

Dear Parent,

This year in Primary 5 & 6 when a pupil has achieved level 30 in our PM Bench Marking Scheme they will be taking part in the Accelerated Reading Program. This is a powerful tool for monitoring and encouraging pupil's development in Reading.



Everyday pupils will be given 20 minutes of Reading time, this will take the form of individual reading, small group reading sessions, accelerated reading tests and reviews. It is important to note that this is the time allocated each day for the pupils to make sure they have their book chosen and tests completed for the evening ahead. Each pupil will receive a target and will be working towards their achievement date. Certificates and prizes will be awarded when targets are met!

A further 30 minutes each day will then be spent of whole class Guided Reading based on a text linked to our World Around Us topic. This will deepen interpretation and comprehension of a variety of texts.

There are lots of things you can do to help with your child's reading,

- Ensure and encourage your child to spend time reading every day after school. This will help them reach their target and meet their potential.
- Ask questions about what they are reading and encourage them to seek help if they do not understand a word or phrase.
- Listen to your child reading and encourage fluency.
- Encourage them to choose books, book themes they enjoy and are interested in.
- Encourage them to read for pleasure not just to meet a target.



Some useful websites are

- [www.renaissance.com/services/parent-resources](http://www.renaissance.com/services/parent-resources)  
Explain a little more about Accelerated Reading!
- [www.topmarks.co.uk/parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read)  
Some great tips here for reading!
- [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)  
Why not join the local library for free, kids love the novelty of going to the library and many of the books are in great condition and up to date there for use! You will also be able to avail of the Library Bus when it comes to school.
- [www.thebookpeople.co.uk](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk)  
Some great offers for buying books and sets of books
- [www.theworks.co.uk](http://www.theworks.co.uk)  
Again, a great site to buy books from, all very reasonably priced.

I have also added these links to our class page on our school website. I have also added a Power Point that gives a brief outline regarding Accelerated Reading.

I trust this will help as we work together to encourage our readers.

Many Thanks

