



# St. John's CE Primary School

Growing and learning together  
Sharing the love of God

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

A few years ago we introduced a new approach to reading in KS2; Accelerated Reader. With the start of the new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to ensure all our parents feel well informed about the program.

Accelerated Reader is a country wide program which encourages and motivates pupils to read books at home and at school. When your child completes a reading book they take a computerised quiz to check for understanding and comprehension, which will earn them points. Every book in the KS2 library has been given a ZPD level (Zone of Proximal Development level), a points value and a quiz number. This information is printed on the inside cover of every Accelerated Reader book.

At the start of the year, the children will take a short online quiz and this will give them a ZPD. The children then choose books from the library that fall within their ZPD. The ZPD is designed to guide the children towards books, which are at an appropriate level for them. Pupils will have opportunities throughout the year to retake the online quiz, giving them this opportunity to adjust their ZPD.

Every time a child finishes reading a book, they can take a short online quiz linked to the story they have read. This is a really important part of the process as it will tell us if they have fully understood the content of the book. The aim is for children to be choosing books that they enjoy and are able to pass quizzes on. Time during the school day will be allowed for children to take these quizzes. Pupils can earn points every time they read an Accelerated Reader book and these points are awarded for successfully completing their quizzes.

Not all books are on the Accelerated Reader system however that doesn't stop your child reading them. If you would like to check if books you have at home are included in Accelerated Reader, feel free to check this website: [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

We will continue to use reading records to communicate children's progress with home reading.

If you have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher or myself.

Kind Regards,

Miss Williams  
Year 2 Teacher and English Leader



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