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Dear Parents and Carers,

**New Accelerated Reader System**

I am excited to announce that we have purchased, labelled most of our books now and trained staff to use Accelerated Reader (AR), which ensures that our staff can check that our pupils with a sound grasp of early reading and phonics from Year 2 up are reading books that are suitably challenging for their stage of development.

This means that most of our pupils from Year 3 up and some Year 2s will no longer be using our current banded reading book system. Instead, over the next week or two, they will begin to move over to our new AR system once enough of our books have been labelled with their AR book level and your child/ren have completed their 15 to 30 minutes online AR star reader test in school, which will give them a range of AR book levels to choose from. These multi-choose AR star reader tests match to their ability to comprehend sentences, moving on to comprehending a paragraph or short passage, which progressively get more challenging. Please see the new AR book level guide below:

	0.0 – 1.9
	2.0 – 2.9
	3.0 – 3.9
	4.0 – 4.9
	5.0 – 5.9
	6.0 +

Staff training has instructed us to ensure that our pupils read within the lower end of their range (0.5) until their confidence grows. Using this system, the children will complete an online AR quiz in school after reading a book in their range. This will check that the children are able to not only decode what they read but comprehend what they have read too, which will help them to foster a love of reading and support them to prepare for their end of Year 6 reading SATs.

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If reading within the lower end of their range, it is expected that the children will consistently pass their online AR quizzes in school with results of 80%+. Depending on the length of a book, the children will be given AR reward points for passing each AR quiz. If children do not pass, it may suggest that the child has not read the whole book, or the AR book level may be too challenging for them in which case staff may choose to administer another online AR star reader test in school. Periodically, these AR star reader tests will be administered by staff in school to ensure that our pupils are being suitably challenged with their reading throughout their schooling to maximise their progress.

As usual, our pupils will be expected to read for at least 10 to 15 minutes for homework each school day and your ongoing support with this will be much appreciated as it will support your child's ability to successfully access our whole primary school curriculum.

If interested, more information about our new AR system can be found at: <https://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader/>.

In addition, AR have a dedicated online book-search tool called AR book find (<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>) that pupils, parents and staff may use to identify appropriate books that are also of interest or check that books are within their range of AR book levels to read from.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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(Head of School)

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