

Why Accelerated Reader:

Throughout the school, we want to develop excellent readers, along with promoting and nurturing a love of reading.

In order to encourage this pupils are directed to read books at their own reading and interest levels, so they can achieve success in their reading.

How does it work:

1. Each child is assessed using a computer based assessment.
2. Your child picks a book at his/her own level.
3. When completed, your child takes a short quiz to see how well they have understood the book.
4. Once they have completed a test, a TOPS report is created.
5. These TOPS reports are monitored by the class teacher, who helps them choose their next book.
6. Your child will move up when achieving success on quizzes taken.

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Allocating book levels:

Your child's book level is determined in three ways:

- Completing a STAR reading test
- A reading age from termly PIRA test scores (reading comprehension)
- Using professional judgment

Your child will then be given a colour and level range to choose a variety of books from within.

What is a STAR reading test? These computer based tests are used to



work out your child's reading level based on their comprehension of what they read rather than fluency alone. Questions adjust to individual responses, getting more difficult when correct answers are achieved.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

There are over 140,000 AR quizzes available and more being written every month. Each classroom has a collection of books for children to read, but there is nothing preventing children from reading their own books in addition to their school AR books.

Checking whether a book is on the AR system is simple. Check the AR Book Finder service at:
www.arbookfind.co.uk

This allows you to look up a book your child would like to read and identify the book level to see if it's appropriate. Reading books of a higher level with your child is also great as long as plenty of discussion takes place to help them fully understand what they are reading about.

Overview

Reading performance improves with practice. According to Renaissance Learning's research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains.

Encourage your child to read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read and visit your local library



HELP IS HERE!

Some useful websites:

Home Connect is a website that links schools and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress in AR.

BEACON:

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Simply enter your child's user name and password and you will be able to:

- review results on AR quizzes taken in school
- See a virtual bookshelf showing the books your child has read
- view the number of books read, words read and quizzes passed]
- Sign up (optional) to receive an email every time your child takes a quiz to see their results

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Developing Reading Mastery

(Accelerated Reader)

From Year 2 onwards, our pupils' independent reading will be tracked and guided using Accelerated Reader. This helps children develop a far greater comprehension of what they read through accessing books within a set confidence band, encouraging success in their reading.

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