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Dear Parents,

This year we continue to emphasise the importance of children reading both in school and at home. The school follows a reading programme called Accelerated Reader. This involves carefully assessing and tracking your child's reading as they move through colour coded book levels. After reading a book, children are asked to take a quiz in order for us to monitor their understanding and progress. Children will receive points for their quizzes and will achieve certificates for their points. We would like to ask for your assistance with encouraging children to read at home.

Pupils will use their planner as a reading record which they should take home and bring to school each day, along with a book that they have chosen from the library. The nature of Accelerated Reader is building children's confidence in reading. Please don't be alarmed if initially you feel your child is reading a book that is too easy, the programme will allow us to move pupils through the book levels as swiftly as is needed.

We ask that children read at home at least 4 times per week to an adult or older sibling and spend time discussing the book. Each day that your child reads with someone we ask that you could you sign their planner with the book title and page numbers they have read.

In order to track children's reading, their planners will be checked on a weekly basis. As this is set as homework, children who do not read four times will be asked to attend homework club for 30 minutes during one lunchtime to catch up on valuable reading time.

Thank you for the support you are able to provide by listening to your child read regularly, signing their planner and encouraging them to work towards achieving their rewards, as well as understanding the benefits of reading.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Whitfield, Mrs Oaten, Mrs Baker

