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Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers

### Parent guide to supporting their Year Three child with reading at home

At Heritage Park Primary School we know how important it is to establish good reading routines. Reading is an important skill in order to access the rest of the curriculum and by reading regularly, children can also develop their vocabulary, imagination and knowledge of authors and illustrators.

Our expectation for home reading practice in Year Three is that your child reads for 10 minutes each day.

We have recently purchased new reading books which have been selected from the Collins Big Cat reading scheme for Letters and Sounds. Within Reception and Key Stage One, this has formed our Decodable Library and we planned to extend this to the beginning of Year Three, to help support the transition from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two. Accelerated Reader and the related quizzes will also be paused until after the October half term.

Your child will be able to change their book on any day during the week but they are not expected to finish the book in one day. It is important to focus on the quality of reading rather than the quantity. Once your child has finished the book, they should have the opportunity to re-read it before returning it to school. Re-reading is essential for all children to develop their fluency skills, and also promotes a love of reading. In most of our reading scheme books, there are focus points and questions which are useful for the adult who is hearing the child read.

After the October half term, the majority of Year Three pupils will use the Accelerated Reader scheme. This year, we are changing the way that we use Accelerated Reader. In an effort to promote reading for pleasure, we will no longer be setting targets for your child to achieve points. Instead, we would like to use Accelerated Reader as a way of tracking comprehension skills and therefore, your child should continue to aim to pass each quiz they take by getting 80% of the questions correct. Some of the books your child reads may not have a quiz assigned to them. In this case, they will be able to just change their book for a new one. If your child would like to re-read a book they have particularly enjoyed, we would strongly encourage them to do so and they will not have to retake the quiz.

It is important to sign your child's reading diary daily so the adults in school can see how they are getting on with the books they are bringing home.



Key points:

- New reading books will be provided to consolidate KS1 knowledge
- Read for 10 minutes a day
- Write in their reading diary every time you hear your child read
- Accelerated Reader will be paused until half term
- Focus on fluency and enjoyment
- Re-reading is vital and to be encouraged
- Staff will ensure your child's reading book is carefully matched to their reading ability

If you have any questions about your child's reading book, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely



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