

# Tanworth in Arden Academy Trust

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Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

As Tanworth we are continually evaluating the different strategies and approaches we use to develop and encourage reading and readers. In EYFS and KS1 we use a synthetic approach to phonics with daily phonic lessons, individual reading and 'guided reading', where children read and discuss a book in a group with an adult, along with listening to adults reading books aloud.

In Key Stage 2, once children have secured their phonics they move on to Accelerated Reader where children take part in online comprehension quizzes after reading books, the books chosen are closely matched to their level of ability. Accelerated Reader works alongside guided reading groups, whole class comprehension activities and listening to adults reading books aloud.

In Years 5 and 6 we have moved away from the guided reading in groups and have introduced whole class guided reading, where the children are all reading the same text, working with the teacher and their peers investigating the book and discussing the text in detail.

We are also introducing designated time during the school day where all children read quietly. This reading time is flexible and each class teacher will decide when this will be i.e. straight after lunch, before home time etc.

Please can you also encourage your child to read at home and remember to record in their reading diary when they have read and also a comment about their reading. Reading diaries need to be in school every day as children will also be recording their reading in school and their quiz scores (for those on Accelerated Reader).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Bamford'.

Mrs Shelley Bamford

Headteacher