

YOUR GUIDE TO ACCELERATED READER- 'IF YOU READ, YOU WILL SUCCEED'

All students in Years 7 and 8 complete Accelerated Reader. Accelerated Reader is reading software that develops your child's reading skills in a fun and engaging way. It is crucial to your child's educational success as well as their future career that they learn to read a range of texts and understand what they are reading.

Here is some key information about your child's Accelerated Reader experiences at Woodkirk Academy:

What will my child do using Accelerated Reader?

- Your child will read for 30 minutes per week in English lessons but they should read in their own time too. One homework per week in English will be linked to Accelerated Reader.
- Your child should always have their own reading book in English lessons. They can get a book from our Learning Resources Centre, their local library or they can read one of their own books.
- All Accelerated Reader books have a reading book level shown in our LRC through a blue sticker on the book binding. This links with the child's ZPD that they are given by their English teacher (it will be in your child's Progress Booklet).
- Your child should start reading at the bottom end of their ZPD to start with and then move towards the top of the ZPD over time as long as they are getting at least 80% on quizzes on average. The higher level of ZPD they are encouraged to read, the more challenging the books are.
- You can check if a book is an Accelerated Reader book by using the website: www.arbookfind.co.uk
- Once your child has read their book, they log onto Accelerated Reader through the school homepage (www.woodkirkacademy.co.uk) and quiz on their book. The quiz tests how much your child understands what they have read.
- Your child is aiming to achieve at least 80% average pass rate on quizzes over the year; the higher the pass rate, the better.
- Your child's reading targets and progress towards those targets will be in the exercise book used by their English teacher.
- We recommend your child reads for at least 20 minutes per day where possible.
- Students receive merits for their average quiz score each term as well as certificates for their progress on Accelerated Reader.

How Can I Help My Child Progress using Accelerated Reader?

- By reading and quizzing with your child as often as possible.
- By stressing the importance of reading with your child.
- By using 'Home Connect' to check your child's progress. Use your child's log in details to receive e-mail alerts about their progress on Accelerated Reader. Use the link: <https://ukhosted15.renlearn.co.uk/1939600/homeconnect/> or search 'Home Connect Accelerated Reader' through Google.

If you would like any more information on Accelerated Reader and would like to ask other questions, please leave your details below for us to contact you.

Thank you
Ms C. Bowen
Head of English

Mrs R. Buckle
Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator

Certifications Record Sheet

Ready Reader

Accumulate 5 points through any combination of Read To, Read With or Read Independently

Read within the range you have been set.

Independent Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 1.2 or higher (within the range you have been set)

Accumulate 10 points (includes points for the 3 books; other points may be for Read To and Read With)

Rising Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 1.6 or higher (within the range you have been set)

Accumulate 10 points in independent reading (includes points for the 3 books)

Super Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 2.0 or higher (within the range you have been set)
- Books must be worth 1 point or more each

Advanced Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 3.0 or higher (within the range you have been set)
- Books must be worth 2 points or more each

Star Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 4.0 or higher (within the range you have been set)
- Books must be worth 4 points or more each

Classic Reader

Read independently and pass Reading Practice Quizzes for:

- 3 books
- Book level 6.0 or higher (within the range you have been set)
- Books must be worth 7 points or more each

Honours Reader

40 titles from the published book list for Key Stage 3. Students have to keep their own record of this and let Mrs Buckle know that they have read and quizzed on all of these books. At least 30 of them at 80% or above on quizzes.