King's Academy College Park
We Are a Reading School!

At King's Academy College Park, we recognise that **reading is the most fundamental skill** that children need to learn.

Early reading with Decodable books:
When your child starts their reading journey with us at KACP, they will be working on decodable books, which are specifically designed to support their phonic knowledge at each stage of their learning. Your child will move through the different groups of sounds in our interactive phonics scheme (Super Sonic Phonic Friends). These levels start with *Firm Foundations* and move on through *Basics to Higher 5.*

Accelerated Reader:
As the children at KACP become confident in the knowledge of their phonic sounds and have shown that they can decode and blend, they will no longer need decodable books. At this stage, the children will be added to Accelerated Reader (AR), which is one of the most popular reading programs available.
"Motivate, monitor, and manage students' independent reading practice with Accelerated Reader and **watch as students develop a true love for reading**."
AR uses computer-adaptive technology to assess the individual needs of pupils at every level. Once the children have undertaken their Star Diagnostic assessment on the computer, teachers are able to assign them a colour, which allows the child to know which level they are reading at and which books are suitable for them to choose from. When a child has read a book, they can then go on to their personal account and take a quiz to check their understanding of what they have read and also earn points towards their target!

Colour Banding:
The colour bands for AR are completely different to the 'old style' colour bands and much more reliable than some that have come before. Your child's colour band is determined by their Star Diagnostic test, which gives them their ZPD number, and their teacher's observations of quizzes undertaken.

Accelerated Reader Book Level Guide	
🟢	0.0 - 1.9
🟠	2.0 - 2.9
🔵	3.0 - 3.9
🟡	4.0 - 4.9
🔴	5.0 - 5.9
🟤	6.0 +

Please read at home regularly with your children. It really makes a difference!

Resilience   Responsibility   Independence   Challenge   Teamwork   Creativity   Kindness