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Welcoming all Community Achievement Respect Encouragement



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading update

Reading is a priority for our school this year. We are constantly looking for new ways in which to engage children in reading. Schools are required to use an approved reading scheme. We will continue to use Read Write Inc in our early years and key stage one class, feeding the knowledge of sounds and decoding throughout the school. We have been looking into a new reading scheme for KS2 and children who have completed all stages of RWInc, and this year we are excited to be introducing 'Accelerated Reader.' This is a fantastic tool for teachers, children and parents. The children will have access to a wide range of books in school and at home.

The children will be initially assessed and given a colour band, they will then have a range of books to choose from, they will have weekly quizzes to complete and will be periodically reassessed. These are books that the children will have previously known as 'free reader' books. These books allow the children to be exposed to a wide range of authors and texts, allowing them more choice and more captivating stories. The children are awarded points for specific pass rates, which build up on their profile and as always, points mean prizes!

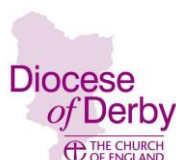
In addition to this, the children will also have the opportunity to explore our school library, where they will bring home a reference or research book, again exposing them to more genres and text types. These books will have no colour band and are for the children to share at home and partake in a 'love and joy' of reading for pleasure.

What does all this mean?

Recently published government guidance has highlighted the importance of adults reading with children at home. We are asking that you read with your child, or listen to your child read, four times a week. We ask that you encourage your child to de-code and sound words that they are unfamiliar with and even have the opportunity to find out the meaning of any unknown words. When reading speech, encourage them to read with expression, using different voices for different characters. It is important that your child develops



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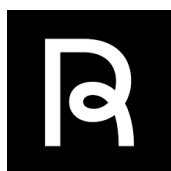
fluency and confidence with reading. We understand that reading the same book four nights in a row can become tedious, therefore children are able to read both their Phonics book or accelerated reader book and their library book. We will continue to provide a reading record, where any kind of reading can be recorded.

We are aiming to encourage children to want to pick up a book and read for pleasure and not to find it a chore. By developing confident readers, we are helping your child to confidently access all areas of the curriculum by: understanding the world around them and giving them more ideas and imagination to form better writers, with a wider use of sentence structures, vocabulary and exciting ideas.

Both staff and children will be taught about how to use the online system and we will be offering parents the opportunity to come to an after school session to better your knowledge of this valuable tool.

Children will be able to easily access the accelerated reader website through our school website. This will be added before we finish for the Christmas break, once all children are accessed and have accessed it in school.

Here is the logo to look out for.

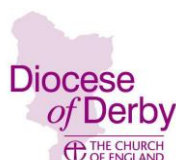


Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Hemmingway
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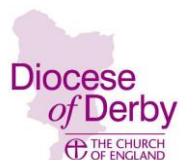
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