

Fair Field Junior School

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Accelerated

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading at Fair Field Junior School

At Fair Field we expect the children to be reading daily, either to themselves or an adult. We ask that you sign the reading record twice a week. Children are asked to present their reading record to an adult every Monday. Staff will also record a comment a minimum of once every two weeks.

The children can read books from home or our school libraries as part of their daily reading. We are also very excited to inform you we have invested in the MyOn & Renaissance software, which allows children to read online and monitors the practice of reading. Our package is made up of three pieces of software: MyOn, Accelerated Reader & Star Reading Assessment.

MyOn

MyOn is an online library with over 5,000 books of all genres to read. MyOn is linked with the Renaissance program allowing children to find books at their specific level. Children do not need to access MyOn to read. As explained above, they can access books either from our school libraries or from home.

We ask that ALL children complete an accelerated reader quiz once they have finished reading either a book online, from home or from school. This helps to monitor their understanding, how regularly they are reading, the difficulty of the texts they are being exposed to and the variety of genres.

Accelerated Reader

We expect every child to access Accelerated Reader after they have finished reading a book. The quiz which they take records the amount of words they have read, level of understanding and provides valuable reports for our staff. The children will then be awarded a number of points based on the difficulty and length of the book. Each week, we hold a celebratory assembly highlighting the amount of points we earn in each class. The class with the most amount of points at the end of each term is the proud owner of our brand new reading trophy. In addition, we celebrate children who have read the most words weekly and reward the children with certificates for the number of words they have read each term.

Star Reading Assessment

The Renaissance package also includes the Star Reading assessment. This is an assessment completed in school once a term which is designed to determine a child's reading ability. Class teachers can then access a report which shows a break down of a child's reading ability, their reading growth over time and the specific areas to target to increase comprehension. The assessment also indicates a child's book level and their attainment level compared to the national curriculum. Renaissance have such a reputation that all primary schools in Hertfordshire were required to sit their Year 6 children through a star reading assessment as a replacement for a reading SATS paper.

Children can access both MyOn and Accelerated Reader at home. It is important to note that by typing Accelerated Reader into google, the link your child needs won't be found. The link is saved on Google Classroom. <u>https://ukhosted15.renlearn.co.uk/6706784/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s</u> If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Mrs Goodwin Head of School