least 85% correct over time.
- Number of Points for the half-term (to encourage regular reading)
The target is different for each child. Book points depend mainly on the length of a book.
- Average book level (to encourage an appropriate level of challenge)
The target is set around the middle of a child's book range.

You can also sign up to receive email notifications whenever your child does a quiz, as well as search for books that are in their reading range.

Please do take the time to look at the website and feel free to speak to me after school if you would like me to go through it with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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