

Kings' Forest Primary School

Headteacher: Ms H Porter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Reading in Year 2 - Accelerated Reader

Dear Parents/Carers,

Miss Elliott and Mrs Phillips will be posting a link to a Loom video this afternoon which will explain what STAR testing and Accelerated Reader (AR) is. Please watch this at home.

We set the children up on AR when they are reading Blue Phonics books confidently. If your child has an AR book, they will need to read it twice and do a quiz in school before changing it.

If your child has had their book for longer than a week, please let us know and we can make sure they do a quiz and change their book.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions.

1. Where do the children complete their tests and quizzes?

The children complete their tests and quizzes on a laptop or computer in the classroom or in the library.

2. When will my child do their STAR test and get an AR book?

The children will complete a STAR assessment when they are ready. Your child must be reading blue or grey Read Write Inc. Phonics books before they do the assessment. The assessment is completed with an adult and they will be done throughout Term1 and 2.

3. Do teachers read the questions to the children?

No. The children will read all of the questions themselves. We will assist them with using the program but we will not read the questions for them.

4. Can the Accelerated reader book be kept at home?

No. The AR book will need to be brought into school every day and it will be taken back home every day. The children will read their AR book during Book time after lunch (every day) and during Phonics/Reading lessons (once a week).

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5. How long can the children keep the AR book?

The children can keep their AR book for as long as they need. There is no time limit and it will depend on the length of their book. Most children would do one quiz per week. We expect the children to read the book twice before taking their quiz.

6. How do we record what they have read?

Please write in the children's planner when they have read at home. They can read their Phonics book or their AR book to you at home. The library book is a book to share together.

7. Can the children use their AR book when they are completing the AR quiz?

Yes absolutely. The children will always have their AR book with them when they are completing the quiz and we will encourage them to look in the books to check their answers.

8. What happens if my child does not pass the AR quiz?

If a child scores below 60%, then they will retake the quiz once they have reread the book. We will encourage the children to take the quiz when they have read the book at least twice.

9. How will we know the results of the STAR test and AR quiz?

We will always ensure that the STAR test result is written into the children's planners or we will inform you via Class Dojo. To begin with, we will write the results of the AR quiz in the children's planners but as the year goes on, the children will begin to write their score in themselves.

If you have any further questions on Accelerated Reader, please contact us on Class Dojo or please give us a ring.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lewis

Reading Lead