



# Hatton Hill Highlights...

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Hatton Hill we are passionate about ensuring that every child is a reader. One of the ways we do this is to use a computer program called Accelerated Reader (AR). AR helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.

Firstly, STAR Reading is used to determine your child's reading level every half-term. STAR Reading is a computer based reading assessment program which adjusts to your child's responses, making the difficulty easier or harder where appropriate. The test uses multiple choice questions and takes approximately 20 minutes. Based on the test, your child is then given a level; the levels range from 0.2 up to 13.5. Your child's level (for example 2.5 to 2.9) will ensure they choose books which challenge them without causing frustration or loss of motivation. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer – passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read.

If your child passes the quiz, they also gain a 'word count' depending on the number of words in the book. As with anything, performance improves with practise so we are encouraging your child to read more by offering the following exciting Bookworm badges.

YEAR	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
3	20,000	40,000	80,000
4	50,000	100,000	150,000
5	80,000	160,000	220,000
6	120,000	240,000	310,000

Will your child read 1,000,000 words and join the Word Millionaire's Club? We would expect avid children in Years 5 and 6 to try to aspire to this, but there may be younger children who can achieve this too.



Children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on the AR quizzes see the greatest gain in their reading ability. At school, we dedicate time every day to independent or shared reading. Please encourage your child to also read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read and visit your local library. Together, we can help every child to be a successful reader!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A James

Headteacher