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# Folksworth C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Your child will be using the Accelerated Reader scheme this year. Please find some useful information below about how this works.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is an online platform which supports reading. Over 4000 schools access it to help track and promote reading. But before your child can select a book to read, they need to complete a Star Reader Quiz on AR. They will complete a Star Reader quiz at the beginning of every term to check progress.

The Star Reader quiz provides the children a range of texts to read. The children then answer multiple choice questions about the text. This assessment does not check how quickly or fluently the child can read the text but how well they have understood what they have read as well as vocabulary and literacy skills.

Once the quiz has been completed, AR identifies an Average Book Level (ABL) which is most suitable for that child to read and develop their comprehension, vocabulary and literacy skills.

In the library, the books are organised into the book levels for easy access. Your child can select any book within the ABL the Star Reader quiz has identified. We encourage the children to select books towards to higher end of their band to ensure the child is being challenged and making progress. We would also like the children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

As stated in the Home Learning Journal, your child should be reading daily at home. Please remember to record this in their Home Learning Journal as it provides the teacher with valuable information and helps your child to progress through their book. As soon as your child has completed their book, and this is recorded in their Home Learning Journal, they must take an AR quiz. This should be completed within 24 hours of completing the book.

Within school, we do allocate time for the children to complete their AR quiz. However if your child finishes their book at home and wants to quiz straight away, especially if it is on the weekend, then they can do so by using <https://ukhosted43.renlearn.co.uk/6710060>

The end number is our school identification. Please ensure that your child completes the quiz without support. They may, however, have the book with them to refer to.

AR state, "Recent studies indicate that when students spend 25 minutes a day reading suitably challenging books which they successfully comprehend (demonstrated by achieving 90% or more on the reading practice quiz), then they will achieve optimal reading age growth."

By logging onto AR using their own username and password (this is located in their Home Learning Journal) your child can then use the book title to find the relevant quiz. AR generates a quiz to check that your child has understood the book. To pass the quiz they need to score above 70%. The amount of questions varies due to the complexity of the book.

Once the quiz is completed and the score recorded, your child can then change their book. Due to additional Coronavirus measures they must put their book into a class basket for at least 72 hours before it can be returned to the library shelves.

The class teachers monitor the AR quiz reports weekly. It informs us of how many quizzes have been taken, the pass rate, progress, areas to develop and also keeps a record of the amount of words they have read into total. Your child's class teacher will contact you if there are any concerns around reading or quizzing.

If you have any further questions regarding Accelerated Reader please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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Reading Leader