



Dear parents and carers



In Key Stage 2 we use **Accelerated Reader**, an online monitoring and assessment tool used to motivate children with their reading and help them to improve. Accelerated Reader is used in many schools across the local area including Exmouth Community College.

When children read books that are too easy it doesn't give them the challenge they need to make progress, whereas books that are too complex can frustrate them. Accelerated Reader uses the STAR Reading Test to determine a student's current reading age.

Once a book is completed, children will take a Reading Practice Quiz in school on an iPad, kindle or laptop. Reading Practice quizzes ask questions that measure a student's comprehension of a book. There are 3, 5, 10 or 20 questions in a Reading Practice Quiz, depending on the length and complexity of the book.

Teachers get a wealth of feedback and children are guided towards appropriate books. It may initially appear that the books selected are too simple or easy for your child - this is because the test assesses both their decoding skills as well as their reading comprehension. As the children become more accustomed to the online tests and quizzes the challenge will become greater. Targets are set regularly and can be monitored via Home Connect.

To encourage reading, we reward children for passing their targets with various incentives including certificates and stationery. For years 4-6 that can even be a mufti day for the whole class! This would be on a set date and you will be notified by a 'voucher'.

In order for your child to get the maximum benefit from Accelerated Reader please can you ensure that they read each evening at home. This should include some time reading aloud to an adult as well as talking to an adult about what they have read. In School we will continue to develop your child's reading skills through regular Guided Reading sessions and Reading Comprehension lessons in class.

If you have any queries regarding Accelerated Reader, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Emma Jones, Headteacher at Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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Log in to Home Connect at: <https://Ukhosted80.renlearn.co.uk/2236373/HomeConnect>

User Name: ..... Password: ABC.....

If you'd like to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the directions. To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add [homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com](mailto:homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com) to your address book.

Visit the school website [Home Connect | wrpschool.org](http://Home Connect | wrpschool.org) for related links and more information.