

## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

### **A PARENT'S GUIDE TO**

### **ACCELERATED READER**

- ❖ Encouraging your child to read a wide range of quality fiction/non-fiction for pleasure will: widen their vocabulary, stimulate their imagination and provide a model for writing.
- ❖ Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)
- ❖ Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

#### **How can I help my child?**

- As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home.
- Provide a quiet place, with no distractions, for them to work in at home.
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookstore on a regular basis, letting your child see you reading, and discussing books that each of you has read.
- When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read.
- Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning, and creating a loving relationship between you and your child.
- Encourage your child to read a quality newspaper and ask them their opinions on current affairs.
- Encourage your child to use helpful website such as BBC Bitesize.

#### **What will we do?**

- ✓ Ensure that your child has access to books at the appropriate level.
- ✓ Ensure that your child reads quality Literature, over Key Stage 3 & 4, as part of their Curriculum, such as: 'Of Mice and Men', 'Frankenstein', 'Animal Farm', 'Treasure Island', 'A Christmas Carol', 'Blood Brothers' and many more.
- ✓ Reward your child for the effort they put in.
- ✓ Ask that your child looks after each book and returns it promptly or we may have to ask you for recompense.

For further information please speak to your child's English teacher or visit <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>