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Dear Parents/Guardians

Accelerated Reader Programme

We would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to be a part of the Accelerated Reader Programme. This is the first time it has been offered to Brooke Weston students so a small cohort has been selected to be a part of the scheme. We are hoping that it will improve engagement in reading, as well as reading comprehension skills.

Accelerated reader is a reading program designed to help teachers to support and monitor student's reading practice. The reader picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, they take a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understand.

Before they begin the programme, we will assess students' reading level. This will then provide an individual estimation of the difficulty of books that will help them to develop the most. With over 30,000 books to choose from, ranging through fiction and non-fiction titles, there are books of every level to suit every interest.

The programme has been proven to encourage students to read and to show progress in reading levels. The instant feedback of the quizzes after reading the books motivate students to understand what they are reading rather than just rewarding the completion of books. Most importantly, all students involved should be reading for 15-20 minutes a day. This can be with an adult, in class, at home or independently.

As a parent/guardian, you are able to access Renaissance Home Connect, a site specifically designed to allow you to keep track of progress and the types of books your son/daughter should be aiming towards reading. Visit <https://ukhosted100.renlearn.co.uk/2567795/homeconnect/> and log in with your son/daughter's username (school ID number) and password (initials). In this pack, there is a card explaining how you can access the Bookfinder website, a comprehensive list of the books involved in the programme.

If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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