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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update you on our approach to developing reading fluency in class and to explain the arrangements for completing Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes. Fluency is now explicitly taught in every reading lesson, and we use a range of strategies to help children become confident, accurate and expressive readers.

These strategies include modelled reading, echo reading, choral reading, paired reading and repeated reading, among others. Through this regular practice, we are developing the key aspects of fluent reading: accuracy, automaticity, pace, phrasing, expression and understanding. Reading fluently enables children to focus more fully on the meaning of what they read and supports their progress across the curriculum.

As part of this approach, children are now expected to read their AR book at home and complete the related AR quiz at home. Children must read their book at least three times before taking the quiz, in order to develop their fluency, comprehension and recall. Your child's AR login details have been sent home with this letter. We understand that some children may not always be able to complete their quizzes at home, so organised opportunities will be provided during the week for children to complete their quizzes in school.

Reading regularly is important because it develops vocabulary, improves comprehension, strengthens fluency and encourages children to become enthusiastic, independent readers. Please support your child by providing time for them to read their AR book at home at least three times and by encouraging them to complete their AR quiz afterwards.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to develop a love of reading and make positive progress.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Daly
Acting Deputy Headteacher