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Dear Parent/ Guardian

We would like to make you aware that your daughter will have one final Accelerated Reader target during the period 27th May - 26th June. The value of reading to the development of literacy skills is invaluable and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that as many of our pupils as possible reach this final target of the academic year.

Your daughter has been set a target to read for a minimum of 30 minutes per day during this period. Pupils must continue to read within their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) to ensure reading skills develop appropriately through this home practice. If your daughter has no record of her ZPD, this can be found in the Progress tab (top right-hand corner) once logged into the Accelerated Reader website.

Please remember to use the following link to access AR from home:

<https://ukhosted32.renlearn.co.uk/2235137>

Pupils and parents can search at home for books and authors which match individual ZPDs by going to www.arbookfind.co.uk. This webpage can be used to check if any books you have at home have Accelerated Reader quizzes which your daughter can take - but if possible, try to only read books within the ZPD to ensure reading growth.

Finally, we do accept and appreciate that after such a long period of absence from school, reading material may be becoming somewhat scarce. Accelerated Reader are among many companies offering access to free online reading materials during this time. You can access over 7000 free texts, including some novels, at <https://readon.myon.co.uk>. These can be easily filtered to find only texts suitable for your daughter's ZPD. Libraries NI, Audible and Apple Books are also all offering some form of access to free reading materials online. Please remember to check the suitability of any text for your daughter's reading ability by visiting www.arbookfind.co.uk.

We look forward to being able to celebrate the fantastic reading success of our pupils when we return to School in some capacity in September. Pupils will be awarded Achievement Points for meeting their points targets and certificates will be given out for those pupils who manage to read over 1 million words during the school year. A great many of our pupils have already achieved this amazing feat - we hope many more will join them before the end of June.

Happy Reading everyone!

Mrs E Graham (Head of English) & Mr B McMillan (School Librarian)