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Dear Parents/Carers (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Parent guide to supporting their child with reading at home (Years 4-6)

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 is that children in Years 4-6 read for 15 minutes each day.

Pupils will continue to use the Accelerated Reader scheme. Accelerated Reader is a system used to track comprehension skills and therefore, your child should aim to pass each quiz they take by getting 80% of the questions correct. Your child will be provided with a reading range and will be expected to pass three quizzes on a certain level before they progress to the next level of difficulty. 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.

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 and to check they have understood what they have read before they complete their quiz.

Please ensure you log your child's reading using the digital reading log called 'Learning with Parents' (a link to this is emailed to you every Monday). You are able to log your child's reading each time they read, or if you prefer, you are able to backdate entries and upload multiple entries at a time. If you would prefer to let your child log their own entries, we do still ask that at least once a week, you hear your child read and log this accordingly. The staff check the digital reading logs every Monday and we expect each child to have five recorded entries on their reading log each week. Children who meet this target are rewarded for doing so. If entries are not made frequently enough, the staff will speak to you regarding this and to offer support related to your child's reading.

Key points:

- Read for 15 minutes a day
- Children can read to themselves but please listen to them read at least once a week
- Log their reading on the digital reading log
- Accelerated Reader will be used to track comprehension skills, targets for books read will no longer be set
- Focus on fluency and enjoyment
- Re-reading is vital and to be encouraged
- Staff will continue to support your child to choose a book which 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

Mrs Carson-Doughty

