

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are well and excited that the children are finally back in school full time. May we please ask that if you have any school reading books currently not being read that you return them as soon as possible so we can see where we are for the new term and what we need to order.

As you know the reading scheme we use in Key Stage 2 is Accelerated Reader or AR for short. The idea behind accelerated reader is that it helps children develop a daily reading habit (20 -30 minutes a day) and learn to choose books they like/enjoy that suit them. We test the children four times a year on a test called the Star Reading This test gives a good indication of the level of books children should be reading.

We intend to get all of years three, four and five tested within the first three weeks of term and then to get the information out to you shortly after. Please bear with us, while we test all children and encourage your child to read a book they have at home before they are also given a school book. Please do not worry about this as the children enjoy the online test which adjusts to the ability of the child on the day.

Your child will be given a range after the test for example 2.2- 4.7. The children then pick books within this range and take short 5 or 10 question quizzes on these books in school after they have read the book. These books can be read at home or/and in school. If the children do well on the quiz they will earn points towards their target which fills up their flower. Each book has a level and a number of points you may earn from it.

For example Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is levelled at 4.8 and is worth 5 points and The Gruffalo is levelled at 2.3 and is worth 0.5 points. You can look up any books you have at home on a website AR book finder to see if a book you have at home or a book you are reading is on AR and what level it is.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

Most popular children's books and authors new and old are on AR and can be found on AR book find so if your child loves Tom Gates, David Walliams, Onjali Rauf Julia Donaldson, Oliver Jeffers or Enid Blyton they should be able to read and take quizzes on all of these books.

Over much of lockdown in was possible to take the quizzes on books at home and we are discussing the possibilities of extending this in some way with the company as it was really popular.

Any questions or queries please message info@oasismarksburyroad.org .

Kindest Regards

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