

READING

The teaching of Reading

Through shared and guided reading children will be taught to read, and to develop their reading skills and understanding, throughout the curriculum, but also in small groups at least once a week.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader (AR) has been established within Ely St Mary's Junior School for a number of years and, since its introduction, there has been a noticeable change in children's reading habits, and a demonstrable increase in pupils' enjoyment of reading, too.

AR develops in children a lifelong love of reading. It motivates children to read in general, encourages them to read more, and guides them to choose books which are suitably challenging given their reading proficiencies. There are thousands of books available within the Accelerated Reader scheme, and our fantastic library is full of enjoyable and interesting reads of all genres – there really is something for everyone!

Steps to reading success with AR

A reading level is determined through a STAR reading assessment. This gives a reading level and a range of book levels within which children will achieve maximum success with their reading.

Teachers set goals, and the partnership between child and teacher ensures that children reach their targets.

Children read their own books that interest them at their reading level.

On completion of a book children take the relevant online quiz to test their comprehension.

There is immediate feedback for teachers, children and **parents** (which latter **can access quiz scores from home by means of Renaissance Home Connect (via the link on the school website (St Mary's Library page, and Year-Group pages, child's AR username and password required)**, so as to be able to view their children's progress). The generic aim is to achieve a score of 85%+ in each quiz.