

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Headteacher: Mike Pollard MA, PhD
Deputy Headteacher: Pete Kenworthy BA

www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk
enquiries@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk
[@tibshelschool](https://twitter.com/tibshelschool)

Doe Hill Lane
Tibshelf
Alfreton
DE55 5LZ
01773 872391
01773 873900

May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that we are now using Accelerated Reader at Tibshelf for Y7 and Y8 to monitor reading habits and enable us to track the reading progress of pupils.

Reading is a skill and has to be maintained through practice. In school we provide time for the students to read, and using Accelerated Reader, they can take quizzes to check that they have understood what they have read. During the holiday, although your child will not be able to do the quizzes, it would be good if you could help your child to continue to maintain and develop his/her reading. It is not essential that a good reader always reads difficult texts but it is good if, some of the time, they are reading things which present a challenge. Accelerated Reader is a system that helps your child to know which books present the right amount of challenge.

In March your child took a star reading test which identified his/her current level of understanding when he/she reads; the system then calculates what level of difficulty will best help your child to develop his reading skills. From this the students are given two numbers e.g. 2.1 – 5.6 (this is called a ZPD). Books which have been given a level between these two numbers are of the right kind of difficulty to help your child. The higher the number the more difficult the book to understand.

If you and your child want to know the Accelerated Reader book level you can check this out on this website:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

The number linked to the APD is shown as BL (book level).

It would also be good if you could encourage your child to explore different types of books and authors (this could include magazines, newspapers and journals).

I hope you and your child have fun exploring and talking about reading over the holiday. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Angela Jacquemart
Director of Teacher Development

