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Dear Parents,

At Radley Primary School, we are passionate about developing enthusiastic, ambitious and proficient readers. We have recently introduced Accelerated Reader (AR) as a powerful electronic resource to assist our KS2 readers to challenge themselves appropriately and track their individual journeys. AR also helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practise. Once children's personal reading levels are established, they are encouraged to select books at their own challenge level. On completion of a book, your child can take a short quiz on the computer – passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what they have read.

What we do in school:

- Dedicate 15 minutes a day to independent reading
- Whole Class / group reading comprehension activities
- Whole Class stories
- Individual practice of reading comprehension
- Ensure reading skills are developed and practiced across the curriculum
- Half-termly STAR Reading Tests (this is an online, computer adaptive test which helps to establish children's reading level)
- Encourage an ethos of 'reading for pleasure' and 'reading for purpose'

How you can help:

- Help your child to find 15 – 20 minutes each day to read (either aloud or independently depending on their fluency)
- Sign your child's reading diary EACH TIME they read at home
- Ensure your child brings their READING DIARY to school each week to track their progress (Reading diaries will be checked every FRIDAY)
- Discuss with your child what they have read, enjoyed, understood, are confused by
- On completion of a book, help your child to login to AR and complete the quiz
- Encourage a love of reading by valuing your child's efforts and making reading a priority
- See your child's Class Teacher if you have any questions or concerns

Facts about AR:

- Children can login on most devices to complete AR quizzes (see login details below – please use the link provided as it is a 'School Specific URL')
- Most books are able to be quizzed (there are unfortunately some exceptions - particularly with newly released titles)
- Children who read at least 20 minutes a day, of appropriately challenging material, and who score 90% or more on AR quizzes, see the greatest improvements
- Following STAR Reading tests, children are informed of the most appropriate level books for their ability

Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10

- Most school library books have been colour coded to help children with their book choices
- Book levels are suggestions only and sometimes an easier or more challenging read adds variety and interest
- It is important children read with a high level of comprehension (not just ability to decode) to enable enjoyment and motivation
- Children can read books from home as well as school (visit - www.arbookfind.co.uk to search all of the available books with AR quizzes to see if the book your child wants to read is on the scheme)

MOTIVATION

- For every 20 home reads recorded this term in Reading Diaries, children will receive a special Reading Certificate in Celebration Assembly
- When children reach 30 home reads recorded this term, they will receive a GOLDEN TICKET to enter a termly prize draw for reading related prizes
- Stickers will be awarded for high scores on AR quizzes
- Children, teachers and parents can see how many words they have read during the term and what progress they have made
- FRIDAY FUN – 8:20 in Thames Class for children who are not able to access AR quizzes at home or who would enjoy independent, **silent** reading time

Accelerated Reader log in:

1.	https://ukhosted43.renlearn.co.uk/6699950/
2.	Choose: I am a student
3.	USERNAME: First initial of first name and first 4 letters of surname (HSPAR) PASSWORD: RADLEY
4.	Choose: Accelerated Reader (orange box)
5.	Use the Search box and enter either: Quiz number Name of book Name of author
6.	Complete the Quiz INDEPENDENTLY

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm for, and support of your child's learning journey.

Best wishes,

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