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Dear Parent / Carer



As part of our reading curriculum this year our children in Year 2 – 6 have started to use the Renaissance STAR Reading Assessment. Star Reading is a customised reading test for students to take on their iPad. The test is designed for students in Years 2 through 13 (also for students in year 1 who have basic reading skills). Year 2- 6 will be completing their test again after half term.

Teachers use reports from Star Reading to determine the reading level of each student and to measure progress. Having regular and timely feedback from tests enables teachers to adjust their teaching so they can help students achieve personalised learning goals as well as master the standards set forth in England's National Curriculum.

The outcomes of the reading test link with Accelerated Reader and myON. Children are given a reading level, this is a ZPD. Children should read books within their ZPD library and once they have read a book the next step is to complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader.



Things to remember – Renaissance Research shows that the students who make the biggest growth in reading are the ones who average 85% in their quizzes, read within their ZPD and are reading for 20-35 minutes per day.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we expect all children to be reading at home. Some children will have a book-banded book, a book on loan from Wheelers or a book on myON to read every day. As an Academy, we expect your child to read at least **three times a week at home**, either independently, with you or another member of your family. We also expect their home academy journal to be signed at least 3 times a week to show this is happening. This is how children become 'Rocket Readers'.

If you would like any further information, please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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