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Learning Together, Learning for Life

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently purchased a new reading programme – Accelerated Reader - which is a comprehensive programme where we can closely track and monitor children’s reading to ensure we are providing them with the best learning outcomes.

More parent support information will be available soon on our website. Please note, the Home Connect platform that is referenced on the supporting information is currently unavailable.

Initially, children sit a 20-minute Star Reading Assessment. This comprises of 10 vocabulary questions and 24 comprehension questions. This will enable us to gain a ZPD range and a reading age for your child. The ZPD range is the Zone of Proximal Development and will enable children to select books that are reading-age appropriate. To ensure children are reading books that are age appropriate, there is also an Interest Level: LY – lower years 5-8 years old and MY – Middle Years 9-13 years old. Books in school will be colour coded and marked with the ranges. Once your child has completed a book, they will carry-out a quiz to demonstrate their comprehension understanding they will gain instant feedback on how they have performed. All quizzes will be completed in school unless we enter another lockdown or isolation of a bubble.

AR BookFinder is an online tool that parents and carers can use to find books in their child’s ZPD Range and Book Level.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/usertype.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx> A great way to find books that are appropriate for your child as Christmas or Birthday presents!

Children will also have access to MyOn which is an online reading platform where they can read online texts that are within their ZPD range and year group appropriate. Children can read a book or listen and follow along. This will be rolled out in each year group in the coming days.

We are very excited to start using this this new programme, listening to children read and sharing books is vital for children to make progress. We will continue to listen to children read books in school but are eager to give the opportunity to read books at home through this online tool.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Langan
English Co-Ordinator

