Sound and District Primary School

Approach to Reading (Y3 – Y6) Accelerated reader

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| At Sound, we love to encourage our children to read for pleasure and to improve their skills when interpreting a range of texts. To promote individual reading at home and at school , we use Accelerated Reader as this helps us to assess exactly what age our children are reading at and identify areas for their development. In school, we teach reading skills through Whole Class Reading Lessons, aiming to expose the children to a wide variety of text types and genres. |
| Accelerated Reader |
| From Year 3 onwards, children begin their Accelerated Reader journey. Accelerated Reader aims to assess your child’s reading age and identify areas of development in reading skills against the objectives of the National Curriculum. Reading ages are assessed through the completion of a Star Test (an online reading test that the children take 4 times per academic year) which generates a ZPD number. |
| Star Test |
| Star Test is an online tool that assesses your child’s reading age. It is highly accurate and ensures that your child is reading books that both strengthen and challenge their skills . There are 34 questions on a Star Reader Test and the difficulty is based on how well the previous question was answered. The star test takes approximately 20 – 30 minutes to complete. |
| ZPD Numbers |
| After your child has completed a Star Test, a ZPD number is generated. ZPD stands for Zone of Proximal Development and is based on what areas of reading your child needs to strengthen and where to be challenged.  An example of a ZPD number could be 4.1 – 6.2. This means that your child can choose a book that is labelled with a number within this range. Any books towards the bottom end of the range will strengthen your child’s reading ability; numbers towards the top of the range will focus on areas of challenge. |
| Quizzes |
| All of our school reading books are labelled with a ZPD number and therefore have online quizzes attached to them. When your child finishes a book, they can take a quiz. Each class promotes different reading incentives for passing quizzes, scoring 85 – 100 % , collecting points etc. This is regularly updated to maintain the children’s enthusiasm and interest. |