

- Reading

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher or visit the Accelerated Reader website at www.renlearn.co.uk



with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader and building a lifelong love of reading and learning.

- Find suitable books for your child at www.arbookfind.co.uk . Use the search function to look for specific titles or topics, or go to advanced search to browse for books within your child's ZPD and interest level.

How much will my child read during the everyday?

According to research, children who read **at least 35 minutes a day** and regularly score 85% or more on their quizzes see the greatest gains. Your child will be reading independently for at least 20 mins at school and are expected to read at home every day too. They will bring home a reading log that they need to fill in daily. This has a space for a small comment from you too.

Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Your child will be participating in the Accelerated Reader program. This will happen on most days as soon as they come in to school every morning. This booklet is designed to answer your questions about AR.

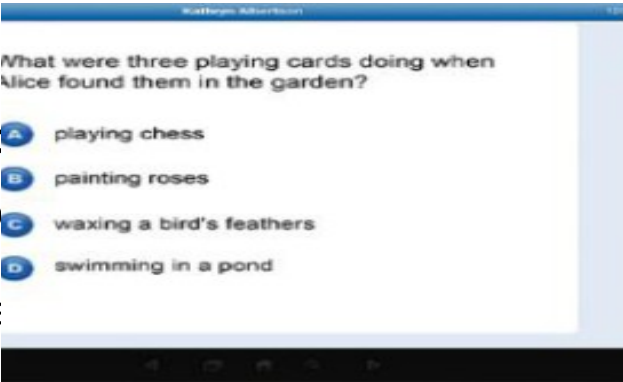
What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a reading program that helps teachers support and monitor children's independent reading practice. First, your child will do a STAR reading assessment online which helps teachers determine the book level range (ZPD – zone of proximal development) that is

most suitable for your child. Your child picks a book within this range and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understood.

How do children choose books?

AR includes over 1000 books available in the school library and in shops, homes etc. to help your child choose books.



Book Level

Book Levels represent the difficulty of the text. The Star Reading test tells your child what range of Book Levels to read within. This is called the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).

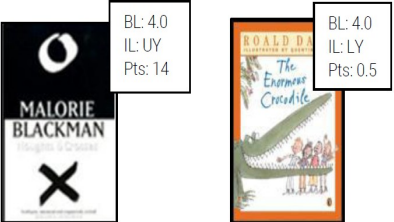
Points

Books are assigned Points based on their word count. Points are earned by passing quizzes. Students are set personalised targets each term by their teacher.

Interest Level

The Interest Level indicates for which age group a book is suitable for. It does this based on the content and themes.

Interest Level	Age (in years)
LY - Lower Years	5-8
MY - Middle Years	9-13
MY+ - Middle Years+	12+
UY - Upper Years	14+



The two examples above both have a book level of 4.0. This is because both have short sentences and simple vocabulary. However, 'Naughts and Crosses' is worth 14 points because it is quite a lengthy text and is intended for upper years pupils. Meanwhile, 'The Enormous Crocodile' is a much shorter text, intended for children in lower years.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

- As with anything, performance improves with practice. Make time for your child to read at home daily.
- When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read.

