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Dear Parents / Carers

Changes to using AR in school

We wanted to share with you our new approach to how we teach reading and how we use AR in order to support with this.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is the single most important factor in a child's future successes and attainment. We are committed to this and have embedded a range of strategies in school in order to assure this;

- Dedicated reading time as a class
- "Book Club" sessions once a week in class where children review and discuss the books that they are reading
- Class reading libraries have been developed
- Reading lessons allow for far greater opportunities for children to talk about and review texts that they are studying

In order to complement this, we will be introducing the following changes with effect from Term 4, to how we use AR.

Change to AR	Rationale
Star Tests will be delivered in T1, T3 and T5 only	This will move the focus away from a competitive word count. This also complements the school assessment cycle and allows Class Teachers to use AR as a feature of their reading assessment. Children may continue to select books from inside their range in addition to books out of their range in order to promote reading for pleasure opportunities at home. Class Teachers are able to request an additional Star Test if there has been significant progress and attainment visible in class. This will ensure that we are working dynamically to support every child's reading
Children will not complete a quiz after each book	This does not promote the love of reading. We wish to move away from a word count competition. Children will be invited to complete a book review once they finish a book with the chance of winning a token for the book vending machine

We will also be launching the following initiatives next term in order to recognise and celebrate reading;

- Weekly reading certificate for one child from every class
- Weekly Librarian Award – this will have a different criteria every week. It may range from best book reviews, best used class library, best use of the school library

We look forward to continuing to work together to support your child's love of reading and reading attainment.

Kind regards

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