

Year 4 Reading – September 2023

As you know, we use **Accelerated Reader** throughout KS2.



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 that are within their given reading range. When they have finished the book, they will take a short quiz on the computer. 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 target they are rewarded with reading MUFTI on the following Friday.

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 understanding and comprehension not just their reading ability.

Your child's books

Many children may begin with books that are easy for them to read. This is because the book is based on their most recent Star Reader test. We are focusing on comprehension 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 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.

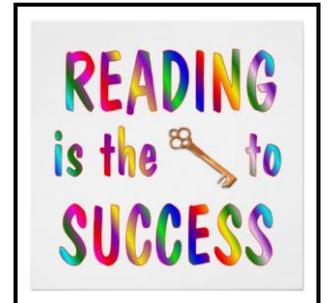
Your child has been issued two reading books. They should be reading every day where possible. Please aim to have an adult hear your child read at least 3 times a week. KS2 reading books are issued through our Junior Librarian computer system.

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 us or email us.



Thank you for your support.
Year 4 Teachers