COPTHORNE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

THE ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME - Years 1 - 8

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Dear Parents / Carers

Copthorne Prep School we believe reading and good literacy skills to be at the heart of our teaching and learning. In looking at ways to develop the children's reading across the entire school we have bought into a celebrated reading programme called Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader is a database of over 31,000 quizzes to ensure comprehension of books read, it provides instant feedback and reports for monitoring and helps create a culture of reading.

We are starting to introduce the Accelerated Reader programme from Years 1 – 8 over the next few weeks and into the Summer Term. This involves an initial online test where the children answer a series of 34 questions; some vocabulary based and some skills based. These questions adjust in difficulty according to the child's ability. The results of the test then create an individual book level range (ZPD Range) for each child. It is recommended that the children choose books from within their ZPD Range for the programme to be affective and progress to be made. This 34 question test takes a maximum of 25 minutes to complete and is done 4 times within an academic year in order to monitor the children's development.

Once your child has read a book, they will complete an online quiz, answering comprehension questions about that text. Their results will then be stored within their own profile and these can be used by staff to monitor progress over time.

We strongly believe that this programme will greatly benefit the children at Copthorne Prep School. If you have any questions about the Accelerated Reader programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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