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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to remind you that we are using Accelerated Reader at Tibshelf to monitor reading habits and enable us to track the reading progress of pupils.

Reading is a skill and has to be maintained through practice. In school we provide time for the students to read and using Accelerated Reader, they can take quizzes to check that they have understood what they have read. Participation in quizzing is rewarded, depending upon the number of quizzes completed, so it is highly beneficial to get involved! We would be grateful if you could help your child to continue to maintain and develop his/her reading at home. It is not essential that a good reader always reads difficult texts, but it is good if, some of the time, they are reading material which presents a challenge. Accelerated Reader is a system that helps your child to know which books present the right amount of challenge.

Your child will be taking a Star reading test to identify his/her current level of understanding when he/she reads; the system then calculates what level of difficulty will best help your child to develop his/her reading skills. From this the students are given two numbers e.g. 2.1 – 5.6 (this is called a ZPD). Books which have been given a level between these two numbers are of the right kind of difficulty to help your child. The higher the number the more difficult the book to understand. These Star reading tests will then be repeated at calendared intervals throughout the year.

If you and your child want to know the Accelerated Reader book level (BL) you can check this out on this website:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

It would also be good if you could encourage your child to explore different types of books and authors (this could include magazines, newspapers and journals). Our online digital library, MyOn, is also available for an abundance of reading material.

I hope you and your child have fun exploring and talking about reading. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact myself or Miss Cooper. Please also take the opportunity to find more about this exciting programme on www.relearn.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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