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Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

This is our first half termly Accelerated Reader update.

This half term your child has taken their first Star Reading test online to give them a baseline for reading. There were 34 questions in the Star Reading test with no time limit, other than the guidance that it should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All the questions were computer adaptive therefore, if your child found them too easy the computer automatically gave them more challenging questions and if too tricky the computer would simplify the following questions.

From the Star Reading test your child gained their first ZPD range. This is the range of books they can choose from until they take their next Star Reading test. It is recommended to read the first book at the beginning of their ZPD range but after that any book at any part of the level, as the levels are not progressive within their range. Your child will have brought home their Diagnostic Report letter explaining the outcomes from their test and an Accelerated Reader bookmark with their ZPD range on it. (usually in their Reading Record book) Your child will take a Star Reading Test each half term.

Your child will have started to use the Accelerated Quizzes by now too! Once your child has read an Accelerated Reader book within their ZPD range they will be asked by their teacher to take a quiz on that book before they change it for a new book. Your child takes the quizzes online in school as a way of assessing their understanding of the text they have read. Your child then changes their reading book for a new Accelerated Reader one.

As always your child doesn't just have to read Accelerated Reader books from school. Each class have their own 'reading for pleasure' books which the children can read in class or take home to read too as well as visiting our school preloved library at lunch time. In addition, please continue to support your child by visiting the library and reading books, ebooks, child friendly newspapers and other reading material you may have at home too.

Our Accelerated Reader plans for next half term;

- Develop the 'Points' system for rewarding readers on Accelerated Reader
- Develop the 'Millionaires Club' for the amount of words read

Thank you for your continued support with reading.

Miss Dearmer

English Leader

