

Accelerated Reader



Year 3 Reading Information – 2023-2024

Throughout KS2 we use the reading program; **Accelerated Reader**.

How does Accelerated Reader work?

The children take a Star Reading test at the beginning of the school year and then again each term. This gives teachers important information about the children's reading and comprehension abilities. **The test result gives each child a reading range suitable for their comprehension level.**

The children then select books from the school library that are within their given reading range. When they have finished the book, they will take a short quiz on the computer in school. If the children pass the quiz they are awarded reading points. An individual reading points target will be given to every child each half-term. When children reach their reading target they are rewarded with a reading **MUFTI** day in school. Class Teachers will send a slip home to notify parents/carers when their child has reached their target and which day they will receive their MUFTI reward.

This personalised system really helps us to motivate the children and ensures that we can determine very easily whether your child understands what they have read. The reading level takes into account the child's reading understanding, comprehension knowledge and inference skills, not just their ability to decode words or a text.

Your child's books

Many children may begin the year with reading books that are easier than their Year 2 reading books were. This is because the book is based on their most recent Star Reader test. We are focusing on comprehension and inference skills not just their decoding skills.

If the books seem easy for your child please don't worry, as long as they show understanding through the quizzes they will quickly move onto harder, more challenging books. Their reading progress will be closely monitored and we will move them up through the book levels depending on how well they are doing with their quizzes. If they are passing quizzes at the required accuracy they will keep moving up through the range. Most children move through the bands quickly in the first couple of terms.

Your child has been issued with two reading books from the school library within their Accelerated Reader reading range. One reading book will remain in school and another will be a home reading book. As soon as your child finishes their book they need to bring it back to school to take a quiz, then they can change the book in the library. We recommend your child should be reading every day for 10-15mins where possible. Please aim to have an adult hear your child read at least 3 times a week.

In Year 3 it is **not mandatory** for you to write comments in a **Reading Journal**, however if you wish to make a log of what, when and how your child is reading with you at home, please ask your child's class teacher for a Home Reading Journal so you can keep a record of their reading journey.

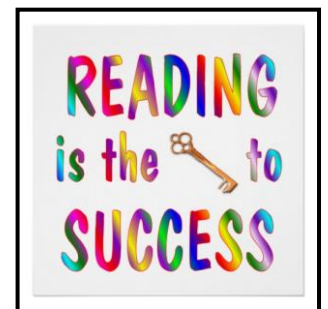
Library Information

All Year 3 children have access to the school library during set times throughout the week. **The library is also open after school every day from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Please feel free to visit the library with your child during this time to help them select a new reading book.** KS2 reading books are issued through our Junior Librarian computer system. Library books are issued for two weeks at which point they will need to be returned or renewed. If books are lost or overdue no more books can be issued through the system until they have been returned, renewed or paid for.

Some children have only been issued one book as they still have one overdue loan. If this is the case, then please return the book or pay £3.50 to cover the cost.

Reading books should be in your child's book bag every day.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us via email.



If you would like further information about Accelerated Reader and how it is used in school please come along to our Year 3 Reading workshop on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 8.45am-9.15am. Spaces are limited so please book in advance using the ParentApp.

Thank you for your support.

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