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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In English lessons at Ormiston SWB we use the Accelerated Reader (AR) programme. Reading and quizzing on Accelerated Reader forms part of your child's weekly homework for English throughout Key Stage 3.

Accelerated Reader is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor students' independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and, when finished, takes a short quiz on a computer or iPad in school – passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read. As with anything, performance improves with practice – children who read for at least 20 minutes a day, with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes, see the greatest gains.

To ensure your child is getting enough reading practice, the AR programme sets individual targets called 'points' for the amount your child should be reading in a half term to see the greatest gains. Every book that has an AR quiz is given a points value based on the length of the book. Students earn a percentage of points according to how well they pass the quiz. SWB expects students to earn a minimum of 90% of their individual points target every half term as part of their reading homework.

You can monitor your child's progress on Accelerated Reader by using the Home Connect site and adding your email address at:

ukhosted61.renlearn.co.uk/3527770/homeconnect

Your username and password for HomeConnect is the same as your child's to log on in school. They should have this information recorded in their planner.

If you have any questions regarding the Accelerated Reader programme, Home Connect or reading in the academy, please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C. Kelly - Reading Co-ordinator