



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Y1-Y5 Children

ACCELERATED READER

As part of our developing reading curriculum, we are excited to be able to inform you about a new programme we have decided to use to help guide, engage and grow the children as readers.

Accelerated Reader is a student-driven initiative allowing teachers to accurately guide and encourage children to read age, content and challenge appropriate books. In a nutshell, the children's 'Zone of Proximal Development' (the range within which pupils can best develop their reading, whilst avoiding frustration) will be assessed. This will help children to self-select the books best suited to them and will aid teachers in giving personalised and individual guidance to the children. These books will be followed by short quizzes to develop the children's understanding and comprehension of the book they have read. This is not to say that the children will be unable to choose books outside their assessed range, as we are still encouraging children to read for pleasure and enjoyment.

We hope that this programme will give the children more ownership over their reading and a better understanding of what will support their development further, by setting personalised goals and individual reading recommendations.

More information will follow in the autumn term, once the children are set up on the programme and teachers have had further training, explaining how parents can be involved.

We will be processing your child's data into Accelerated Reader using the legitimate business reason under GDPR and thus your consent is not required. We will be adding your child's first name and surname, date of birth and year group to allow your child to access this learning platform.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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