

16th December, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Accelerated Reader (AR) Programme

We have been using Accelerated Reader (AR) to help support our pupils' reading where the main aim of this programme is for pupils to read books then test on the knowledge gained in the form of AR quizzes. At the beginning of the academic year, pupils were reminded about this reading platform and how they must be reading **for at least 20 mins a day**. The Secondary English team will be relaunching this in the new year.

Star Reader tests

In conjunction with quizzing, pupils complete Star Reader (SR) tests every term which provide valuable information such as: reading age, ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development), colour intervention, rank amongst others their age and much more.

You will have received some personalised data reports about your child(s) performance following a Star Reader (SR) test last half term. **The next SR tests will be taking place during the first and second weeks of January.** We hope that by reading 20minutes each day, SR scores will improve or further increase, in order to put pupils in good stead for attaining qualitative English Language and Literature skills.

Books & Reading

As the school library is no longer in use, each Secondary classroom has been allocated a form book box where pupils have been issued with a book relevant to their age range and ZPD. **Please encourage your child(ren) to take great care of and look after these books.** Pupils can also use books they have at home, borrowed from the library or searched for on online platforms such as MyOn. They should read these books during the school holidays then complete an AR (Accelerated Reader) quiz no more than 72 hours later.

Pupils should check that the book they are reading is on the AR programme. This can be done by searching on AR bookfinder: www.arbookfinder.co.uk

Moreover, books can be accessed at your local library, on Myon (www.myon.co.uk) or any free online resources/libraries such as: <https://openlibrary.org/>; <https://www.gutenberg.org/>; <https://childhood101.com/free-online-books-teens/>.

Instructions & Expectations

- 1) Choose a book that is on AR and of the relevant book level so that any reading will be tested, recorded and relevant scores/points added to pupils' AR account. *(Pupils can check their AR account for their reading range (ZPD) and they should have a note of this in their planners.)*
- 2) After completing a book, pupils should test using the AR book quiz on the school AR site: <https://ukhosted94.renlearn.co.uk/6226583/> *(this website is specific to our school).*

Login details will be:

- User name = Firstname.Surname (in most cases)
- Password = sevaschool (try in capitals or lower case letters)

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(If you have any issues, firstly check the log in credentials written in your child's planner then email your child's English teacher who can reset your account.)

- 3) Ideally pupils should complete their AR test **no later than 72hours** after having completed a book.
- 4) Pupils should aim for at least 8/10 questions correct to show that they are making progress of 85% correct responses (target). This will happen if they take tests on the book they have just read whilst it is fresh in their memory. If they take tests on books read some time ago, they will risk getting a lower score which will bring your average score down and below 85%.

Many thanks in advance for your valued support in order to encourage and embed a love of reading in the lives of our pupils.

Please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Secondary English team (Ms Gabriel, Mrs Daler or I) should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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