



Hi all, I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable Summer.

Learning to read is a vital life skill. Reading opens the door to your child's early academic success, imparts a love of learning and allows children to access the magical world of fantasy. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, expand their vocabulary and become more fluent readers. They also have improved attention spans and better concentration.

We want to encourage every child to read more often, to read more widely and to find something that they love reading. We also want to encourage parents/carers to engage with our challenges, both by helping their child to find time to read and by sharing good quality books together.

Your child will come home with a new reading record this week. Please can children bring their reading record into school each day.

### EYFS and KS1

We assessed the children at the end of the Summer term and allocated groups for them. This means that we are able to start the new RWI groups at the start of the first full week in school. On Friday, they will bring home a 'Read Write Inc Book Bag book' and then next week they will bring home a library book on Monday and their groups 'Read Write Inc story book' on Wednesday.

If possible, it would be great if you could listen to them read daily - they don't need to read the whole book - a couple of pages at a time is better than nothing at all! Library books will be changed each Monday, Read Write Inc story book's on a Wednesday and Book bag book's on a Friday. We recommend spending around 5-10 minutes a day every day.

### KS2

Your child will come home with a reading book based on their Accelerated Reader ZPD. They may also bring home a library book of their choice (sharing book) if they wish.

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What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

Accelerated Reader is a computerised programme that has not only been specifically designed to improve children's reading ability and continue to raise their reading age, but also to encourage and nurture a love of reading that will continue into adulthood. The Accelerated Reader Program works by identifying a child's ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) which is essentially a selection of books that will not only match their ability, but will also challenge them and develop their vocabulary. Each child in Y3-6 has sat a short online comprehension test in order to determine their ZPD. Using the outcomes of these tests, children will be directed to choose books from the school library that fall within this range and when they have finished the book, they will take a short, electronic quiz that assesses their understanding of what they have read. This enables us as teachers to have

meaningful discussions about a child's reading: what they have learnt and how we can help them to develop. It also enables us to closely monitor individual reading progress and ensure that children are selecting books that are challenging enough to meet their individual needs.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading at home by reading with your child and visiting your local library on a regular basis. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child comprehends what is read. Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader and building a lifelong love of reading and learning.

The more you read,  
The more you know,  
The more you know,  
The smarter you grow,  
The more you grow,  
The stronger your voice,  
When speaking your mind  
Or making your choice!

Please encourage your child to read his/her accelerated Reader book on a daily basis.

If you have any questions about accelerated reader please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Please visit [www.renlearn.co.uk](http://www.renlearn.co.uk) to find out more about Accelerated Reader!