

Reading at Thamesview School

Your child will be participating in a reading program called Accelerated Reader (AR) and this is a guide to help you understand what it is and how it works.

Reading

Your child is expected to read a minimum of **30 minutes every day**.

Staff are able to monitor how much your child is reading by the book quizzes they complete and pass. If your child is not reading at home, the school will invite them to attend a mandatory reading intervention for an hour after school every week until they have caught up. Your child has a library session once a week during an English lesson. Although this program is carried out by the English department, all teachers of Year 7 and Year 8 students support it and may ask students to bring their books into class with them.

Your child is expected to have a book with them at all times.

Parent/Guardian Interface

There is a link called *AR Home Connect* on the school website where parents/carers can login and see how their child is doing.

The user name and password are the same ones that your child is given when doing a test or quiz. **Username** is the first letter of your child's last name plus your child's first name put together. The **password** is your child's initials.

To automatically receive an email every time your child does a quiz on a book, please go to the *Email Setup* link on the top right hand corner of the screen and fill in your details. This is a fantastic way to keep informed on how your child is progressing.

Support

There are additional reading programs to support students who struggle and/or are reluctant readers. These include phonics lessons, one to one sessions, peer reading and small group focussed reading.

Questions

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Fox by email (v.fox@thamesview.kent.sch.uk) or phone (01474 566552 ex 1265).

Mrs. Fox is also available during parents evenings so feel free to book a session.

