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## Year 1 – Accelerated Reader

Dear Parents / Carers

Larchwood values reading very highly and we have put a lot of effort into improving our reading procedures over the last two years.

From Year 2, children begin using the Accelerated Reader system, which gives them a reading range based on their understanding of vocabulary as well as their ability to answer comprehension questions. They then select books based on this reading range that are appropriate to their reading ability.

We are going to use the summer term in Year 1 to begin assessing the children in preparation for Year 2 so as the children come to the end of this part of the phonics journey, they will take a reading assessment and be allocated a reading range (for example 1.2-2.2). They will continue to take home Phonic Bug books but they will also receive another book with a number on the spine. This is a book from the Accelerated Reader book stock. Please note that we will not be testing all children immediately as it is important they are fully confident with their phonics before we move them on. Until they are assessed, they will continue to take home a Phonic Bug book and a shared reader book with a black sticker.

Please be aware that the reading range is based on their ability to not only read a text to themselves but to also understand the vocabulary and answer comprehension questions so even if your child is able to read the book aloud fairly easily, it is really important that you discuss the book with them as you are reading as this will really improve their reading.

We believe that these improvements will help children to develop as fluent readers from an early age and will continue to support our love of reading as a school.

Miss Adams  
Assistant Headteacher

