

VMC/MHA



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Dear Parent/Guardian

What is Star Reading?

Star reading is an online assessment used to determine your child's English reading age. It is a computer-based reading assessment program. Questions are adjusted to match your child's ability, so an accurate reading level is obtained.

What is a ZPD?

A ZPD is the level in which your child will make the best progress in their reading. It is two levels with a range of books available for them to access. This is worked out by the Star reading test that all students sit and will be written in their planner and reading diaries.

What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is the computer program that manages and monitors your child's independent reading practice. Once your child has chosen a book, they will read it, record notes in their reading diaries and then take an online quiz to see if they have understood what they have read. They will gradually increase the difficulty of the books and develop their reading skills.

What are levels and points?

Each book on the program has a level and point value. After completing the Star test, the student is told their level and books are worth different points depending on the length of the book. Each student has a points target to work towards throughout the half term. It is their responsibility to achieve their target and this will be monitored by their class teacher.

How can you help your child?

As with anything, reading and understanding English language improves with practice. Reading affects every part of their school life and we want students to access all elements of our curriculum. Please encourage your child to read at home and sign off their **30 mins reading at home**. Their planner will need to be signed next to the day they have completed their 30 minutes each week.

How can I check book levels?

To check if a book is on AR go to: www.arbookfind.co.uk

What is Home Connect?

Renaissance Home Connect improves the school-to-home connection by allowing you to log in to a website and view your child's reading practice and progress towards targets.

A letter will be sent with more details later in the year.

Yours sincerely

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