



## **BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will be coming home tonight with a reading book, which is linked to our new reading scheme, Accelerated Reader. Last week, all the Year 6 children took an online reading test to determine which books in our school library best suit their reading ability. The scheme works by children reading a book and then taking an online quiz, which provides them with points; the more books they read, the more quizzes they can take and the more points they receive. It is an important year for your child: their final year in primary school and taking their SATs in May. We believe that the use of Accelerated Reader will not only encourage them to read and engage them in a variety of texts, but also support their work leading up to SATs, giving them the best chance to reach their full potential.

We are currently dedicating a lot of our curriculum time to reading and encouraging the children to build up their 'reading miles'. We are hoping with this new scheme that the children are more inclined to read so that they can complete the quizzes and therefore accumulate lots of points. Remembering that famous phrase: What do points make? Between the two classes, we will be awarding prizes for a range of different categories: most words read, most points received over a half term, most improved and so on.

All we are asking from you is to also encourage your child to read at home. As they are older, we don't always expect them to read to an adult at home, but they should be reading independently every night. As a minimum, it would be beneficial if your child could read between 5-8 pages. Obviously, the more pages the children read, the quicker they can complete the quiz and receive their points.

We will keep you informed, via MarvellousMe, on the children's progress and their successes. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

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