

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to our monthly Learning Newsletter. These newsletters look to help you to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

What is accelerated reader?

You may have heard your child talking about the AR books if they are in years 7, 8, 9 or 10.

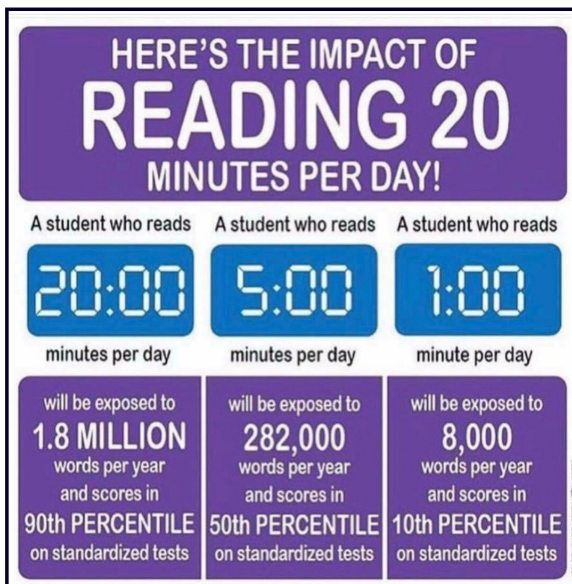


The product, Renaissance Accelerated Reader, is simple. A student reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills.

Accelerated Reader gives teachers the information they need to monitor students' reading practice and make informed decisions to guide their future learning.

A comprehensive set of reports reveals how much a student has been reading, at what level of complexity, and how well they have understood what they have read. Vocabulary growth and literacy skills are also measured, giving teachers insight into how well students have responded to reading schemes and class instruction.

The library at school is well stocked with appropriate content and pupils are responding well to the challenges of the scheme.



The Weekly Quiz

You may be aware that we started running a weekly quiz for all pupils in year 7 to 10 this term. The intention is to ensure that all pupils get to grips with the basics of subject specific vocabulary, key facts and terminology so that it underpins their everyday practice in the classroom. We'll be adding simple general knowledge after the holidays.



We hope you're finding the quiz content interesting. Please encourage your child to commit the learning to memory so that it can be used in class.

Word of the Week

The word 'Acquire' is another word from the Academic Word List. It has a similar meaning to that of the word 'obtain', a previous word of the week. If the pupils hear its use on a regular basis, they will pick it up and begin to use the vocabulary in their written and verbal responses.

Word of the Week


Acquire

Etymology (where the word came from)
'Acquire' came from the Old French *acquere* which means to get/gain
And from the Latin word *acquiere* which means to get in addition to!

This was a previous word of the week!

acquisitions, acquisition, acquiring, acquires, acquired

noun
To buy/ 'get' / **obtain** something or to learn a new skill
Eg. Pupils at Priory **acquire** new skills every day!



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