



20th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has settled in well to the school after the first half-term and has now adjusted to the new way of working with systems, logins and new sites that are different to what they have experienced at their previous school.

As we continue to value and promote the importance of reading in school, I am writing to invite you to **one** of our drop-in sessions (dates below) to gain an insight into our reading program, **Accelerated Reader**. These sessions will cover what Accelerated Reader (AR) is all about, its aims and how it works for both pupils and teachers. Along with this, there will be an opportunity to show you how you can monitor your child's progress and some different strategies that you can offer to help them in their reading journey.

As a school, we are proud of our reading progress and encourage children to immerse themselves in reading books for pleasure, to support their imaginative skills in writing but also to access all areas of the curriculum. As mentioned in a survey by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), '*Accelerated Reader is one of the most popular reading programs in the English education system.*' As a school, we would wholly agree with this statement and celebrate its impact across our school over the last seven years since implementation.

We thank you for your patience as pupils have had to cope with changing to a new platform in the form of Arbor and a reading system that has been totally new for them. We are very pleased with how quickly they have engaged with the books and quizzing so far; we hope that these drop-in sessions will be useful in providing you further confidence to monitor, support and review your child's reading and their progress towards being successful, fluent readers, who engage with the system enthusiastically.

Drop-in sessions

The drop-in sessions will cover the same content and last for around 20-25 minutes and you can attend **one** of these timings:

- Tuesday 28th November 3.30pm-3.55pm
- Tuesday 28th November 4.30pm-4.55pm
- Thursday 7th December 3.30pm-3.55pm

Please book onto the parent meeting via our online booking system at <https://codsallms.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

We look forward to seeing you on **one** of these sessions.

Yours sincerely,

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